



TAILOR MADE HOLIDAYS IN NORTH AMERICA



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Our Top 12 must-see destinations



San Francisco



Yosemite National Park



Oregon



Yellowstone National Park



Grand Canyon



Seattle/Washington State



Rocky Mountain National Park



New Orleans/Deep South



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Florida Keys



Boston/New England



New York



Chicago



Welcome...

to your voyage of discovery...

Since Christopher Columbus first discovered America 520 years ago, travellers from all over the World have taken their hopes and dreams there.

Now it's time to make your own voyage of discovery to the USA!

Natural & cultural wonders

Enormous and staggeringly diverse, the United States harbours an astounding collection of natural and cultural wonders. With 50 different states, this is a country of road trips and great open skies.



Four million miles of highways lead past red-rock deserts, below towering mountain peaks, and across fertile wheat fields that roll off toward the horizon. The hillsides of the Great Plains, the lush rain forests of the Pacific Northwest and the scenic country lanes of New England are a few fine starting points for any great American road trip.

Endless scenery

All these images and more are embedded in the mind of every traveller - along with the endless highways cutting through shimmering deserts, forests of skyscrapers towering over urban jungles, acres of beaches, majestic mountains and green river valleys.

The scenery aside, it's also a vibrant mix of cultures, religions, political and social attitudes and famous city skylines. Coupled with a rich musical, cinematic,

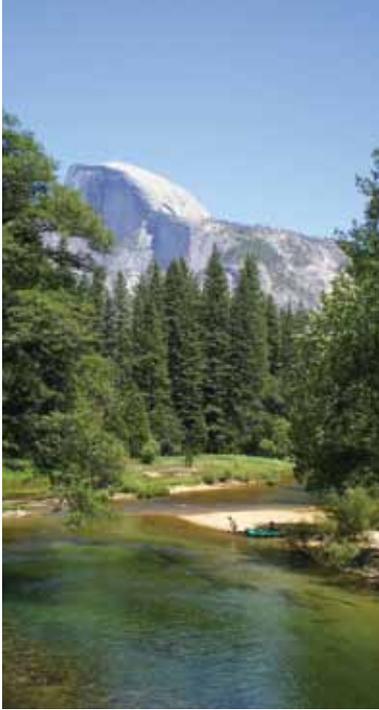
and culinary heritage, it never fails to seduce almost everyone by the end of their visit.

A land of dreams

The United States is truly the land of dreams, with endless opportunities to explore so deciding exactly where in America you want to see may be the hardest decision of all. Whether you are planning your first trip to the USA, or you've been more times than you can remember, there is always a new adventure just around the corner.

So sit back and let us inspire you to embark upon your own voyage of discovery.





About our self drive itineraries...

At AmeriCan & Worldwide Travel we like to appreciate that your holiday is as unique as you are. Therefore you may not always find exactly what you have in mind in a brochure or on a website.



AmeriCan & Worldwide Travel

Holidays designed with creativity & passion

In addition to choosing from one of our many popular suggested self drive itineraries, we can also tailor you a completely different trip to meet your own individual requirements. To do this, we always endeavour to take into consideration how far you would like to travel in the time you have, what you would like to see and do along the way, and of course, not forgetting your budget.

If you would like a quotation for any of our featured holidays or a different itinerary please contact us on the details below.

Quality accommodation tailored to your needs

Having decided on where you wish to go, we will then match your planned itinerary with your preferred standard of accommodation from the wide range of exciting hotel and lodging options we feature. As a specialist tour operator we offer competitive rates for all types of accommodation throughout North America, ranging from motels to deluxe resorts, as well as an enticing range of independently owned bed and breakfasts and small inns. Where available we also offer an appealing choice of villas and apartments and ranches.

Going the extra mile

With over twenty years of experience in creating holidays to the USA & Canada, we often like to offer a few ideas and suggestions of our own too,

which we hope will make your holiday even more enjoyable and memorable.

So step inside and let us introduce you to North America!

Book with confidence

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Airline information...



With over 20 North American destinations, British Airways is one of the largest trans-Atlantic airlines, offering services in four classes of travel on most routes with comfort, facilities and quality of service the discerning traveller has come to expect. With most services operating from Heathrow's terminal 5 and online check-in, British Airways offers hassle free travel to start your holiday relaxed.



World Traveller

British Airways offers excellent value economy flights to a range of destinations. Whether you're off on a city break, tour or ski holiday, you can relax knowing British Airways will do everything to ensure you have a smooth and comfortable journey. Everything has been designed with your comfort in mind, so you can just sit back, relax and enjoy what's on offer.

If you are looking for more comfort and space, why not upgrade to British Airways' World Traveller Plus or for that extra luxury and attention ask about upgrading to Club World.

World Traveller Plus

Treat yourself to a special trip by travelling in World Traveller Plus, British Airways' premium economy cabin. From a friendly and efficient service to wider seats and more space on board, World Traveller Plus delivers the high standards you expect from British Airways. Make it your choice for a more comfortable, relaxing journey.

Key features of British Airways World Traveller Plus cabin:

- 38" seat pitch and 7" more leg room than World Traveller
- Wider seat with additional recline, adjustable headrest, lumbar support, footrest and leg rest
- Smaller, quieter cabin with no more than six rows
- Upgraded dining service: a choice of two main courses from the Club World menu (Travelling from/to Heathrow)
- Complimentary newspaper and amenity kit
- In-seat laptop power socket and phone
- Check in two bags, each weighing up to 23kg, plus two pieces of hand baggage (one handbag plus one bag weighing up to 23kg) free of charge.



Club World

Enjoy unparalleled comfort, privacy and personal control. With Club World, your time is your own. Whether you choose to eat, sleep or take advantage of the On Demand entertainment during your flight, the Club World seat has it all.

Key features of British Airways Club World cabin:

- Access to arrival and departure lounges and the Elemis Travel Spa (Heathrow and New York JFK)
- Check in three bags, each weighing up to 32kg, plus two pieces of hand baggage (one handbag plus one bag weighing up to 23kg) free of charge
- À la carte menu with superior wine cellar
- Touch-button privacy screens
- Comfortable 25" wide seat with four pre-set positions. Converts to 6' fully flat bed (6'6" in Z position) with softer mattress, memory foam headrest and cosy quilt
- Over 200 entertainment options available, including movies, music and games.



Virgin Atlantic Economy Class

Virgin Atlantic has become one of the world's leading long haul airlines, annually flying to more than 30 destinations.

Virgin Atlantic Economy seat has a 31" seat pitch, with an adjustable headrest and armrest. The Economy meal experience offers a choice of three meals, including a vegetarian option. The journey will fly by with over 300 hours of on demand* entertainment.

Fly Virgin Atlantic Premium Economy, for those extras that make flying more enjoyable, for a less than premium price. Enjoy dedicated check in and priority boarding and a seat that is one of the biggest in its class, with a

width of 21", and pitch of up to a 38". In Virgin Atlantic Upper Class make the most of having space to relax or take time out at the onboard bar. When it's time to sleep, stretch out on one of the most comfortable fully flat beds in business class.

*On demand entertainment available on all A330, A340-600 and 747 aircraft.



United offers unrivalled access to the United States with nonstop flights from six UK airports. United's U.S hub cities are perfect for visiting on their own, or you can connect to over 200 destinations throughout

North America to make the perfect multi-centre trip.

Experience exceptional comfort and service with ergonomically-designed seats, on-demand personal entertainment

systems on most flights and complimentary meals.

Economy Plus[®] provides more room and comfort with up to 37 inches of legroom and **BusinessFirst**[®] offers fully flat-bed seats providing up to 6 feet 6 inches of sleeping space, gourmet menu choices and access to lounges worldwide.

Number of onward connections includes destinations served by United Air Lines, Inc. and United Express. Onboard facilities may vary depending on aircraft.



With one of the youngest, most fuel efficient fleet, **Air Canada** boasts more daily non-stop departures from London Heathrow to Canada than any other airline. This includes four daily flights to Toronto as well as services to Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

In Economy Class, every seat has been newly refurbished and has access to a personal touch-screen TV providing up to 600 hours of entertainment. Enjoy a complimentary hot meal accompanied by a selection of wines and spirits.

In business class, each Executive First suite provides privacy and the ultimate in comfort and convenience with a fully flat bed.





California & the South West

Incorporating five diverse and exciting States - California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah & New Mexico, America's South West is well and truly a land of extremes, where one visit will simply never be enough.

The Golden State of California is home to the world renowned cities Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego, as well as America's largest and most beautiful wine regions. Add to that Yosemite - one of the USA's favourite National Parks, active volcanoes, lush and tropical landscapes, deserts, snow capped mountains and the longest coastline in the US.

The sparsely populated desert states of Utah, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico are full of history and drama. Towering monoliths, red rock canyons and ancient cultures all waiting to be discovered as you travel from one must see destination to another. Natural wonders and rich human history will be your constant travelling companions as you experience the majesty of the Grand Canyon to the spectacular landscapes of Monument Valley, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Canyon de Chelly National Parks. Not forgetting the natural splendour and rock formations at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks - the South West won't disappoint.

Choose from one of our popular featured itineraries or instead let us tailor something unique for you.



essential info

Local Time:

Mountain Standard time (MST)

- 7 hours behind GMT

or

Pacific Standard time (PST)

- 8 hours behind GMT

International Gateways:

Direct - San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego (California); Phoenix (Arizona); Las Vegas (Nevada)

Indirect - Salt Lake City (Utah), Albuquerque (New Mexico)



About the states...

From beaches and canyons to highways and cities, California and the South West has so much to offer. Here are some of our favourite highlights from the states featured in this section...

California - The Golden State



San Francisco: Home of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39 and Alcatraz Island.

Highway One: Follow the pounding Pacific Surf along the West Coast on one of America's most thrilling drives.

Yosemite National Park: Giant Sequoias, towering waterfalls, glacial rock formations, and groves of giant Redwood trees - pictures simply don't do it justice!

For more information visit www.visitcalifornia.co.uk or call 020 7257 6180

San Diego: Southern California's sunniest and most elegant city. Attractions include beaches galore, Seaworld and a World famous Zoo.

The National Parks: Yosemite, Sequoia & Kings Canyon, Redwood, Lassen Volcanic, Joshua Tree and Death Valley.

Arizona - The Grand Canyon State

The Grand Canyon: One of the seven natural wonders of the world. Over a mile deep, 277 miles long and 18 miles at its widest.

Monument Valley: Though the eerie sandstone monoliths of Monument Valley are familiar the world over, they still take every visitor's breath away.

Sedona: Surrounded by natural beauty and blessed with an ideal climate, laid back Sedona has it all - including great shopping,

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restaurants, galleries, ancient ruins & anthropology. Nearby Red Rock and Slide Rock State Parks offer fabulous hiking, cycling, fishing and bird watching.

Canyon de Chelly: Off the beaten path but well worth a stop. Learn about the culture and history of the Navajo, whilst viewing the numerous cultural and natural features of these amazing red rock canyons on one of the guided tours in the park.

The National Parks: The Grand Canyon and The Petrified Forest.



Utah - The Beehive State



Zion National Park:

Park up & explore Zion on the free shuttle which makes eight stops at major locations throughout the park. The Grotto and Weeping Rock can be reached by a quarter-mile hiking trail off the route. Marvel at Zion Canyon, the park's centre piece, carved by the Virgin River and more than 2,000 feet deep in places.

Bryce Canyon: Where Mother nature has created some of the most bizarre natural architecture anywhere! Colourful and whimsically arranged spire shaped rocks called "hoodoos" and slot

canyons have been created over millennia to give a landscape of mazes, offering some of the most exciting and memorable walks imaginable. For a spectacular view of the entire Park, as well as the Kaibab Plateau at the Grand Canyon, drive or take the free shuttle out to Rainbow Point at the southernmost end of the park.

Scenic Hwy-12: Crossing the heart of Utah's red-rock wilderness, Hwy-12 is perhaps the most exhilarating drive in the US.

National Parks: Zion, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Arches.

For more information visit www.goutah.co.uk or call 01923 839 375

Nevada - The Silver State



Las Vegas: No visit to Nevada would be complete without staying at least one night in the dazzling 24 hour gaming capital of the world which never fails to enthrall visitors.

Cottonwood Ranch: Head out and join the cowboys for their annual cattle drive

National Park: The Great Basin National Park - look out for The Bristlecone Pine, over 5000 years old and still living and growing here.

For more information visit www.travelnevada.co.uk or call 020 7367 0935

New Mexico - The Land of Enchantment State



Santa Fe: America's oldest capital dating back to 1610 offers great museums, fascinating history, atmospheric hotels and is a must on any Southwest itinerary.

Albuquerque: Home to the 9 Day International Balloon festival staged here every October since 1972.

Roswell: Location of the infamous 1947 UFO incident. Visit the city's museum to learn more.

National Parks: Carlsbad Cavern and numerous other caves within a Permian-age fossil reef.

For more information visit www.newmexico.org or call or 020 7367 0900



A Grand Tour of the West



In America's West, where driving is a way of life, you'll enjoy this journey as much as the destinations.



Days 1 to 3 - San Francisco

The world-famous Golden Gate Bridge welcomes you to friendly San Francisco, where you will spend the next few days.

Highlights: Pier 39, Alcatraz, Union Square shopping & Muir Woods.

Days 4 & 5 - Yosemite

190 mi. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the US, Yosemite offers an amazing variety of landscapes.

Highlights: Giant Sequoias, towering waterfalls, glacial rock formations, and groves of giant Redwood trees.

Day 6 - Death Valley

303 mi. From the heights of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the lowest, driest, hottest point in the country. This barren landscape is a stark contrast to the glistening sand dunes & snow-capped mountains rising above it.



Days 7 & 8 - Las Vegas

132 mi. Welcome to Las Vegas, a city created to provide non-stop entertainment. Wander The Strip, take in the views, enjoy a World class show.

Highlights: Tour the world-famous Hoover Dam or The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

Day 9 - Grand Canyon

288 mi. The magnificent Grand Canyon awaits you. For the best viewpoints along the South Rim, take the free shuttle bus from the Canyon Plaza Visitor Center or enjoy the 25-mile Desert View scenic self-drive.

Highlights: Take a helicopter ride over the North or South Rims of the Canyon for a thrilling bird's eye views of the Colorado River more than a mile below.

Day 10 - Kingman

173 mi. On your way to Los Angeles, stop off in interesting Kingman.

Highlights: The Historic Route 66 Museum and The Mohave Museum of History and Art.

Days 11 to 13 - Los Angeles

319 mi. An exciting city of suburbs where driving in Los Angeles is a way of life.

Highlights: Universal Studios, Hollywood, Rodeo Drive Shopping, Trendy Venice Beach & Historic Santa Monica Pier. Don't forget to check out Mann's Chinese Theater and the Walk of Fame.

Day 14 - Santa Barbara

95 mi. Known as 'The American Riviera,' the beautiful coastal town of Santa Barbara is nestled against the Santa Inez Mountains, and has the sophistication of a city with the feel of a small community.

Highlights: Beaches, Vineyards, boutiques and galleries.

Day 15 - Pismo Beach

81 mi. En route to classic California beach town Pismo Beach, stop to explore the beautiful Guadalupe Sand Dunes, a National Natural Landmark.

Highlights: Gorgeous surf & fabulous wineries.

Days 16 & 17 - Monterey

157 mi. Travelling north on the Pacific Coast Highway today, stop & visit landmark Hearst Castle, William Randolph Hearst's former 165 room home. Continue on to popular Monterey.

Highlights: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Old Fishermans Wharf & Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Day 18 - San Francisco & home

107 mi. Onwards along The Pacific Coast Highway, back to San Francisco. Savour one of America's great scenic drives with views of rugged cliffs, crashing waves, sandy beaches and tide pools.



Canyonlands of the American West



Discover a land where Mother Nature worked for millenniums to bring you the only landscape this anywhere.



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Welcome to Las Vegas, a city created to provide non-stop entertainment. Wander The Strip and take in the views.

Highlights: Enjoy a show.

Day 3 - Grand Canyon

1277 mi. The magnificent Grand Canyon awaits you. For the best viewpoints along the South Rim enjoy the 25-mile Desert View scenic self-drive.

Highlights: A helicopter ride over the North or South Rim.

Day 4 - Lake Powell

146 mi. Lying within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, is beautiful Lake Powell, the second largest man-made lake in the country.

Highlights: Explore the Lake's 96 major canyons by jet boat.

Days 5 & 6 - Zion National Park

112 mi. Park up & explore Zion on the free shuttle which stops at locations throughout the park, allowing you to walk.

Highlights: Marvel at Zion Canyon carved by the Virgin River - more than 2,000 feet deep in places.

Day 7 - Bryce Canyon National Park

86 mi. Nearby Bryce Canyon with it's colourful 'Hoodoo' spire shaped rocks is ready to explore.

Highlight: Drive out to Rainbow Point for a spectacular view.

Day 8 - Capitol Reef National Park

109 mi. On a journey filled with unusual landscapes, spectacular Capitol Reef National Park is no less unique.

Highlights: The 10-mile Scenic Drive along the rugged western face of the Park.

Days 9 & 10 - Moab/Canyonlands

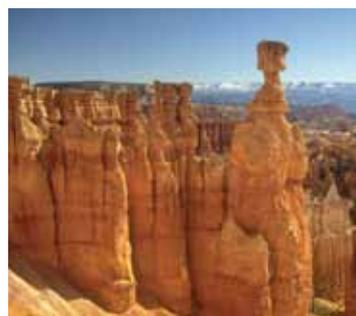
156 mi. Lying near the Colorado river in a green valley, Moab is a perfect base for exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. where you can enjoy mountain biking, river trips and horse back riding.

Highlights: Marvel at rock art and dwellings of the Anasazi Indians.

Day 11 - Monument Valley

150 mi. Eerie sandstone monoliths set against a desolate landscape, punctuated with striking buttes and mesas, formed the backdrop of many a western.

Highlights: Visit Goulding's Museum for a look at the history of movie-making in Monument Valley.



Day 12 - Chinle/ Canyon de Chelly

96 mi. Unique, off the beaten path, Canyon de Chelly is comprised entirely of Navajo Tribal Trust Land and is, still home to Navajo communities.

Highlight: Learn about the culture and history of the Navajo.

Days 13 & 14 - Sedona

241 mi. Surrounded by natural beauty and blessed with an ideal climate, laid back Sedona has it all - great shopping, restaurants, galleries and ancient ruins.

Highlights: Nearby Red Rock and Slide Rock State Parks, fabulous hiking, cycling, fishing and bird watching.

Day 15 - Scottsdale

126 mi. Arriving into the Phoenix you'll instantly be captivated by the Valley of the Sun. Here you will find year round sunshine, heritage, entertainment and recreation abound.

Highlights: Luxurious hotels and fabulous shopping.

Day 16 - Phoenix/Departure

8 mi. Enjoy a last day in Scottsdale before you depart later today.



California & Las Vegas Highlights



Bright lights, iconic sights and magnificent landscapes. Let us show you the very best California has to offer!



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Hearst's former 165 room home overlooking the majestic Pacific coast. Continuing on towards popular Monterey.

Highlights: Monterey Bay Aquarium, Old Fishermans Wharf & Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Days 7 to 9 - San Francisco

🚗 119 mi. The world-famous Golden Gate Bridge welcomes you to friendly San Francisco, where you will spend the next 3 nights.

Highlights: Pier 39, Alcatraz, Union Square shopping & Muir Woods.

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Day 15 - Home

Enjoy a last day in the City that never sleeps before you fly home.





The Redwood Trail



Enjoy beauty and contrast,
as well as the scents of cedar and spruce,
and an ocean breeze.



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Day 4 - Mendocino

153 mi. Coastal California's only designated Historic Landmark, is reminiscent of 19th century New England. The area is also known for its spectacular rugged coastline and dramatic ocean bluffs, known as the Mendocino Headlands that surround the town on three sides.

Highlights: Russian Gulch State Forest, north of Mendocino, boasts a heavily forested headland with a 36-foot high waterfall and wonderful hiking trails.

Day 5 - Eureka

143 mi. Step back in time in Old Town Eureka, a National Register Historic District of beautifully restored and preserved Victorian buildings. While the town had a wild past, with roots in the timber industry, these "painted ladies" now house a unique assortment of shops and galleries, coffee shops, restaurants, and museums.

Highlights: En route drive the scenic 31-mile Avenue of the Giants, with its aisles of massive Redwoods.

Day 6 - Crescent City

84 mi. Home of the must-see Redwood National Park, home to the magnificent Giant Redwood trees. The northern,

wet climate nurtures these great trees in ridge top, streamside, and coastal environments.

Highlights: Walk the "Trees of Mystery" and "Trail of Tall Tales" through the forest to appreciate the grandeur and natural beauty of the Redwoods. Visit nearby Battery Point Lighthouse Museum which illustrates the city's intriguing history, which includes shipwrecks and tsunamis.

Day 7 - Yreka

161 mi. Founded as a classic gold-rush town in the 1850s, this quaint and historic town is surrounded by three dramatic mountain ranges, with stunning views of Mt. Shasta.

Highlights: More than 70 well-preserved pre-1900 houses, many of them Victorian.

Day 8 - Lassen Volcanic Park

177 mi. Created in 1916 to protect the landscape surrounding Lassen Peak, which was forever changed by a series of volcanic eruptions, Lassen offers Lava plateaus and pinnacles, jagged craters, and steaming sulphur vents. Coupled with crystal clear lakes, rushing streams and forested valleys it's a beautiful and dramatic landscape.

Highlights: Lassen geothermal area, which includes Sulphur Works, Bumpass Hell and Little Hot Springs Valley, offers bubbling mud pots and boiling water.

Days 9 & 10 - Lake Tahoe

210 mi. Once a luxury summer vacation spot for San Francisco's elite, Tahoe became World



famous after it hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics. Today the Lake is a popular Summer vacation spot and the skiing centre of the western United States.

Highlights: Drive the 72-mile loop around the lake that takes you to dozens of historic sites and vantage points, as well as the site of the 1960 Olympics.

Days 11 to 13 - Yosemite National Park

200 mi. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the US, Yosemite offers an amazing variety of landscapes.

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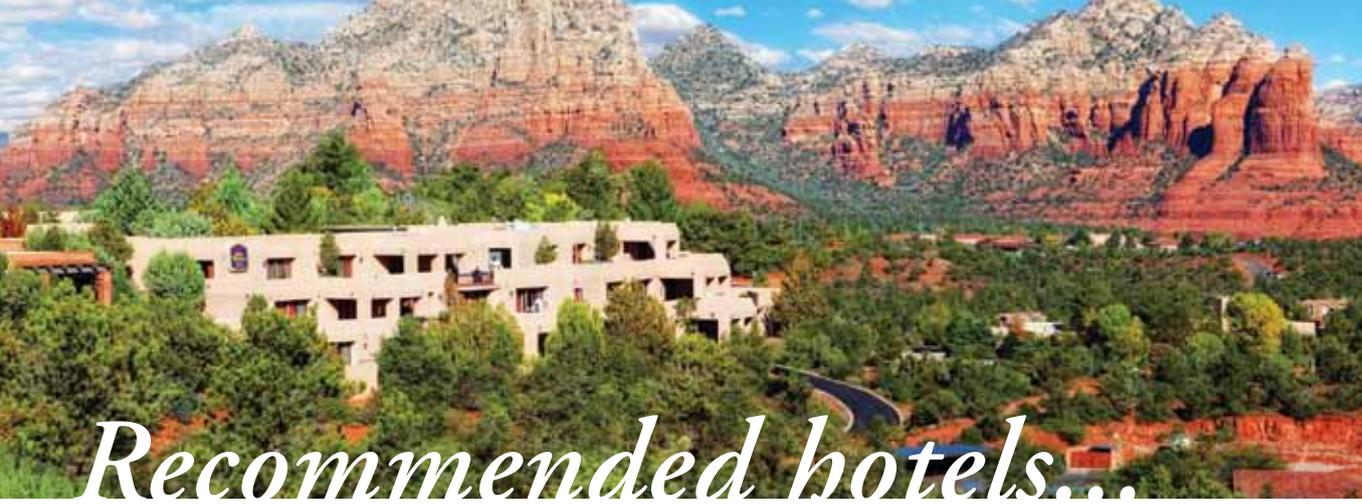
Day 14 - Napa or Sonoma

191 mi. A Mediterranean climate in Napa and Sonoma Valleys produces the best wine-grape growing conditions in North America.

Highlights: Visit world-famous wineries and boutique vineyards for tours and tastings, drive along the historic Silverado Trail and visit Sonoma's historic Town Square.

Day 15 - San Francisco/Home

61 mi. Enjoy a last leisurely day in California's beautiful Wine Country, before you leave for San Francisco Airport later today, knowing that you've experienced the trip of a lifetime in the land of the Redwoods.



Recommended hotels...

This is just a small selection of some of our hotels.
Please contact us for more details of our full range of accommodation options.



Best Western PREMIER Grand Canyon Squire Inn Grand Canyon, AZ

250 Rooms/Superior

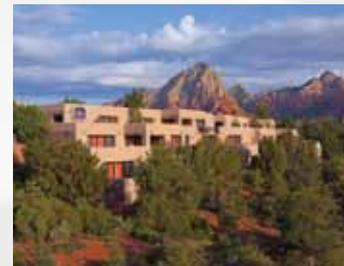
Situated only 1.5 miles from the entrance to the Grand Canyon, this best selling Best Western property offers spacious guest rooms as well as a host of other amenities including two on site restaurants and an outdoor heated pool.



Yavapai Lodge East Grand Canyon, AZ

198 Rooms/Standard

Located about 1/2 mile from the Grand Canyon rim, surrounded by Woodland, Yavapai Lodge East is conveniently located next to the Market Plaza, which includes a general store, bank, and U.S. Post Office.



Best Western PLUS Inn of Sedona - Sedona, AZ

110 Rooms/Superior

This award-winning Best Western property offers comfortable and affordable accommodation nestled among the stunning Red Rocks of Sedona, showcased from one of the hotel's four terraced promenade decks that cascade from it's hilltop location into the splendor of Sedona.



Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch Scottsdale, AZ

493 Rooms/Superior

Set amidst flowering cactus against the majestic McDowell Mountains, this remarkable 27 acre resort is within 6 miles of Old Town and 19 miles from Phoenix Airport. Facilities include championship golf, a 2.5 acre Water Park and Spa.



Omni San Francisco, CA

326 Rooms/Superior

The hotel provides luxury accommodations in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Ideally located in the neighbourhood that has become a Mecca for high-end shopping and art galleries. It is just steps away from Chinatown, North Beach and Union Square.



Hotel Vertigo San Francisco, CA

102 Rooms/Standard

Hotel Vertigo is ideally nestled in a charming lower Nob Hill pocket of San Francisco, just slightly off the beaten path of bustling Union Square. Surrounded by shops and cafes, the hotel is a modern, sophisticated and multi-sensory escape from the city.



Beverly Garland Holiday Inn - Los Angeles, CA

255 Rooms/Superior

Within minutes of Universal Studios, CityWalk, Hollywood Bowl, Dodger Stadium, Disney and Warner Brothers Studios, Beverly Hills and countless other world-famous attractions in Los Angeles, make The Beverly Garland the most accessible of all the North Hollywood hotels.



Yosemite View Lodge Yosemite NP, CA

335 Rooms/Standard

This popular two story inn with Mountain and River View rooms is situated on the Merced River, 2.5 miles from the west entrance to Yosemite. This is a great location for touring Bridal Veil Falls, El Capitan, Lower and Upper Yosemite Falls.



Best Western Pepper Tree Inn - Santa Barbara, CA

150 Rooms/Standard

Nestled on five acres of tropical gardens, this luxurious Spanish inspired hotel has ornate tiles, lush gardens and pathways lined with palms and cascading bougainvillea. With easy access to 101, it is minutes from Santa Barbara's award-winning wineries and glorious beaches.



Bellagio Las Vegas, NV

3933 Rooms/Superior

This opulent resort is located in the heart of the Strip, offering modern comforts and refinement. It features magnificent fountains which dance high into the sky to a musical accompaniment. Elegant rooms are decorated with plush fabrics, rich hues and European-style furnishings.



Platinum Resort & Spa Las Vegas, NV

255 Rooms/Superior

This non-gaming and non-smoking all-suite Vegas hotel presents a relaxing atmosphere with views of the mountains, and the strip 1.5 blocks away. A convenient location where luxury and sophisticated style merge beautifully just off the Strip.



Bryce Canyon Lodge Bryce Canyon, UT

114 Rooms/Superior

Located inside the Park and a National Historic Landmark, The Lodge at Bryce Canyon offers a rustic 1920s elegance - down to replicas of the lodge's original hickory furniture. Choose from motel style rooms in separate buildings and cozy historic lodge pole-pine cabins.



Best Western Zion Park Inn Zion, UT

120 Rooms/Standard

Conveniently located in Springdale near the entrance to Zion National Park. The Best Western Zion Park Inn offers spacious appointed rooms and suites, an outdoor heated pool and a popular on site restaurant called The Switchback Grille.



Best Western PLUS Canyonlands - Moab, UT

80 Rooms/Superior

Located in downtown Moab The Canyonlands Inn is within walking distance of restaurants and shops and a short drive to mountain biking, hiking and rafting. Ideally located for Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Dead Horse Point and Slick Rock mountain biking trail.



Hotel Albuquerque Old Town - Albuquerque, NM

188 Rooms/Superior

In the heart of Old Town Albuquerque, this hotel offers a unique location in the midst of historic charms yet just off I-40. The ultimate blend of historic distinction, luxury amenities and a convenient location, with easy access to downtown attractions, restaurants and shopping.



The Pacific Northwest

Encompassing over 700 miles of the North Western Pacific Coastline, the states of Washington and Oregon are a destination within themselves.

Cooler than California to the south, but no less spectacular, these two diverse states are split by the great north-south spine of the Cascade Mountains, where regular rainfall and a moist climate create a verdant landscape.

The Pacific region's two capitals are strikingly different. Seattle is a modern commercial and cultural city, as well as being known for its high-tech and aerospace industries. Meantime smaller and charming Portland holds more historic appeal for its old-time terracotta architecture, with ten stately bridges crossing the scenic Willamette River and a nationally regarded culture of cycling.

Beyond the region's bigger cities, lie diverse and interesting towns such as Bend in Central Oregon. With a backdrop of the Cascades, Bend makes a great base for exploring the surrounding mountains and the beautiful Columbia River Gorge.

Add to this exciting mix several pristine & diverse National Parks, vineyards, delightful coastal towns, hundreds of state parks, lighthouses and lookouts and any trip to the Pacific North West will be a delightful journey.

Choose from one of the featured itineraries or instead let us tailor something unique for you.



essential info

Local Time:

Pacific Standard time (PST)
- 8 hours behind GMT

International Gateways:

Direct - Seattle
(Washington State)
Indirect - Portland (Oregon)

About the states... our favourite highlights:

Washington - the State

Pike Place Market: Seattle's lively urban market holds an array of fine restaurants, seafood and produce vendors, and street entertainers.

The San Juan Islands: Perched in the upper corner of America, these three lovely islands make for a great summertime trip by ferry.

Columbia River Gorge: One of the USA's best natural attractions, home to waterfalls, historic highways, and a huge, U-shaped gorge carved from colossal Ice Age floods.

Mount St Helens: Still a haunting sight nearly three decades after it blew its top, the most renowned volcano in North America.

For more information visit www.experienceWA.com
and www.visitseattle.org or call 020 7978 5233

Oregon - the Beaver State

Portland: Laid back & friendly Portland is a delight to visit with shops, restaurants and galleries galore.

Crater Lake: Cradled in what's left of a hollowed-out volcano, this sheer blue lake is a stunning must see destination.

Hells Canyon: Deeper than the Grand Canyon, this remote gorge boasts excellent white-water rafting on the Snake River.

Bend: Nestled in the foothills of the Cascades, Bend offers endless outdoor recreational opportunities and is a great base to explore this lovely region.

For more information visit www.traveloregon.com
or call 01326 250213



Oregon Scenic Byways



From the rugged Pacific Coast to volcanic peaks, few states can boast a landscape as beautiful and varied.



Days 1 & 2 - Portland

Situated at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, friendly Portland is a charming mix of old and new architectural styles. Tree-lined streets and cycle paths make it a joy for visitors to explore its unique blend of galleries, markets, coffee shops and more.

Highlights: Washington Park, home of the Rose Test Gardens, the Japanese Gardens and the exciting World Forestry Centre.

Day 3 - Hood River

84 mi. Experience one of Oregon's amazing scenic byways, The 70 mile narrow winding Historic Columbia River Highway. Heading into a mossy rain forest, a series of graceful figure-eight loops gently drops you 600 feet.

Highlights: Cascade Locks, a 1920's toll bridge marks the site of the Native-Americans' Bridge of the Gods. Beautiful 620ft Multnomah Falls.



Days 4 to 6 - Bend

143 mi. Follow the West Cascades Scenic Byway to Bend.

Originally called Farewell Bend as it is located where pioneer roads converge, the recently revived city of Bend is the perfect place to explore this region.

Highlights: Drive out to the Newberry National Volcanic Monument to see the Lava Cave and Lava Forest.

Days 7 & 8 - Crater Lake

91 mi. Created by the eruption and collapse of Mt Mazama, vivid blue Crater Lake is the remaining six mile wide caldera. The colour & purity of the Lake's water is attributed to the fact that only rain and snowfall contribute to the water.

Highlight: The 33-mile loop winds around the rim of the lake, offering many viewpoints and side roads.

Days 9 & 10 - Florence

163 mi. Join the 350 mile Pacific Coast Scenic Byway that traces the entire Oregon coastline. Pounding surf, endless beaches and mature forests all provide many recreational activities along the way.

Old Town Florence has been beautifully restored in colourful themes reminiscent of the Victorian era. Numerous restaurants, art galleries, clothing and specialty shops are mixed among Gazebo Park and the new Boardwalk overlooking the fishing docks.



Highlights: From Coos Bay to Florence, drive through the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in the USA.

Day 11 - Newport

50 mi. En route to Newport, stop in Depoe Bay where you can also do a Whale Watch Cruise. Newport's bustling waterfront is full of restaurants, shops, galleries, charter fishing boats and canneries. Also home to historic Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and Oregon Undersea Gardens.

Highlights: En route visit Tilamook Cheese Factory for a taste of some of the country's finest cheese.

Days 12 & 13 - Astoria

134 mi. Hugging the Columbia River, the charming town of Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies and the last stop at the western end of the Lewis & Clark Trail.

Highlights: The magnificent Victorian homes built on the cliffs overlooking the town.

Day 14 - Portland

98 mi. Arrive back into Portland with time to explore some more of the city or surrounding area before you depart early tomorrow.

Day 15 - Home



Gourmet Washington State



With more than 200 wineries and endless gourmet dining experiences, don't just visit lovely Washington State - taste it!



Days 1 to 3 - Seattle

Head out to explore the city this evening where you can dine in one of Seattle's many restaurants. Spend the next couple of days exploring this great city. Walk along the waterfront and visit Seattle Aquarium and the Seattle Art Museum.

Gourmet Highlights: Enjoy breakfast in Lowell's in Pike Place, before you wander through the famous market and watch the fishmongers toss the catch of the day at Pike Place Fish Market. Stop at Beecher's Handmade Cheese, the original Starbucks store.

Day 4 - Quincy

159 mi. Today head east to Salish Lodge and Snoqualmie Falls, where you can enjoy spectacular views with a 2-acre park, hiking trail, observation desk and famous 270-foot waterfall.

Gourmet Highlights: Outside Cle Elum stop at Thorp Fruit Stand where you can shop or sample fresh, organic fruit and vegetables in this historic barn turned market.



Days 5 & 6 - Yakima

83 mi. Continue to Yakima where you can ride the historic Yakima Valley Trolleys from the original Powerhouse and Car Barn, over the Naches River and through apple orchards to Selah. Stop at Prosser's wine and food park - the hub of the region's numerous wineries and tasting rooms.

Gourmet Highlights: Visit Pasco Farmer's Market, the largest open air fresh produce market in the state. For wine lovers Red Mountain is Washington's smallest premium wine-growing region.

Day 7 - Walla Walla

132 mi. Head to historic Walla Walla. On the way visit Lowden, where you can taste what the wine world is talking about at the Big 3 of Walla Walla. L'Ecole No. 41, Woodward Canyon and Three Rivers Winery are all located just outside of Walla Walla in Lowden.

Gourmet Highlights: The various wineries including Foreron Cellars, Seven Hills and Spring Valley Vineyard.

Days 8 & 9 - Skamania

211 mi. Leave Walla Walla and drive west to Stevenson and Skamania taking the scenic route along the Columbia River passing through small towns and communities.

Gourmet Highlights: Along the way you might want to visit Maryhill Winery and Museum.

Days 10 & 11 - Long Beach

178 mi. Drive to Long Beach, a 28 mile long spit of land anchoring the southwestern most corner of Washington and is bordered by the Pacific Ocean, Columbia River and pristine Willapa Bay. See fishermen arrive early in the morning with their catch at this picturesque fishing village.

Gourmet Highlights: Fresh roasted coffee at Long Beach Coffee Roasters, Anna Lena's for world-class cranberry fudge. Tour the Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy in Ocean Park.

Days 12 & 13 - Lake Quinault

115 mi. Continue north up the coast to Lake Quinault Lodge. Opposite the lodge is a trail in part of the rainforest, then 30 minutes north is Kalaloch where a walk is definitely recommended.

Gourmet Highlight: A lake picnic.

Day 14 - Seattle

153 mi. Continuing north head to the Hoh Rain Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you can follow one of three different trails. Also visit Ruby Beach, one of the most beautiful beaches on the west coast, and Port Angeles, before heading back to Seattle this evening.

Gourmet Highlight: Dine at the revolving restaurant Sky City at the top of the Space Needle.

Day 15 - Home



Pacific Coast Adventure



Follow the Pacific from Seattle to San Francisco and experience one of the country's most peaceful and beautiful routes.



Days 1 & 2 - Seattle

Located on the shores of Puget Sound and Lake Washington, a lot of Seattle's charm comes from its stunning location and friendly people.

Highlights: Ride to the top of the famous Space Needle and have breakfast with the locals at Pike Place Market.

Day 3 - Mt Ranier National Park

 **87mi.** Head east towards Mt Rainier. Ascending to 14,410 feet above sea level, this is Washington's tallest and best-known peak and National Park.

Highlights: 13-mile drive through evergreen forests from Longmire to Paradise where you can enjoy 360-degree views of the park.

Days 4 & 5 - Olympic National Park

 **157 mi.** Protecting 73 miles of wild Pacific Coast Olympic NP is a land of beauty and variety. A day's exploration here can take you from breathtaking mountains to sandy beaches and tidepools.

Highlight: Nestled in the valleys are some of the country's largest remnants of ancient forests.

Day 6 - Seaside

 **135 mi.** Continue South into Oregon and the Pacific Coast. With spectacular ocean views, miles of beaches and a unique natural setting, Seaside has long been the Northwest's most popular ocean resort.

Highlights: The 1.5-mile long ocean front Promenade.

Day 7 - Newport

 **117 mi.** Newport's bustling waterfront is full of restaurants, shops, galleries, charter fishing boats and canneries. Also home to historic Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and Oregon Undersea Gardens.

Highlights: En route stop and visit Tilamook Cheese Factory for a taste of some of the country's finest Cheese.

Day 8 - Coos Bay

 **98 mi.** Continue driving the 350 mile Scenic Byway that traces the entire Oregon coastline. Pounding surf, lighthouses, endless beaches and mature forests will be your company all the way to Coos Bay.

Highlights: Visit the Sea Lion Caves just north of Florence where you can observe over 200 sea lions in an enormous underground sea grotto.

Days 9 & 10 - Crater Lake National Park

 **171 mi.** Journey through Central Oregon, with the majestic Cascade Mountains providing a constant backdrop.

Created by the eruption and collapse of Mt Mazama, Crater Lake is the remaining six mile wide caldera. The vivid colour & purity of the Lake's water is attributed to the fact that only rain and snowfall contribute to it.

Highlight: The 33-mile loop winds around the rim of the lake, offering many viewpoints.



Day 11 - Crescent City

 **183 mi.** Home of the must-see Redwood National Park, and it's magnificent Giant Redwood trees. The northern, wet climate nurtures these great trees in ridge top, streamside, and coastal environments.

Highlights: Walk the "Trees of Mystery" and "Trail of Tall Tales" through the forest to appreciate the grandeur and natural beauty of the Redwoods.

Day 12 - Mendocino

 **224 mi.** Coastal California's only designated Historic Landmark, quaint Mendocino is also known for its spectacular rugged coastline. It's dramatic ocean bluffs are known as the Mendocino Headlands.

Highlights: Russian Gulch State Forest, just north of Mendocino, features a heavily forested headland with a 36-foot high waterfall.

Days 13 & 14 - San Francisco

 **154 mi.** The world-famous Golden Gate Bridge welcomes you to friendly San Francisco, where you will spend the next 2 nights.

Highlights: Pier 39, Alcatraz, Union Square shopping & Muir Woods.

Day 15 - Home



Recommended hotels...

This is just a small selection of some of our hotels.
Please contact us for more details of our full range of accommodation options.



The Mayflower Park Seattle, WA

171 Rooms/Superior
Ideally located steps away from Seattle's most exciting attractions, including the famous Pike Place Market, Seattle Waterfront, and Space Needle. A full array of museums, theaters, shops and restaurants are at your doorstep.



Nisqually Lodge - Ashford / Mount Rainier NP, WA

24 Rooms/Standard
Nisqually Lodge is located on State Road 706 in Ashford, WA, near the entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park. Conveniently close to the Sunrise, Paradise, and Longmire facilities - three of the most popular attractions in the area.



Lake Quinault Lodge Lake Quinault, WA

92 Rooms/Superior
Sitting on Quinault Lake, a mile from the world's largest Sitka Spruce, and 150 miles from Seattle. This location is also only 12 miles from Olympic National Park and 30 miles from the ocean.



Hotel Benson Portland, OR

287 rooms/Superior
Centrally situated in downtown Portland. Since 1913, the stately Benson Hotel has housed A-list celebrities and US Presidents alike. Guests are drawn to the old-school opulence, including crystal chandeliers and marble stairs.



Crater Lake Lodge Crater Lake NP, OR

71 Rooms/Superior
This Historic Lodge located on the rim of the caldera was originally opened in 1915, then extensively renovated in 1995. It offers an atmosphere reminiscent of the 1920s, with a dining room overlooking the lake that serves the finest regional cuisine.



Red Lion North Bend, OR

75 Rooms/ Standard
The modern Red Lion Hotel is centrally located in the heart of Bend. Nearby, you will find 28 golf courses, the High Desert Museum, and the historic downtown area.



The American Rockies

Stretching over a thousand miles from the Canadian border to New Mexico, nowhere else in North America gives you the opportunity to have a Western adventure quite like the Rockies. With so much geological grandeur, wildlife and natural beauty to experience, one visit to 'The Real America' simply won't be enough and we guarantee you will want to return time and time again.

From the eastern plains to the western mountains, Montana's never ending sky sets a stage of dramatic proportions. Jagged peaks, and awe inspiring mountains form a breath-taking landscape, making a perfect setting for lovers of the great outdoors and nature alike.

The heart of the old west still beats in Wyoming - a place where all your cowboy dreams come true! Home to America's first National Park - Yellowstone, best known for it's geysers and geo thermal features. Also home to the equally captivating Grand Teton National Park.

With snowcapped mountains, dense forests, pristine lakes and miles of hiking trails, Idaho is renowned for its scenic beauty and outdoor recreation in a beautiful and natural setting. Along with the native Nez Perce Indians, Lewis & Clark country and the route of the Oregon Trail, there's no shortage of history either.

South Dakota is home to the desolate but beautiful Badlands and the majestic Black Hills, where pine forests grown among mountain peaks fill the southwestern corner of the state. Visit the famous giant presidential faces at Mount Rushmore National Memorial and learn the story behind Crazy Horse Memorial.

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essential info

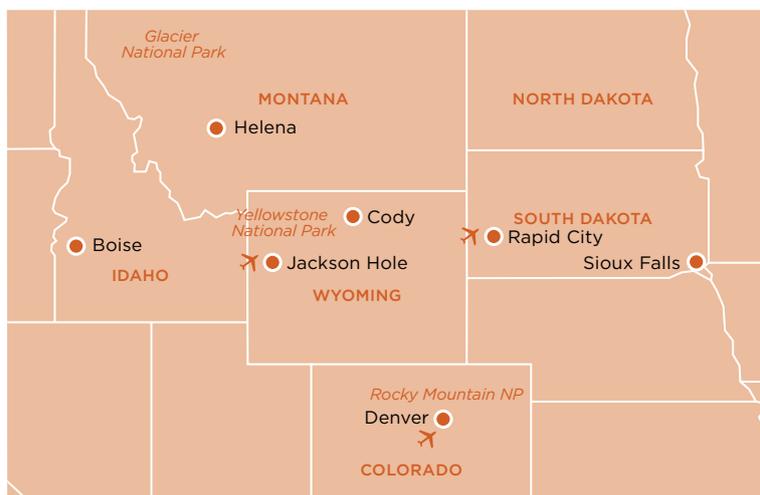
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Mountain Standard time (MST)
- 7 hours behind GMT

International Gateways:

Direct - Denver (Colorado)

Indirect - Jackson Hole
(Wyoming); Rapid City
(South Dakota)





About the states...

Boasting some of the most beautiful and varied scenery in the USA, we proudly present 'The Real America'. Here are some of our favourite highlights from the states featured in this section...

Wyoming - The Cowboy State



Yellowstone: Established in 1872, America's oldest and favourite National Park is home to the majority of the World's geysers as well as grizzly bears, wolves, herds of bison and elk.

Jackson Hole: Modern mountain resort meets the Wild West! This is real cowboy territory, and Jackson strives to maintain its Wild West flavour, with traditional-style wooden buildings and sidewalks.

Grand Teton National Park:

Flanked by The Teton Range, and the Snake River this beautiful Park has over 200 miles of trails and is a scene of alpine meadows and pristine lakes.

Cody: Home to The Buffalo Bill Historical Centre and America's biggest Nite Rodeo.

For more information visit www.RMI-RealAmerica.com or call 01825 763636

Montana - The Big Sky State

Glacier National Park:

Drive the stunning Going to the Sun Highway, where the hairpin bends along this 50 mile stretch offer staggering views.



Virginia City & Nevada City:

Step back into the 1880's when you visit these two authentically restored intriguing gold rush towns.

The Missouri Headwaters State Park:

The confluence of the Jefferson, Gallatin and Madison Rivers (which combine to form the Missouri), were named here by Lewis and Clark in 1805.

Madison Canyon River Earthquake Area:

Learn about the tragic 1959 earthquake in the Madison Canyon River Area, near West Yellowstone. This massive landslide of 80 million tonnes of rock stopped the flow of the Madison River in the Madison River Canyon Gorge, and created Quake Lake.

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South Dakota - The Mount Rushmore State



Crazy Horse Memorial:

Started in 1948 by sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski as a tribute to the Native Americans, the story of Crazy Horse Memorial is one you will never forget.

The Badlands National Park:

See the sun rise over a striking landscape punctuated by canyons, buttes and geological spires.

The Needles Scenic Highway:

As part of the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway, the Needles Highway stretches 14 miles through granite structures and pine covered mountains.



Jewel Cave National Monument:

With more than 146 miles of passages adorned with nailhead and dogtooth spar crystals, Jewel Cave is home to the second largest cave in the world.

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Idaho - The Gem State

Craters of the Moon National Monument:

Covering 83-square miles, Craters of the Moon National Monument is a surreal cornucopia of lava cones, craters and caves all created by mother nature over 2,000 years ago.

The Sawtooth Mountains:

Of all Idaho's 81 mountain ranges, the Sawtooth summits make for the most awe-inspiring scenic drive.

Boise: Idaho's Cosmopolitan State Capital blends culture and amenities with a small town friendliness and charm.



Hells Canyon: Take a thrilling jet boat ride down the Snake River through the deepest River Gorge in North America.



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America's Last Best Places



Get off the beaten track and explore the real American West and some of it's Last Best Places.



Day 1 - Denver

On arrival into the 'Mile High' City of Denver, collect your hire car before heading to your conveniently located Downtown hotel.

Highlights: Denver Art Museum, Cherry Creek Shopping Mall, LoDo Restaurants.

Day 2 - Cheyenne

103 mi. Founded on Independence Day in 1867, Historic Cheyenne grew fast with eastern culture directly available via the railroad.

Highlights: The 90 minute Cheyenne Street Railway Trolley Tour allows you to get off at the various points of interest.

Days 3 to 5 - Rapid City

289 mi. Rapid City makes a perfect base to explore the surrounding Black Hills. Visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial and tour the 14 mile scenic Needles Highway. Spend an afternoon in Custer State Park, where you can have a rest from the wheel and let one of the Rangers take you on a Buffalo safari.

Highlights: Sunrise over the Badlands National Park.



Day 6 - Buffalo

212 mi. Next stop is friendly Buffalo. Nestled in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains and sister range to the Rockies, Buffalo is surrounded by the Bighorn National Forest.

Highlights: Drive the Cloud Peak Skyway National Scenic Byway for the best view of the forest, Mountains and Cloud Peak Wilderness.

Day 7 - Billings

178 mi. En route today, be sure to stop at The Little Bighorn National Monument which tells one of the most interesting stories in American history - Custer's Last Stand. Just southeast of Billings, Pictograph Cave State Park was home to generations of prehistoric hunters 4500 years ago.

Highlight: If time permits visit the Pryor Mountain Horse Range, an hour outside Billings.

Days 8 to 10 - Yellowstone

177 mi. America's oldest National Park boasts an incredible array of natural phenomenon. Enjoy the many trails that take your past colourful hot springs, bubbling mud pools and over 300 geysers such as Old Faithful.

Highlights: Look out for some of the wildlife including bears and elk. The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River - 20 miles long and up to 1200 feet deep!



Days 11 & 12 - Jackson

98 mi. Follow the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway from Yellowstone into Grand Teton National Park, enjoying the scenery as you go. Despite being a modern Mountain Resort, this is still real cowboy territory.

Highlights: The scenic drives and one of the many Wildlife tours available from Jackson.

Day 13 - Rock Springs

179 mi. The scenery remains stunning for much of your drive today, as you travel through the Bridger-Teton National Forest to Pinedale where you can stop at The Museum of the Mountain Man.

Highlights: Firehole Canyon, just south of Rock Springs, offers the spectacular sight of chimneys and pinnacles reflecting on the river.

Day 14 - Laramie

207 mi. In Laramie tour the 1892 Victorian Queen-Anne style family mansion, which is considered to be one of the finest historic homes in the region.

Highlights: Outside town head to the top of Vedauwoo; the fantastic rock formations and views from this 8,000 foot "rocky oasis" are stunning.

Day 15 - Denver & Home

149 mi. Enjoy a last day in Denver or nearby Boulder before you head back to the airport to catch your overnight flight home.



Best of the West National Parks



Enjoy awe inspiring national parks, majestic mountains and pristine landscapes in the most unspoilt part of America.



Day 1 - Denver

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Highlights: Denver Art Museum, Cherry Creek Shopping Mall, LoDo Restaurants.

Days 2 to 4 - Rapid City Area

🚗 389 mi. Rapid City is a perfect base to explore the surrounding Black Hills. Visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial and tour the 14 mile scenic Needles Highway. Spend an afternoon in Custer State Park, where you can have a rest from the wheel and let one of the Rangers take you on a Buffalo safari.

Highlights: Sunrise over the Badlands National Park.

Day 5 - Buffalo

🚗 212 mi. Next stop is friendly cowboy town Buffalo, nestled in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains.

Highlights: Drive the Cloud Peak Skyway National Scenic Byway for the best views of the area.

Days 6 & 7 - Bozeman

🚗 308 mi. Located in Big Sky Country, Bozeman is surrounded by majestic peaks and steep canyons. The Museum of the Rockies houses one of the world's largest collections of dinosaurs.

Highlights: Visit the nearby intriguing mining ghost towns Virginia City and Nevada City.

Days 8 & 9 - Glacier National Park

🚗 306 mi. A landscape of rugged mountains, spectacular lakes, forests and alpine meadows await you in 1500 miles of scenic wilderness and solitude.

Highlights: Enjoy one of America's most spectacular drives - the Going-to-the-Sun Highway.

Day 10 - Missoula

🚗 139 mi. Dubbed the Garden City for its mild winters relative to the rest of Montana, the friendly college town of Missoula is as renowned for its arts and culture as it's natural beauty.

Highlights: Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

Day 11 - Salmon

🚗 139 mi. Travel to Salmon on the beautiful and historic Bitterroot Valley Scenic Drive flanked by the Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains. The Salmon River remains one of the few undammed waterways in America as it roars through the River of No Return Wilderness.

Highlight: An exciting float trip.

Days 12 to 14 - Yellowstone

🚗 171 mi. America's oldest National Park boasts an incredible array of natural phenomenon. Enjoy the many trails that take your past colourful hot springs, bubbling mud pools and over 300 geysers such as Old Faithful.

Highlights: The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River - 20 miles long and upto 1200 feet deep!



Days 15 & 16 - Jackson

🚗 98 mi. Follow the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway from Yellowstone into Grand Teton National Park, enjoying the scenery as you go. Despite being a modern Mountain Resort, this is real cowboy territory.

Highlights: The scenic drives and one of the many Wildlife tours available from Jackson.

Day 17 - Rawlins

🚗 284 mi. In 1867, while in command of the troops protecting the crew surveying the route of the first trans-continental railroad, General John A. Rawlins (chief of staff of the U.S. Army) expressed a wish for a drink of good, cold water. Upon discovery of a spring, he declared it was the most refreshing drink he had ever tasted and exclaimed, "If anything is ever named after me, I hope it will be a spring of water."

Highlight: Tour The Wyoming Frontier Prison.

Day 18 - Denver & Home

🚗 243 mi. Continue back to Denver ready to fly home this evening.



Gems of the American West



Discover the rich heritage of the West, and a landscape in all its glory just as it appeared to early settlers.



Days 1 & 2 - Denver

On arrival into Denver, collect your hire car before heading to your Downtown hotel.

Highlights: Denver Art Museum and Cherry Creek Shopping Mall.

Day 3 - Lusk

1248 mi. Head north into Wyoming towards the small town of Lusk, before continuing to The Black Hills tomorrow.

Highlights: Stop en route and explore Fort Laramie where Indians, trappers, gold seekers and cowboys all left their mark on this "grand old post," established as a private fur trading fort in 1834.

Days 4 to 6 - Rapid City

149mi. Rapid City makes a perfect base to explore the surrounding Black Hills. Visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Tour the 14 mile scenic Needles Highway and Custer State Park.

Highlights: Sunrise over the Badlands National Park.

Day 7 - Sheridan

243 mi. In Sheridan the Old West meets the modern era in a town that offers world-class culture along with authentic Western charm.

Highlights: Sheridan's Main Street lined with historic buildings, including the Landmark Historic Sheridan Inn, where Buffalo Bill Cody auditioned acts for his famous Wild West Show.

Days 8 & 9 - Cody

148 mi. Another true western town, founded by Buffalo Bill Cody in 1896. Cody became the home place for Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, which toured the country for over 30 years.

Highlights: 60 yr old Cody Nite Rodeo is the longest running rodeo in the USA (June 1 to August 31 only).

Days 10 to 12 - Yellowstone

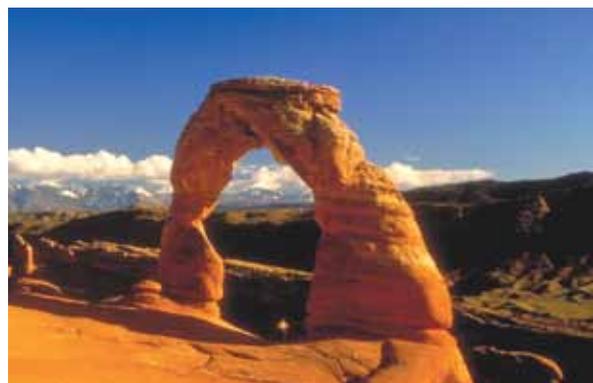
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Highlights: The scenic drives and one of the many Wildlife tours available from Jackson.



Days 15 & 16 - Salt Lake City

273 mi. Set between the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Salt Lake, this pleasant city is best known as the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Highlights: Temple Square.

Days 17 to 19 - Moab

234 mi. Lying near the Colorado river in a green valley enclosed by high sandstone cliffs, Moab makes an ideal base for exploring Arches and Canyonland National Parks.

Highlights: Marvel at rock art and dwellings of the Anasazi Indians who once lived and farmed in the bottom of the canyons around Moab.

Days 20 & 21 - Grand Junction

113 mi. On your way to Grand Junction, experience the second loop of the San Juan Skyway, before passing the spectacular Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

Highlights: Scenic Rim Rock Drive is one of the grandest scenic drives in the America West.

Day 22 - Denver

243 mi. Continue back to Denver in time to fly home tonight.



Desert to The Mountains Highlights



Journey through the desert scenery of Red Rock Country, Arizona to Colorado - home to the Majestic Rocky Mountains



Days 1 & 2 - Phoenix

Arriving into the Phoenix you will instantly be captivated by the Valley of the Sun, offering year round sunshine, heritage, entertainment and recreation.

Highlights: Luxurious hotels and fabulous shopping in unique Scottsdale.

Days 3 & 4 - Flagstaff

146 mi. Spend time exploring Sedona and it's great shops and restaurants surrounded by spectacular red rocks. Visit Red Rock State Park - fabulous for hiking or just relaxing.

Between Sedona and Flagstaff, the drive through Oak Creek Canyon, a steep, narrow and very colourful gorge, is breathtaking.

Highlights: The Grand Canyon, Walnut Creek and Wupatki National Monuments.

Day 5 - Monument Valley

176 mi. Eerie sandstone monoliths set against a flat, often desolate landscape formed the backdrop of many a John Wayne film.

Highlights: Visit Goulding's Museum for a look at the history of movie-making in Monument Valley.



Days 6 to 8 - Moab

150 mi. Lying near the Colorado river in a green valley enclosed by high sandstone cliffs, Moab makes an ideal base for exploring Arches and Canyonland National Parks.

Highlights: Marvel at rock art and dwellings of the Anasazi Indians who once lived and farmed in the bottom of the canyons.

Days 9 & 10 - Gateway

126 mi. Continuing from Moab, your next stop will be the unique Gateway Canyons Resort.

This luxury resort is home to the famous Gateway Colorado Automobile Museum, one of the finest collections of American automobiles in existence today.

Highlights: The Museum's own \$3.24 million dollar version of the "Mona Lisa" - the 1954 Oldsmobile F-88 Concept Car.

Day 11 - Grand Junction

53 mi. On your way to Grand Junction, experience the second loop of the San Juan Skyway, before passing the unique and spectacular Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

See the awe inspiring Colorado National Monument rising more than 2,000 feet above the Grand Valley of the Colorado River. Outside the charming downtown area, in The Grand Valley region, vineyards produce some of Colorado's award winning wines.

Highlights: Grand Scenic Rim Rock Drive.



Day 12 - Glenwood Springs

86 mi. Nestled in a beautiful mountainous valley, Glenwood Springs sits on the western slope of Colorado as a hub to Aspen, Vail and Grand Junction. Set at the confluence of The Roaring Fork and Colorado Rivers.

Highlights: The world's largest hot springs swimming pool.

Days 13 & 14 - Estes Park

197 mi. Continue north east towards the Valley of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. Here, 415 square miles encompasses a spectacular mountain environment with over 300 miles of hiking trails, wildflowers and an abundance of wildlife.

Highlights: Trail Ridge Road - which crests over 12,000 feet including many overlooks to experience the subalpine and alpine worlds.

Day 15 - Denver/Home

77 mi. A last morning in Estes Park, before you drive back to Denver Airport to catch your overnight flight home.

Colorado - The Centennial State

Colorado is a year round destination boasting over 300 days of sunshine per year. With western history abound, four stunning national parks, 40 State parks, and 26 world class ski resorts this is some of the most beautiful scenery in all of the USA. This truly diverse state offers something for everyone. Here are some of our favourite highlights from this state...



Mesa Verde National Park: Climb between 13th Century Cliff dwellings and mesa top villages built between AD450 and 1300.

Durango: Ride the Durango to Silverton Steam Rail road through stunning scenery as it corkscrews through spectacular mountains to the mining town of Silverton.

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison: Colorado's smallest National Park is no less awe inspiring. Exposing you to some of the steepest cliffs, oldest rock, and craggiest spires in North America.

Rocky Mountain National Park: The Valley of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park's 415 square miles encompasses a spectacular mountain environment with over 300 miles of hiking trails, wildflowers and an abundance of wildlife.

Colorado National Monument: Situated just outside Grand Junction, with no less than 11 canyons, 20,000 acres of arched windows, rock spires and natural monoliths - all thrown by the hands of wind and rain over millions of years.

Denver: Colorado's 'Mile High City' of Denver is the centre of a very sophisticated state, as well as being one of the most educated, prosperous and ecologically minded places in the world.

Downtown, the 16th Street Mall connects the Capitol Building with LoDo (Lower Downtown) the cultural district that a century ago was home to Bat Masterson, Calamity Jane and other frontier icons. The Colorado State History Museum, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Denver Visitor Center, and the Molly Brown House, home of the "unsinkable" local heroine, are all nearby. Try one of the interesting restaurants in LoDo for dinner.

Cherry Creek has the best shopping and dining. Quaint Old South Pearl Street has a Farmer's Market every Sunday.

The Santa Fe Arts District has Denver's largest collection of art galleries.



For more information visit www.colorado.com or call 08456 020574



Rocky Mountain Splendours



Some of the most dramatic scenery in the Rockies is in Colorado, where you can drive amazing routes that are truly the roads less travelled.



Days 1 & 2 - Denver, Colorado

On arrival into the 'Mile High' City of Denver, collect your hire car and head to your conveniently located Downtown hotel.

Highlights: Denver Art Museum, Cherry Creek Shopping Mall, LoDo Restaurants.

Days 3 & 4 - Colorado Springs

68 mi. Located in the foothills of spectacular Pikes Peak, Colorado's second largest city is a haven for those who love the great outdoors. Check out the incredible red sandstone formations at The Garden of the Gods and visit The US Air Force and Olympic Training Academies.

Highlights: Ascend the 14,110 feet to the summit of the Peak along a 19-mile highway, or by rail.

Day 5 - Gunnison/ Crested Butte

166 mi. Gunnison & picture perfect Crested Butte along with numerous other towns offer a slice of Colorado's rich mining history and natural beauty.

Highlights: The White River and Gunnison National Forests.

Days 6 & 7 - Durango

171 mi. On your way to Durango, experience the San Juan Scenic Byway that offers breath taking views of the towering 14,000-foot San Juan Mountains.

Highlights: Ride the Durango to Silverton Railroad.

Day 8 - Mesa Verde NP

36 mi. Prepare to be awestruck by Mesa Verde National Park - an expansive area sheltered by massive rock cliffs, covered with adobe brick dwellings dating back to around 550AD.

Highlights: Climb up and down ladders and through the tight spaces of Cliff Palace.

Days 9 & 10 - Grand Junction

204 mi. On your way to Grand Junction, experience the second loop of the San Juan Skyway, before passing the unique and spectacular Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

Approaching Grand Junction, you'll see the awe inspiring Colorado National Monument rising more than 2,000 feet above the Grand Valley of the Colorado River. Outside the charming downtown area, in The Grand Valley region, several intimate and friendly vineyards produce some of Colorado's finest award winning wines.

Highlights: Scenic Rim Rock Drive is one of the grandest scenic drives in the American West.



Day 11 - Steamboat Springs

193 mi. Once a wilderness frontier, authentic western town Steamboat is now a year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts. The hot springs have been the town's greatest attraction since its founding in the mid-1880.

Highlights: The natural springs of rock-lined pools of Strawberry Park Hot Springs, just outside town on the edge of the Routt National Forest.

Days 12 to 14 - Estes Park

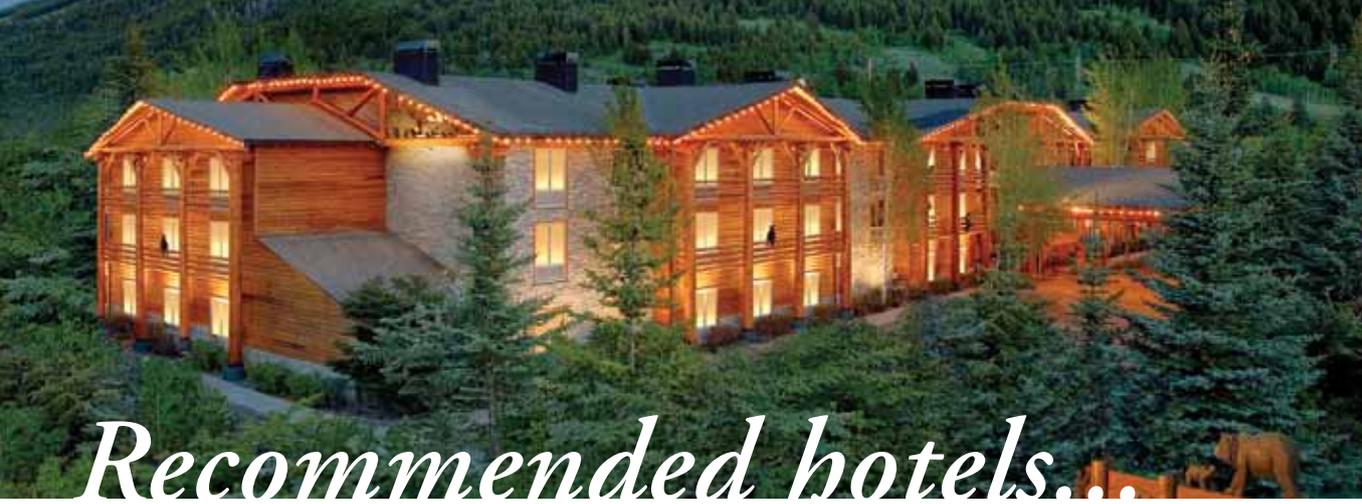
139 mi. Continue towards the Valley of Estes Park and the Rocky Mountain National Park, encompassing a spectacular mountain environment with over 300 miles of hiking trails, wildflowers and an abundance of wildlife.

Highlights: Trail Ridge Road - which crests over 12,000 feet including many overlooks.

Day 15 - Denver/home

64 mi. Enjoy a last day in Estes Park before you head south through the town of Boulder back to Denver in time to catch your direct overnight flight home.





Recommended hotels...

This is just a small selection of some of our hotels.
Please contact us for more details of our full range of accommodation options.



Crowne Plaza Downtown Denver, CO

364 Rooms/Superior

Ideally situated in the heart of Downtown Denver, this popular hotel is short walk from the shops and restaurants of 16th Street Mall and not far from the junction of Interstate-70.



The Alpine Trail Ridge Inn Estes Park, CO

48 Rooms/Standard

The Alpine Trail Ridge Inn is a firm favourite for convenient and affordable Estes Park lodging. Owners Jay and Fran welcome many repeat guests to this exceptionally clean, and comfortable roadside motor inn.



Far View Lodge Mesa Verde, CO

150 Rooms/Superior

Located on a high mesa 15 miles inside Mesa Verde National Park, Far View offers spectacular views from private balconies. Experience award winning contemporary cuisine inspired by regional heritage foods and flavorings at The Metate Room Restaurant.



The Brandin' Iron Inn West Yellowstone, MT

80 Rooms/Standard

The Brandin' Iron Inn is located in the heart of West Yellowstone just two blocks from the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. An ideal alternative to more expensive options in the park.



Many Glacier Hotel Glacier NP, MT

214 Rooms/Superior

Situated along the shores of Swift Current Lake in the Park. This secluded five-story hotel offers rustic, yet comfortable accommodation resulting in a one-of-a-kind, National Park lodging experience.



BW Premier Great Northern Helena, MT

101 Rooms/Superior

Located in the picturesque city of Helena, this delightful hotel is located near downtown and within walking distance of the Great Northern Town Center boutiques, shops and Cinemark Theater.



**Old Faithful Snow Lodge
Yellowstone NP, WY**

134 Rooms/Superior

Located at the far end of the Bypass Road, not far from Old Faithful, this award-winning property has a rustic and contemporary appeal. The hotel has a full-service dining room and a renowned "Geyser Grill" among its facilities.



**Mammoth Hot Springs
Hotel, Yellowstone NP, WY**

212 Rooms/Standard

Located near the northern entrance, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel offers simple cabins and hotel rooms. A historic 'no frills' property with a location second to none, with Elk and buffalo often spotted from the cabins.



**Lake Lodge Cabins,
Yellowstone NP, WY**

186 Rooms/Standard

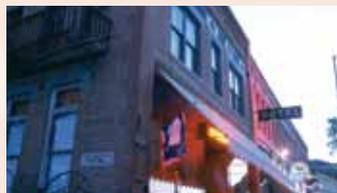
On Lake Yellowstone in the beautiful Lake Village Area, this getaway is nestled in the woods, with scenic nature trails and a main lodge with a lounge offering great views of the surrounding mountains and lake. The spacious Western cabins are very comfortable.



**Best Western the Lodge
Jackson, WY**

154 Rooms/Superior

Timbered pines and hand carved bears add to the charming and cozy atmosphere of this resort property. Located just one mile from the historic Town Square, the local town shuttle makes regular stops at the hotel.



**The Occidental Hotel
& Saloon - Buffalo, WY**

15 Rooms/Superior

Step back into the Old West at this historic Wyoming hotel. Beautifully restored to its original grandeur, the rooms are all furnished with antiques and decorated in elegant period style combining historic authenticity with modern amenities.



**Comfort Suites
Rapid City, SD**

92 Rooms/Standard

A conveniently located all-suite hotel just minutes away from downtown Rapid City. Guest rooms include flat-screen televisions, microwaves and refrigerators. Rapid is a perfect base to explore the surrounding Black Hills, Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park.



**Creekside Lodge
Custer State Park, SD**

30 Rooms/Superior

Featuring luxurious oversized rooms, Creekside Lodge is the newest addition to accommodation at the State Game Lodge. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places State, the Main Lodge has a historic Dining Room serving local specialties.



**Red Lion Boise
Downtowner - Boise, ID**

182 Rooms/Standard

Conveniently located off I-184 in the core of downtown Boise, this comfortable hotel is minutes away from the beautiful Boise River and a short drive to the State Capitol and many other popular attractions.



**Syringa Lodge
Salmon, ID**

8 Rooms/Standard

Located on a bluff overlooking the town of Salmon and the River, the recently renovated Syringa is built of large spruce logs on 19 acres of an old homestead and has unobstructed panoramic views of the surrounding mountains.



The Deep South

The Southern States of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee all offer a very warm welcome. Steeped in music and history with culture, fine architecture, delicious food and unforgettable scenery, this region truly has something for everyone.

With a colourful history, resulting in a rare and exotic mix of nations and cultures, Louisiana offers an unforgettable experience of rich history, music, historical architecture, and wonderful food born of French, African, Spanish and Arcadian origin.

If you are looking for great music, great adventure and a great escape then Mississippi is for you! Travel the Blues Highway, US Highway 61 from Memphis to Vicksburg and uncover a fascinating tour of the Mississippi Delta that spawned hundreds of music legends.

From the Mississippi River to the great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee combines being the capital of American music and being a place to discover the best of America's riveting history and mouthwatering food. Gracelands and The Grand Ole Opry are just two familiar names that you will want to include on your itinerary.

Visit 'Sweet Home' Alabama and see where events such as America's Civil War, and more recently The Rosa Parks Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Selma to Montgomery March started, shaping Civil Rights history. The state is also home to beautiful mountain scenery, lovely gulf beaches and a thriving music scene.

Gateway to the South, Georgia offers everything from high class shopping, fine dining, entertainment and the arts in Atlanta, to unspoilt beaches and intriguing islands along the Atlantic Ocean. Visit colonial Savannah and Georgia's historic South as well as some of the state's beautiful mountains and rivers.

Choose from one of our featured itineraries or let us create something unique for you.



essential info

Local Time:

- Central Standard time (CST)
- 6 hours behind GMT or
- Eastern Standard time (EST)
- 5 hours behind GMT (Georgia)

International Gateways:

- Direct - Atlanta (Georgia)
- Indirect - Nashville, Memphis (Tennessee)



About the states...

Four diverse and colourful states to choose from.
Here are some of our favourite highlights from the states featured in this section...

Alabama - Sweet Home Alabama



Mobile: Home of America's first Mardi Gras and some of the Deep South's most beautiful coastline.

Muscle Shoals: Where Alabama's music scene is alive and kicking! Tour the music studios where International Superstars like Aretha Franklin recorded in the 60's.

Huntsville: Visit Rocket City USA and The US Space and Rocket Center.

Birmingham: Follow in the footsteps of Dr Martin Luther King Jr and see iconic Civil Rights sites and museums.

For more information visit
www.deep-south-usa.com/alabama
www.alabama.travel or call 0208 339 6122

Georgia - The Peach State

The Golden Isles of Jekyll and St Simons Islands: On Georgia's Atlantic Coast, Barrier Island beauty is combined with history and cultural attractions.

Savannah: If you can see only one city in the American Southeast, make it this one. Explore the beautiful historic district by foot, with its many cobblestone streets and shady squares.

Stone Mountain State Park: 3200 acres of natural beauty and outdoor adventure, all within 15 minutes of Downtown Atlanta.

For more information visit
www.georgiatourismusa.co.uk or call 01444 483767



Louisiana - The Sportsman's Paradise State



New Orleans: A must see on any Deep South Itinerary. No other city in America boasts such intrigue and romance.

Baton Rouge: A lively city situated on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi Delta that's proud of its Cajun and Creole heritage.

Lake Charles: The Festival Capital of Louisiana.

For more information visit www.louisianatravel.com
or call 0208 460 8473

Mississippi - The Magnolia State



Natchez: Once the wealthiest city in America, the many beautiful Antebellum Mansions offer a fascinating insight into the elegance and grace of an era past.

Clarksdale and Greenwood: Visit some of the real Juke joints in the various small towns, in the heart of the Mississippi Delta.

Tupelo: See the actual house in this tiny town where Elvis Presley was born to fully understand his background, and subsequent contribution to music.

For more information visit
www.deep-south-usa.com/mississippi
www.visitmississippi.org or call 01462 440787

Tennessee - The Volunteer State



Memphis: Home of the legendary Beale Street, Graceland, Rock 'n' Soul Museum and Sun Studio where everybody from Elvis to Johnny Cash recorded their hits.

Nashville: Visit the massive Country Music Hall of Fame Museum and see a performance at The Grand 'Ole Opry.

The Great Smoky Mountains: America's most visited National Park with it's magnificent 6000 foot ridges needs no introduction.

For more information visit
www.deep-south-usa.com/tennessee
www.tnvacation.com or call 01462 440787



Sounds of the South



From Jazz-filled streets, the Delta Blues, Rock & Roll and 'Music City USA' - America's South lives and breathes music.



Days 1 to 3 - Nashville

Welcome to Nashville, 'Music City USA', home of country music and some of America's biggest recording companies.

Highlights: The Grand Ole Opry, The Country Music Hall of Fame and RCA's Studio 'B' where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his best-loved hits.

Days 4 & 5 - Memphis

 212 mi. Continue South to Memphis, the place where blues came of age and rock & roll was born. World famous Beale Street was a key arena in which bluesmen from BB King to Howlin' Wolf made their names.

Highlights: Tour Graceland and Sun Studios or visit the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

Day 6 - Clarksdale

 77 mi. Probably America's most significant blues town. Illustrious one-time Clarksdale residents include John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters and Ike Turner.

Highlights: Visit the outstanding Delta Blues Museum and drive out to Stovall Plantation where Muddy Waters grew up.



Day 7 - Jackson

 154 mi. Leave the 'Blues Highway' and continue to Jackson. With its antebellum homes and international museum exhibits, Jackson is more than just the state capital.

After dark, head out and explore the many Blues Clubs on Farish Street, where the likes of Sonny Boy Williamson II and Robert Johnson were discovered.

Highlights: The Mississippi Governor's Mansion and the Old Capitol Historical Museum.

Day 8 - Vicksburg

 44 mi. From Jackson take the I-20 West to the Mississippi River town of Vicksburg which played a big part in the American Civil War when in 1862 it was besieged by Northern troops for 47 days.

Find the past well preserved in Civil War battle scenes and charming antebellum mansions, in quaint tucked away stores and cozy antique shops.

Highlights: Vicksburg National Military Park.

Day 9 - Natchez

 72 mi. Perched 200 feet above the Mississippi River, Natchez is the oldest civilized settlement on the river. Once the richest town in the US, Natchez is still dripping in antebellum finery. Explore the many plantation houses and enjoy some of the best restaurants on this tour.

Highlights: The beautiful Antebellum Mansions.



Days 10 & 11 - Lafayette

 134 mi. Lafayette, capital of the French-speaking Cajun South and home to Cajun and zydeco music. Get to know this sleepy, Southern town where music and dancing are part of everyday life.

Highlights: Lafayette's lively street festivals, impromptu Zydeco concerts, and food markets.

Days 12 to 14 - New Orleans

 135 mi. Drive across swampy Louisiana on Highway 61 to New Orleans. Drop off your hire car Downtown and take a taxi to your hotel in New Orleans Historic French Quarter.

Spend the next few days getting to know the Big Easy and its many sights and sounds. Take a steamboat trip on the Mississippi and sample some of the fabulous Creole cuisine that New Orleans is world famous for.

Highlights: Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

Day 15 - Home

Depart this morning or instead choose from one of our exciting 'add ons' such as spending a few days on the beach on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast. Alternatively, embark upon a 7 night Caribbean Cruise from New Orleans.

Tour also available in reverse.



Roots of Blues



A Blues themed journey from the Big Easy, through the Mississippi Delta, to the home of Blues, Chicago.



Days 1 to 3 - New Orleans

On arrival take a cab to your hotel in New Orleans Historic French Quarter. Spend the next few days getting to know the Big Easy and its many sights and sounds. Take a steamboat trip on the Mississippi and sample some of the fabulous Creole cuisine that New Orleans is world famous for.

Highlights: Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

Day 4 - Jackson

🚗 186 mi. Collect your hire car and continue to Jackson. With its antebellum homes to international museum exhibits, Jackson is more than just a state capital.

After dark, head out and explore the many Blues Clubs on Farish Street, where the likes of Sonny Boy Williamson II and Robert Johnson were discovered.

Highlights: The Mississippi Governor's Mansion and the Old Capitol Historical Museum.

Days 5 & 6 - Greenwood

🚗 98 mi. Today, head across the Delta to Greenwood, putting you as deep in the Delta blues as you can get. On the way you might want to stop and find the graves of Charley Patton, Robert Johnson and others as well as other key blues landmarks.

Highlights: Enjoy some good Italian/Cajun cuisine at 'Luscios' Restaurant - once the haunt of cotton barons who came here to drink moonshine.

Day 7 - Clarksdale

🚗 58 mi. Probably America's most significant blues town, illustrious one-time Clarksdale residents include John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters and Ike Turner.

Highlights: Visit the outstanding Delta Blues Museum and drive out to Stovall Plantation where Muddy Waters grew up.

Days 8 & 9 - Memphis

🚗 76 mi. Continue north to Memphis, the place where blues came of age and rock & roll was born. World famous Beale Street was a key arena in which bluesmen from BB King to Howlin' Wolf made their names.

Highlights: Tour Graceland and Sun Studios and visit the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

Days 10 & 11 - St Louis

🚗 284 mi. Drive north along Highway 61 - the 'Blues Highway' to St Louis, America's great 'Gateway City'. Spend the evening roaming the funky Soulard district, home to one of the best blues scenes in the US. Look out for local legends Henry Townsend and Johnnie Johnson.

Highlights: Ride to the top of the amazing 630-foot Gateway Arch, which dominates the city's skyline.



Day 12 - Chicago

🚗 298 mi. (or 5hrs by train).

Continue your journey by car, or alternatively take the Amtrak train across the Midwest to Chicago, the place where blues really came of age. On arrival you'll find yourself immersed in the largest city in the Midwest, alive with commerce, packed with great architecture, laden with the arts, and topped off with the Magnificent Mile, one of the world's glitziest shopping boulevards.

Highlights: The great views of the city from the John Hancock Observatory with its sweeping views spanning the surrounding four states.

Days 13 & 14 - Chicago

Check out the South Side's many blues landmarks like Muddy Waters's house and the Checkerboard Lounge. Don't miss some of Chicago's great museums and galleries.

After dark choose between the North Side with its world-famous blues venues or head down to Buddy Guy's club. Then there's the South Side with clubs like Lee's Unleaded where raw electric blues pounds night after night.

Day 15 - Chicago/Home

Enjoy another day in Chicago before you head to the airport to catch your flight home.



American Rhythms



Short on time? Don't want to drive far? You don't need to miss any of these three great cities on this 10 Night Itinerary.



Days 1 to 3 - Nashville

Welcome to Nashville, 'Music City USA', home of country music and some of America's biggest recording companies. Trawl the outstanding music venues of Second and Broadway and visit RCA's Studio 'B' where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his best-loved hits.

Highlights: The Grand Ole Opry and The Country Music Hall of Fame.

Days 4 to 6 - Memphis

 212 mil. Departing Nashville, your next stop will be Memphis, the place where blues came of age and rock & roll was born. Beale Street was a key arena in which bluesmen from BB King to Howlin' Wolf made their names.

BB King's Blues Club is now one of this famous Street's best clubs.

Highlights: Tour Graceland and Sun Studios and the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

Days 7 to 10 - New Orleans

Fly. This morning you will need to drop off your hire car at the Airport and take a short flight to New Orleans. On arrival take a taxi to your hotel in New Orleans Historic French Quarter. Spend tonight experiencing the wide range of restaurants and bars that this exciting city has to offer.

Over the next few days get to know the Big Easy and its many sights and sounds. Take a steamboat trip along the Mississippi and sample some of



the fabulous Creole cuisine that New Orleans is world famous for. No other city in America can boast such intrigue or romance.

Highlights: Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

Day 11 - Home

Depart this morning or instead choose from one of our exciting 'add ons' such as spending a few days on the beach on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast. Alternatively, embark upon a 7 night Caribbean Cruise from New Orleans.

Tour also available in reverse.





Grand Southern Adventure



A wonderful meander through some of the best of America's south for those not wishing to hurry the experience.



Days 1 & 2 - Atlanta, Georgia

The 'Capital of the New South' offers great shopping, cultural attractions, fantastic bars and world class restaurants.

Highlights: Stone Mountain Park.

Days 3 & 4 - Savannah

☞ 249 mi. Charming Savannah brings together an exotic history with modern day living. Rows of European townhouses border cobblestone streets and shady squares full of Grecian fountains.

Highlights: The great fish and seafood restaurants.

Days 5 & 6 - Charleston

☞ 107 mi. Charleston has suffered great fires, pirates, a civil war and a hurricane and weathered them all with grace and dignity. Indulge yourself in the history, but at the same time enjoy it's wonderful beaches.

Highlights: A boat trip to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbour.

Days 7 & 8 - Asheville

☞ 267 mi. Continue into North Carolina to the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. Stop en route at Chimney Rock Park for a spectacular view. In Asheville see Biltmore House, the former home of George Vanderbilt.

Highlights: Gateway to The Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Day 9 & 10 - Nashville

☞ 294 mi. Welcome to Nashville, 'Music City USA', the home of country music and some of America's biggest recording companies.

Highlights: The Grand Ole Opry and The Country Music Hall of Fame.

Days 11 & 12 - Memphis

☞ 212 mi. Memphis is the place where blues came of age and where rock & roll was born. Discover world famous Beale Street and its many music venues.

Highlights: Tour Graceland and Sun Studios and the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

Day 13 - Jackson

☞ 209 mi. Continue to Mississippi State capital Jackson, famous for it's antebellum homes and international museum exhibits.

Highlights: The Mississippi Governor's Mansion and the Old Capitol Historical Museum.

Day 14 to 16 - New Orleans

☞ 186 mi. Welcome to The Big Easy! Get to know New Orleans and its many sights and sounds. Take a steamboat trip along the Mississippi and sample some amazing Creole cuisine that this city is world famous for.

Highlights: Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.



Day 17 & 18 - Gulf Shores

☞ 192 mi. Alabama's coastal towns of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach boast over 32 miles of sugary white sands and the best outlet shopping in the state.

Highlights: Night owls will love 'Florabama', the nearby roadhouse beach bar.

Day 19 - Mobile

☞ 50 mi. Home to the original Mardi Gras since 1703, that's still celebrated every year in Mobile. The Carnival Museum tells a fascinating story of it's history.

Highlights: Tour the nearby WWII battleship The USS Alabama, and take a Wildlife cruise out on the beautiful Bay of Mobile.

Days 20 & 21 - Montgomery

☞ 167 mi. Alabama's State capital is rich in history, as well as being the location of where the first shot was ordered starting the Civil War. Discover where the Civil Rights Movement gathered pace in key museums and landmarks.

Highlights: The Rosa Parks Museum and The Civil Rights Memorial.

Day 22 - Atlanta/Home

☞ 160 miles. Depart for home.



Recommended hotels...

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The Battle House Mobile, AL

238 Rooms/Superior

The stunning Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa, is one of Mobile's top hotels. Ideally located downtown steps away from the Historic and Entertainment Districts. Thoughtfully resorted to its original grandeur this luxurious hotel is a proud member of Historic Hotels of America.



The Island House Orange Beach, AL

161 Rooms/Standard

Nestled along the beautiful beaches and emerald waters of Orange Beach, the friendly Island House Hotel is one of the Gulf Coast's best value beachfront hotels with all rooms facing the Gulf. Ideally located to visit Gulf State Park, Outcast Charter Docks and Adventure Island.



Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa Muscle Shoals, AL

192 Rooms/Superior

Set in the Tennessee River Valley, The Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa offers plush guest rooms with private balconies and stunning river views. Just minutes from Florence, you can indulge in two championship Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses and a 6,000 square-foot European spa.



Loews Atlanta, GA

458 Rooms/Superior

Walk into a stylish new atmosphere where contemporary Southern style meets classic luxury. Located in the heart of Midtown Atlanta, Loews Hotel offers guests a premier hotel designed to provide comfort and value, as well as boasting a long list of convenient amenities.



Azalea Inn & Gardens Savannah, GA

10 Rooms/Superior

Located near Forsyth Park, the central park in historic Savannah, this elegant colonial, Bed & Breakfast boasts beautiful murals on the walls and scrumptious breakfasts, as well as being brought into the 21st century with a hidden garden pool.



Jekyll Island Club Hotel Jekyll Island, GA

157 Rooms/Superior

Located off the Georgia coast, midway between Savannah and Florida, Jekyll Island Club Hotel is the Island's only four star resort and a National Historic Landmark. Here you can enjoy luxury in an island setting with nine miles of beach, cycling, golf and tennis.



The Monteleone New Orleans, LA

600 Rooms/Superior

Perfectly situated only blocks from the French Quarter, this historic landmark is a member of Historic Hotels of America. Within walking distance of the many restaurants and specialty shops that line the Quarter's cobblestone streets. Also home to the famous Carousel Bar.



Bienville House New Orleans, LA

83 Rooms/Standard

Located close to the French Quarter, this delightful hotel's tile-floored lobby features hand-painted murals, overstuffed couches and a decorative chandelier. The unique guestrooms cater to the taste of the distinguished traveller.



Drury Inn & Suites Lafayette, LA

102 Rooms/Standard

Alligators, shrimp, above ground cemeteries, jazz, Cajun accents, ghost stories... yes, Lafayette has it all. Perhaps its best kept secret is the city's very own Drury Inn & Suites! At Drury, enjoy the many free Lagniappes (Cajun for 'extras') and award-winning service.



Oak Valley Plantation Vacherie, LA

7 Cottages/Superior

Ideally located on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, this classic Antebellum Mansion has a canopy of 300 year old giant oak trees that form an impressive avenue leading to it. Spend a night in a century old plantation cottage.



Tallahatchie Flats Greenwood, MS

6 Flats/Standard

Located 3 miles north of Greenwood, on the banks of the Tallahatchie River on a Delta cotton plantation. These comfortable dwellings are preserved examples of the small rural homes that once dotted the Delta countryside where many blues artists were born.



Monmouth Plantation Natchez, MS

30 Rooms/Superior

Housed in a mansion dating back to 1818, Monmouth Plantation is surrounded by 26 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens bursting with flowers and moss-draped oak trees. The luxurious guestrooms feature priceless art and antiques, whilst providing modern comfort.



Lofts at The Five & Dime Clarksdale, MS

6 Rooms/Superior

Residing in the Upper level of the Woolworth building in the heart of Downtown Clarksdale, the Five and Dime Lofts are full of rich history in an urban contemporary setting. A perfect location from which you can enjoy the birthplace of the Blues.



Sleep Inn at Court Square Memphis, TN

116 Rooms/Standard

Located close to Downtown Memphis and Beale Street's Blues Clubs, Mud Island River Park, and The Orpheum Theatre, this modern hotel offers both exceptional value as well as many amenities. Guestrooms are spacious and well equipped with the latest amenities.



Union Station Hotel Downtown - Nashville, TN

124 Rooms/Superior

This historic hotel is set in a beautifully restored limestone building dating from 1900. An impressive lobby boasts a roll-vaulted ceiling sparkling with Tiffany stained glass. Elegant rooms showcase Romanesque architecture that first awed rail travellers in the early 1900s.



Florida

Welcome to the Sunshine State! Florida's biggest success story continues to be Orlando, the undisputed theme park capital of the world. However, step away from the well trodden tourist trail and you'll find Mother nature has more than matched the man made wonders.

essential info

Local Time:

Eastern Standard time (EST)
- 5 hours behind GMT

International Gateways:

Direct - Miami, Orlando & Tampa

This long narrow southern state is blessed with 1100 miles of stunning beaches, natural lagoons, deep orange sunsets and primeval swamps.

From the excitement of Disney, and thrills and spills of Orlando's other theme parks, to the Cosmopolitan cities of Miami and Sarasota, one visit will never be enough hence the reason people return year after year.

Check out popular beach resorts like Naples, Fort Myers, St Pete's and Clearwater and the beautiful Gulf Coast Islands of Sanibel and Captiva. Not forgetting the jewel in Florida's Crown - the Keys, the most southern point of Mainland America just 90 miles from Cuba.

Choose from one of the following featured itineraries or instead let us tailor something unique for you.

Our favourite highlights:

South Beach, Miami: Vibrant, trendy and Cosmopolitan - when the sun goes down it really heats up!

Discovery Cove: A beautiful tropical oasis where you can come face to face with nature and swim with the Dolphins.

Key West: The Southernmost point of the USA and one of the most fun and colourful too. Once home to Ernest Hemingway and today, his former residence is well worth a visit

Kennedy Space Center: Less than hour from Orlando this interesting complex is a must see in Central Florida.

For more information visit www.visitflorida.com/uk
or call 020 7932 2406



Southern Florida Explorer



In Florida's tropical South, nature can be more than matched by the man made wonders of Disney and Universal.



Days 1 to 3 - Miami

🚗 12 mi. On arrival collect your hire car and spend the next few days exploring vibrant and cosmopolitan Miami. From your base in South Beach you will be able to people watch, explore the trendy shops, cool bars, world class restaurants and hip clubs. It is when the sun goes down, that things really start to heat up!

Highlights: Put on your walking shoes and learn more about the city on one of Dr Paul Georges Walking Tours.

Days 4 & 5 - Fort Myers Beach Area

🚗 161 mi. Spend the next few days relaxing on the beautiful Gulf Coast and enjoy all this friendly resort has to offer. Visit the nearby islands of Captiva and Sanibel, famous for its large wildlife and bird refuge. Join the locals and scour the beach for colourful conch shells before heading out to the Sanibel Island Lighthouse.

Highlights: Boca Grande Island with its quaint village and excellent beaches.

Day 6 - Sarasota

🚗 77 mi. Leaving behind the Gulf Coast your next port of call is Sarasota, one of the states larger and wealthier towns. As one of Florida's leading cultural centres, Sarasota is home to numerous writers and artists and several performing arts companies.

Highlights: SMOA: The Sarasota Museum of Art. Nearby Historic Spanish Point, a nature preserve with historic and archaeological exhibits.

Days 7 & 8 - Naples

🚗 117 mi. Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, Naples is a sophisticated and charming beach resort. Boasting miles of white sandy beaches and world class hotels, Naples is also particularly great for boutique shopping.

Highlights: Spend a day at the nearby Everglades where you can enjoy an exciting Airboat or Kayaking trip.

Days 9 & 10 - Key Largo

🚗 150 mi. Stretching 126 miles south towards Cuba, the stunning Keys are a perfect escape. Follow the Highway 161 miles south as this spectacular road ties together the islands and atolls of this paradise between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.

Highlights: Snorkeling, diving or fishing in the warm turquoise waters.



Days 11 to 13 - Key West

🚗 98 mi. From Key Largo, continue your journey south to the irrepressible Key West, the southernmost point of the USA. Key West embraces a fascinating mix of history, eccentricity and lush island charm.

Highlights: Famous Duval Street's many restaurants, bars and boutiques. Be sure to visit Ernest Hemingway's House.

Day 14 - Islamorada

🚗 81 mi. 'Village of Islands' Islamorada is probably best known as the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. Frequently translated from Spanish as 'Purple Isles', the area's four islands also offer numerous tranquil spots to relax or enjoy a sunset cruise, and has many unique shops and galleries.

Highlights: Snorkelling at nearby Indian Key State Historic Park.

Day 15 - Miami/Home

🚗 79 mi. Enjoy a last day relaxing or shopping in Miami Beach before heading back to Miami Airport later today for your overnight flight home.



Florida's Finest



Affluent beach resorts, cosmopolitan cities and a rich cultural heritage - savour some of the best of the rest of Florida.



Days 1 to 4 - Orlando

Spend the next few days visiting Walt Disney World Resort's most popular theme and water parks, as well as Universal Studios. Not forgetting Seaworld, the worlds most popular marine life adventure park.

Highlights: Experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to swim with Dolphins at Discovery Cove.

Day 5 - Saint Augustine

104 mi. Travel north to Saint Augustine, America's oldest city, and visit St. Augustine's Fountain of Youth National Archaeological Park.

Highlights: The 17th-century fortress Castillo de San Marcos and the watchtower of Fort Matanzas National Monument.

Days 6 & 7 - Tallahassee

204 mi. Friendly State capital, Tallahassee's historic buildings and museums evoke a strong sense of the past in a place that was once a high society gathering place for wealthy plantation owners.

Highlights: A 5-story IMAX theater and Planetarium.

Days 8 & 9 - Cedar Key

148 mi. Florida's second oldest city, Cedar Key's main industry today is tourism and clam farming. Explore this historic seaport with several fine seafood restaurants and interesting shops and galleries.

Highlights: The surrounding area is rich in wildlife, with all kinds of birds and fish frequently spotted, including Dolphins and Manatees.

Day 10 - Tampa

134 mi. Tampa is a surprisingly small city that's also home to as many as twenty thousand mainly Cuban migrants, who over the years have rolled enough Cigars to make the city the 'Cigar Capital of the World'

Highlights: Tampa Museum of Art.

Days 11 & 12 - Fort Myers Area

125 mi. Spend time relaxing on the beautiful Gulf Coast and visit the nearby island of Captiva and also Sanibel, famous for its large wildlife and bird refuge. Collect colourful conch shells on the beach and head out to Sanibel Island Lighthouse.

Highlights: Quaint and pretty Boca Grande Island.

Day 13 & 14 - Naples

43 mi. Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, Naples is a sophisticated resort, with miles of white sandy beaches and world class hotels, it's also particularly great for boutique shopping.

Highlights: Spend a day at the nearby Everglades and enjoy an exciting Airboat or Kayaking trip.

Day 15 - Key Largo

150 mi. Stretching south towards Cuba, the stunning Keys are a perfect escape. Follow Highway 1 as this spectacular road ties together the islands and atolls of this paradise between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic.

Highlights: Snorkeling, diving or fishing in the warm turquoise waters.



Days 16 & 18 - Key West

98 mi. From Key Largo, continue to the irreplaceable Key West - the southernmost point of the USA. Key West embraces a fascinating mix of history, eccentricity and lush island charm.

Highlights: Famous Duval Street and Ernest Hemingway's House.

Days 19 to 21 - Miami Beach

168 mi. Vibrant, cosmopolitan South Beach offers much to see and do. From here you will be able to explore the trendy shops, cool bars, world class restaurants and hip clubs. When the sun goes down that's when things really start to heat up!

Highlights: Put on your walking shoes and explore the city on one of Dr Paul Georges Walking Tours.

Day 22 - Miami/Home

12 mi. Enjoy a last day relaxing or shopping in Miami Beach before heading back to Miami Airport later today for your overnight flight home.



Recommended hotels...

This is just a small selection of some of our hotels.
Please contact us for more details of our full range of accommodation options.



Gaylord Palms Resort Kissimmee, FL

1521 Rooms/Superior

Just 1.5 miles from the front gate of Disney, this sumptuous resort recreates three Florida environments - the gently rising mists of the Everglades, the funky and vibrant island revelry of Key West, and the Spanish-infused old-world charm of St. Augustine.



Albion South Beach Miami, FL

100 Rooms/Standard

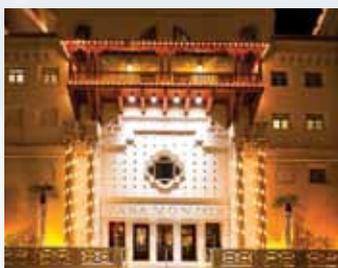
Ideally located in the heart of South Beach's Art Deco District, and steps away from Atlantic Ocean and beach. This modern maritime and nautically-inspired Art Deco hotel is an architectural masterpiece, originally designed in 1939.



Loews Hotel Miami Beach, FL

790 Rooms/Superior

Located in the heart of South Beach, this delightful luxury beachfront hotel has a modern Art-Deco style lobby that embodies giant columns, high ceilings, and sky domes with cloud formations. Rooms offer a combination of Art Deco style and luxury.



Casa Monica St Augustine, FL

138 Rooms/Superior

In the heart of St. Augustine overlooking the spectacular Matanzas Bay, this landmark hotel was built like a Spanish castle in 1888. Its grand lobby adorns a rich decor of tapestries and chandeliers, with guestrooms luxuriously decorated in a Spanish-style.



Sanibel Inn Beach Resort Sanibel/Captiva, FL

93 Rooms/Standard

This friendly inn is the ideal island hideaway where you can enjoy Sanibel's beautiful shell strewn beaches and majestic tides in a peaceful atmosphere. The property's nature-inspired rooms perfectly compliment the beautiful gardens that attract an abundance of birds.



Casa Marina Resort Key West, FL

311 Rooms/Superior

Part of the Waldorf Collection, The Casa Marina is a tranquil ocean retreat lapped by Atlantic waves and shaded by palms. Just a stones thrown from lively Duval Street, here old Key West hospitality meets modern luxury with the largest private beach in Key West.



The Carolinas

The Carolinas literally have it all - beautiful coastlines, pristine sandy beaches, glorious countryside, spectacular mountains and charming towns full of historical interest. Not forgetting more great golf courses than you can shake a 7-iron at!

essential info

Local Time:

Eastern Standard time (EST)
- 5 hours behind GMT

International Gateways:

Direct - Charlotte (North Carolina), Atlanta (Georgia)

Our favourite highlights:

Discover the best of one or both of these charming Southern States in one of our featured or tailor made itineraries.

North Carolina: The Outer Banks, Asheville, The Great Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains.

South Carolina: Hilton Head Island, Charleston, Wilmington and Myrtle Beach.

North Carolina is full of natural splendour. Here you can enjoy the picturesque beaches and the rugged Outer Banks coastline, and take a slow meandering drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway, through beautiful leafy glades and forests, past waterfalls and spectacular mountains. For a change of pace & scene, head for the bright lights of Charlotte, the region's main city and home to top class entertainment, shopping and dining, Historical interest is never far away in this region - the historic Rosedale Plantation with its extensive gardens and manor house is a must.

Asheville is a smaller city nestling between the Great Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains. Take a stroll around its interesting art deco Downtown buildings or try the Urban Trail - a self-guided historic walking tour. Visit Biltmore House, built by Vanderbilt in the 1800's, it remains America's largest private home. A large slice of the charming riverside town of Wilmington is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and comes complete with Victorian and antebellum-style homes, buildings and churches that have been lovingly restored to their original grandeur.

South Carolina perfectly compliments its neighbour. It has some of America's most beautiful beaches and resort islands, and there's a top quality golf course around every corner. The charming antebellum architecture exudes southern grace and style, and the local accent tells you that you are well and truly in the south. Charleston is a real highlight. It boasts over 200 buildings from the 18th century and over 600 others built decades before the Civil War. Visitors can wander cobblestone streets lined with antique shops and browse the Old City Market or take a horse-drawn carriage tour to learn about Charleston's infamous historical characters. House museums, plantations and gardens recall the city's antebellum period and the role of African-Americans in shaping the state's history. Meanwhile, Beaufort is home to yet more historical riches, with it's historic waterfront houses, built by planters who grew wealthy from cash crops such as rice, indigo and cotton.



Heritage Highways



The legendary Blue Ridge Mountains form a spectacular backdrop, as you travel through some of the oldest regions in North America.



Days 1 & 2 - Washington DC

Welcome to America's capital. DC is a city packed with famous sights and is home to some of the world's best known museums and galleries, including the Smithsonian Institution, The National Gallery of Art and the International Spy Museum.

Highlights: Explore 18th century Georgetown.

Day 3 - Williamsburg

152 mi. Colonial Williamsburg is probably the most extensively restored 18th century town in the US. So compelling and complete is the restoration that visitors often feel they are in a crown colony 300 years ago.

Highlights: Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Battlefield.

Days 4 & 5 - Kill Devil Hills

126 mi. Continue south to the Barrier Islands that form a giant sandbar known as the Outer Banks of North Carolina. All along the coast, historic lighthouses sparkle like gems, including the 1859 Cape Lookout Lighthouse.

Highlight: Visit Kitty Hawk, site of the Wright Brothers first flight.



Day 6 - Wilmington

242 mi. Today as, you leave the Outer Banks, visit Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest in America. Take the ferry across to Ocracoke Island, visiting the oldest lighthouse in North Carolina. Then from Ocracoke Island you can take the ferry to the mainland.

Wilmington is a major seaport located on the Cape Fear River and the site of numerous movies.

Highlight: Visit quaint coastal town of Beaufort en route.

Days 7 & 8 - Charleston

171 mi. Cross into South Carolina to historic Charleston. Stroll by pastel-coloured houses, elegant plantations and many other landmarks that describe the proud past of this charming city.

Highlights: A boat tour to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbour.

Days 9 & 10 - Hilton Head

99 mi. Arrive into Hilton Head Island, the well known resort with sparkling sandy beaches, great golf courses and lush foliage.

Highlights: Visit nearby charming and historic Savannah.

Days 11 & 12 - Asheville

312 mi. Depart the coast and drive back into the foothills of the Smoky Mountains of the Carolina's, stopping en route at Chimney Rock for the spectacular views. Arrive at Asheville, where you can visit Biltmore House, the former home of George Vanderbilt.



Highlights: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Day 13 - Roanoke

243 mi. Follow the Blue Ridge Parkway, one of the most scenic roads of America, towards Boone and the commanding Grandfather Mountain. Travel north into Virginia and onto Roanoke.

Highlights: The stunning scenery.

Day 14 - Shenandoah National Park

126 mi. Continue north on the Parkway. Visit Monticello, the home Thomas Jefferson designed and built just outside Charlottesville. Enter the Shenandoah National Park, where you will experience the natural wonders of the Skyline Drive.

Highlights: Visit Luray Caverns, one of the most beautiful caves in America.

Day 15 - Washington

109 mi. Enjoy another day in the Shenandoah National Park before you return to Washington in time to drop off your hire car and catch your flight home.



Washington DC & The Capital Region

The city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and the four surrounding states of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware are collectively known as the Capital Region.



Since the days of the first American colonies, US history has been shaped here, from the Jamestown landings to the battles of the Revolutionary and Civil wars to more recent milestones in history.

Washington DC, with its familiar and magnificent monumental architecture, is an essential stop on any tour of the region. Virginia, to the south, is home to hundreds of historic sites, from the estates of revolutionary leaders and early politicians to the Colonial capital of Williamsburg. Great expanses of wilderness, crashing whitewater rivers, and innumerable backwoods villages await you in less-visited West Virginia.

Maryland is best known for the maritime traditions of Chesapeake Bay, and its quaint old villages. The City of Baltimore is full of character, especially in the grand old Fell's Point district, where many of the city's bars are situated. Meantime, the delightful state capital of Annapolis, also known as the 'Sailing Capital of the USA', has a lovely waterfront that lends itself to ship watching and harbour cruises, as well as its many lively cafes and shops. Annapolis is also linked by bridge and ferry to the Eastern Shore.

Choose from the following featured itinerary or instead let us tailor something unique for you.

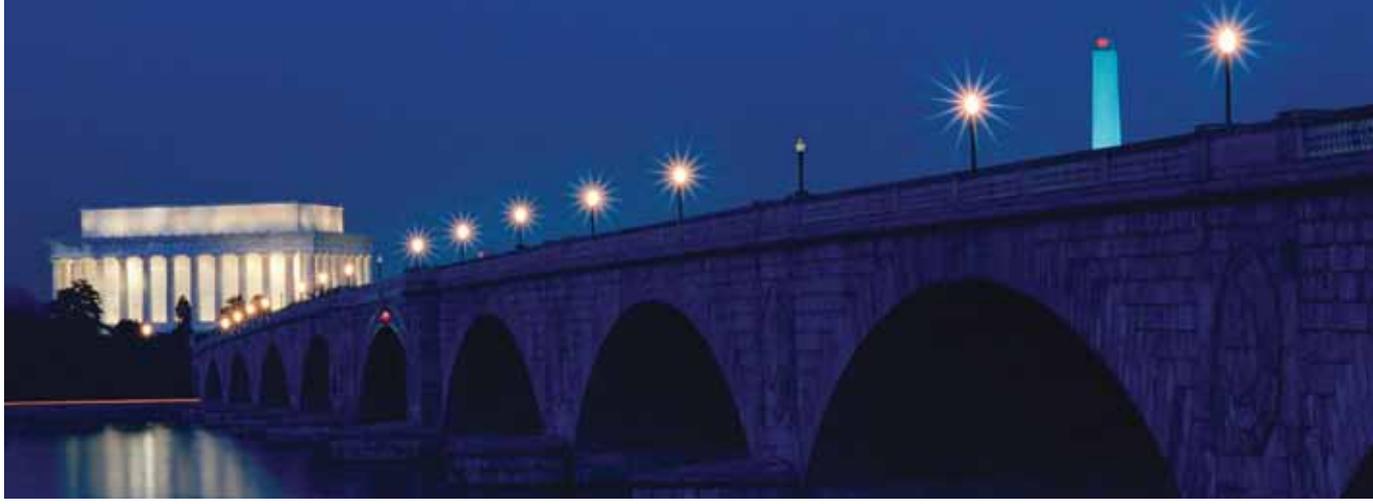
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International Gateways:

Direct - Washington DC,
New York (JFK & Newark)



Cruisin' The Capital Region



See where US history was shaped, as you journey from Washington DC through the lovely surrounding Capital Region.



Days 1 to 3 - Washington DC

Welcome to America's capital. Washington is a city packed with famous sights and some of the world's best known museums and galleries, including the Smithsonian Institution, The National Gallery of Art and the International Spy Museum.

Highlights: The outdoor concerts on Capitol Hill and eighteenth century Georgetown's shops and restaurants.

Days 4 & 5 - Baltimore

41 mi. Known as 'Charm City', Baltimore was redeveloped by James Rouse in the late 1970s. Check out the lively restored area of Fells Point, where many old bars and pubs have been restored, and visit the Top of the World Observation Level in the World Trade Center.

Highlights: Walters Art Museum.

Day 6 - Annapolis

30 mi. Time to discover the 'Yachting Capital of the Chesapeake'. Overlooking the town's baroque web of streets, is the Maryland State House that was completed in 1779 and soon after served as an early capitol of the US.

Highlights: The waterfront harbor and narrow streets with historic homes and restored buildings.

Days 7 & 8 - St Michaels

51 mi. Explore Maryland's Eastern Shore, and the quaint Chesapeake harbour town of St. Michaels. Called 'the town that fooled the British' because the towns people hung lanterns in the trees during the War of 1812 when the British cannons overshot the houses.

Highlights: Savour the local specialty crab.

Days 9 & 10 - Virginia Beach

195 mi. With 40 blocks of boardwalk, lively Virginia Beach boasts the world's longest pleasure beach. Nearby False Cape State Park, is one of the last undisturbed coastal environments on the East Coast offers six miles of unspoiled beaches making it a true retreat for nature enthusiasts.

Highlights: Kayak Virginia's coastal waters in search of Dolphins, as they've been known to swim alongside.

Day 11 - Williamsburg

60 mi. Colonial Williamsburg is probably the most extensively restored 18th century town in the US. So compelling and complete is the restoration that visitors often feel they are in a crown colony 300 years ago.

Highlights: Busch Gardens Williamsburg Theme Park.



Days 12 & 13 - Charlottesville

125 mi. Charlottesville is a charming college town with many shops, restaurants and tea rooms. See Ash Lawn-Highland, the 535 acre estate and plantation home of President James Monroe.

Highlights: Visit Thomas Jefferson's former home 'Monticello', atop a mountain in Albemarle County.

Day 14 - Shenandoah National Park

62 mi. Discover 'Virginia's crowning glory', as you experience the splendour of the Skyline Drive. Travel this National Scenic Byway, stopping at overlooks for views of the valley below. With more than 500 miles of hiking trails, enjoy exploring the lush forests, streams, waterfalls and wildflowers.

Highlights: The Skyline Drive and Luray Caverns, the largest caverns on the east coast.

Day 15 - Washington DC

92 mi. Enjoy another day in the Shenandoah National Park before you return to Washington to drop off your hire car and catch your flight home tonight.



New England & the North East

The Six States of New England are some of the nations most historic and beautiful. Here you can enjoy a friendly and relaxed pace of life whilst discovering quintessential villages and small towns, with picturesque village greens, covered bridges and lighthouses.

Enjoy distinctive New England food, such as Clam Chowder and fresh lobster, especially along the coastline where you will also find many interesting artists colonies filled with galleries and museums.

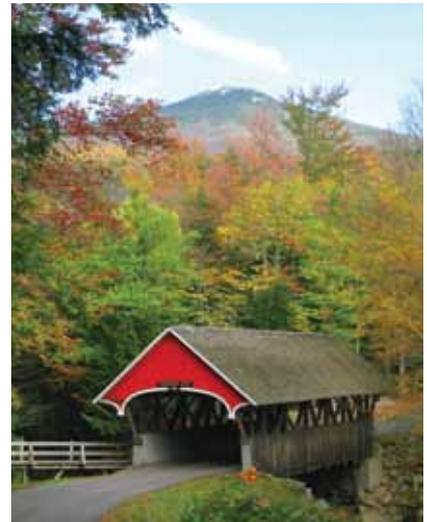
From the glorious ocean beaches of Cape Cod, the Majestic White Mountains and the Green Mountain National Forest, to the rolling Berkshire Hills there's no shortage of stunning vistas in this beautiful part of the USA.

In the neighbouring North Eastern states of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, beyond well known cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg there are a whole host of other interesting small towns. Cities aside, between the states they also encompass many beaches, islands, lakes, mountains, forests and rolling green countryside.

New York State has everything from the crashing Atlantic surf of Long Island, to the wooded Catskill Mountains that line the Hudson River and the imposing Adirondack Mountains . In the northwest corner, hugging the Canadian border, you'll find awe inspiring Niagara Falls and one of New York States best kept secrets - the Finger Lake Region.

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania is best known for being home to Historic Gettysburg, as well as it's fertile Dutch Country and resident Amish Community.

Whilst the whole region has become famous as one of the best places in the world to view the magnificent display of changing fall colours, the whole of the North Eastern USA is a great holiday choice year round.



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International Gateways:

Direct - Boston, New York JFK, Newark, Philadelphia, Montreal and Toronto



About the states...

The six states of New England are all waiting to be discovered. Here are some of our favourite highlights from the states featured in this section...

Massachussetts - The Bay State

The Cape Cod National Seashore: Discover over 40,000 acres of protected beach and dunes stretching from Provincetown to Chatham.

Boston: See the city from a local's perspective by catching a Red Sox Game and eat cannoli in the old Italian neighbourhood of North End.

The Berkshires: Stunning scenery, quintessential New England towns and World Class museums offer history & culture abound.

For more information visit www.massvacation.com
or call 0208 290 6077



New Hampshire - The Granite State



The White Mountains: Home to no less than 48 of the State's peaks in excess of 4,000ft and the highest mountain in the North East - Mt Washington.

The Lakes region: Winnepesaukee, Squam, Winnisquam, Waukewan and Wicwas - where else can you visit lakes with such great names?!

Crawford Notch State Park: For it's picturesque waterfalls, amazing mountain views and opportunities to view wildlife.

For more information visit www.visitnh.gov
or call 001 603 271 2665

Maine - The Pine Tree State



Acadia National Park: See the sun rise here before anybody else in the USA!

Camden: So scenic, it's been used as a setting for many famous movies.

Kennebunkport: Admire the large seaside estates including The "Bush Compound" on Walker's Point, a peninsula visible from Ocean Avenue.

For more information visit www.visitmaine.com
or call 0800 032 6208

Vermont - The Green Mountain State



Woodstock: Home of The Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historic Park - the USA's smallest National Park.

Burlington: Cycle or walk the path once the Central Vermont Railway, crossing beaches and parks with views of Lake Champlain & the Adirondacks.

Quechee Gorge: Vermont's deepest gorge, formed by glacial activity approximately 13,000 years ago.

For more information visit
www.VermontVacation.com or call 07917 251599

Rhode Island - The Ocean State



Newport: Enjoy both the spectacular wide open Ocean Views and the multi million dollar mansions dotted along '10 Mile' or Ocean Drive.

Providence: Witness 100 bonfires illuminate the riverfront during 'Waterfire Providence'.

Bristol: Quaint, historic and one of Rhode Islands best kept secrets.

For more info visit www.visitrhodeisland.com
or call 001 401 278 9100

Connecticut - The Constitution State



Mystic: No visit would be complete without seeing Mystic Seaport and Aquarium.

The Thimble Islands: An archipelago of several small islands in Long Island Sound in and around the harbour of Stony Creek.

Hartford: Visit the former homes of writers Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe in this pretty Ivy League town.

For more information visit www.CTvisit.com
or call 001 860 256 2800



The Freedom Trail



Discover some of New England's most historic and beautiful regions in this classic journey through five different states.



Days 1 & 2 - Boston

Over the next few days Boston is yours to discover. Put on your walking shoes and explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of 16 historic sites.

Highlights: Visit Harvard, take a Duck Tour on the River and enjoy the atmosphere of Quincy Market.

Day 3 - Kennebunkport

🚗 85 mi. Depart Boston along the north shore to Salem, where in 1874 hundreds of residents were put on trial for being witches.

Continue to Kennebunkport - one of Maine's most popular seaside towns that offers white sandy beaches and rocky shorelines. Visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, and enjoy the town's architecture and many galleries.

Highlights: Outlet shopping en route at Kittery.

Days 4 & 5 - Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park

🚗 194 mi. The first place in the USA where the sun rises, Bar Harbor is located at the entrance to Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island. A series of carriage paths and foot trails allows hiking, climbing, biking, and horseback riding. Bar Harbor itself is a bustling town filled with shops and restaurants.

Highlights: A 20 mile scenic drive along the Park Loop Road and Whale Watching trips.

Days 6 & 7 - Jackson

🚗 222 mi. Continue through New Hampshire to the White Mountains - an area that claims all of the State's 48 peaks in excess of 4,000 ft and the highest mountain in the northeast - Mount Washington. The 780,000 acre White Mountain National Forest offers outstanding scenery and outdoor recreation.

Highlight: Climb 4700 feet in under 8 miles on the Mt. Washington Auto Road to the summit.

Day 8 & 9 - Stowe

🚗 115 mi. You can easily spend a few days in Stowe, enjoying the Green Mountains, classic New England landscapes and architecture as well as all the modern attractions of a year round resort town.

For the energetic, hike Mount Mansfield to the summit or just take a walk on the recreation path that begins at the community Church in town, and leisurely follow it for five and a half miles in the river valley.

Highlights: Stowe's lively restaurant scene and a visit to Ben & Jerry's Ice cream factory.

Day 10 - Stockbridge

🚗 229 mi. On to Stockbridge, the most popular town in the Berkshires, with a small town feel epitomizing the image of a New England town. As well as some historic homes open to the public, there is also the Norman



Rockwell Museum, once one of the towns most famous residents.

Highlights: Visit nearby Williamstown, a beautiful New England college town with tree lined streets and classic architecture.

Days 11 & 12 - Newport

🚗 157 mi. Sailing capital of the world, Newport, Rhode Island is also one of the nation's most elegant summer resorts.

Highlight: 10-mile Ocean Drive, along which are perched many of New England's grandest mansions, built for some of America's richest families.

Day 13 & 14 - Cape Cod

🚗 69 mi. Cape Cod is World famous as a summer resort with its white sandy beaches, picturesque harbours, art galleries, plentiful restaurants and abundance of other attractions.

Highlights: Take the ferry to Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard. Visit Sandwich, the Cape's oldest town and the colourful Artistic community of Provincetown.

Day 15 - Boston/Home

🚗 79 mi. From the Cape follow Route 3 for Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. Explore Plimoth Plantation, a living museum depicting a day in the life of the Pilgrims in 1627, and the replica of the same type of vessel as the Mayflower.



Lakes & Mountains of New England



In a region with plenty of both, combine the natural beauty of its lakes and mountains with old fashioned charm.



Days 1 & 2 - Boston

Over the next few days Boston is yours to discover. Put on your walking shoes and explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of 16 historic sites from the Colonial and Revolutionary Era.

Highlights: Visit Harvard, take a Duck Tour on the Charles River and enjoy the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market.

Days 3 & 4 - Meredith & The Lakes Region

🏞️ 107 mi. Nestled among New Hampshire's largest lakes - including Winnepesaukee, Squam, Winnisquam, Waukewan, Kanasatka, Wicwas and Pemigewasset, Meredith is truly at the heart of the Lakes Region.

Old fashioned charm combined with the natural beauty of the lakes and mountains make it a favourite of visitors. Enjoy the lake from a different perspective on The Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad that rides along 7 miles of scenic shoreline.

Highlights: Visit Wolfeboro - a resort town since Royal Governor John Wentworth built his summer home there in 1768.

Day 5 & 6 - Jackson & The White Mountains

🏞️ 57 mi. Continue through New Hampshire to the White Mountains - an area that claims all of the State's 48 peaks in excess of 4,000 ft and the highest mountain in the northeast - Mount Washington.

The 780,000 acre White Mountain National Forest offers outstanding scenery and outdoor recreation.

Highlight: Climb 4700 feet to the summit, in under 8 miles, on the Mt. Washington Auto Road.

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Highlights: Stowe's lively restaurant scene and a visit to Ben & Jerry's Ice cream factory.

Day 9 - South Burlington

🏞️ 37 mi. Despite being Vermont's largest and perhaps most cosmopolitan city, Burlington still offers visitors a perfect blend of old New England charm, arts, culture and nature. Idyllically located on the shores of Lake Champlain, between the Adirondack and Green Mountains, it's streets come alive in the Summer with festivals and outdoor concerts.

Church Street Marketplace is the focal point of the downtown area.



Highlight: Popular Leddy Park offers an opportunity to swim, fish or simply relax on the beach.

Day 10 - Manchester, VT

🏞️ 101 mi. Manchester Village and Manchester Center, less than two miles apart are strikingly different. One is all about mansions and being an arts centre, whilst the other is famed for its great shopping.

Highlights: The Outlet Shopping in Manchester Village.

Days 11 to 12 - Stockbridge

🏞️ 78 mi. On to Stockbridge, the most popular town in the Berkshires. Its small town feel epitomizes the image of a New England town. As well as some historic homes open to the public, there is also the Norman Rockwell Museum, who was once one of the towns most famous residents.

Highlights: Visit nearby Williamstown, a beautiful New England college town with tree lined streets and classic architecture.

Days 13 Boston/Home

🏞️ 131 mi. Enjoy a leisurely drive back to Boston later today ready to fly home.



Maine Coast Explorer



As large as the other five states combined, and a coastline of more than 5500 miles, Maine deserves a trip devoted to itself!



Days 1 to 3 - Boston

Spend the next few days really discovering Boston. Put on your walking shoes and explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of 16 historic sites from the Colonial and Revolutionary Era.

Highlights: Take the 'T' to Cambridge, enjoy a Duck Tour on the Charles River and soak up the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market.

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Continue to Kennebunkport - one of Maine's most popular seaside towns that offers sandy beaches, rocky shorelines, and salt marshes. Visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, enjoy the town's architecture and many galleries.

Highlights: A swim in one of the town's coves or a long walk by the sea.



Days 6 & 7 - Boothbay Harbor

☛ 87 mi. Continuing to Mid Coast Maine, your next port of call will be the seaside town of Booth Bay Harbor. Spend this afternoon relaxing or take one of the many boat trips out on the harbour.

Highlights: Visit nearby Monehegan Island to see the resident Puffins.

Days 8 to 10 - Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park

☛ 122 mi. Ranked as one of the Top Ten National Parks in North America, spectacular Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island is the first place in the US that the sun rises each morning.

A series of carriage paths stretching some 57 miles allow you to leisurely explore the park on foot or by car. Apart from the scenery, you can also indulge in a wide choice of exciting activities.

For nature lovers many bird and wildlife tours are also available here, giving you the opportunity to see puffins, seals and whales.

Filled with old mansions, shops and restaurants bustling Bar Harbor is a historic 19th century town located at Park's entrance.

Highlight: A 20 mile scenic drive along the Park Loop Road.

Day 11 - Camden

☛ 77 mi. The Jewel of Maine's Coast, beautiful seaport Camden has a stunning harbour full of boats that has been the setting for many movies.



Highlights: Camden Hills State Park from where you will be rewarded with one of the best views of the Maine Coastline, even stretching as far as the Acadia National Park on a clear day.

Days 12 & 13 - Ogunquit

☛ 118 mi. Today travel to Ogunquit where you can take a leisurely walk along the Marginal Way, a magnificent mile long footpath which follows the edge of the Atlantic atop rugged cliffs.

Highlights: Take a stroll around the fine shops and galleries of Perkins Cove.

Day 14 - Portsmouth

☛ 17 mi. As you depart Maine today, you will have the perfect opportunity to do some last minute shopping at famous Kittery Outlets - home to over 120 stores.

Continue on to the Historic Seaport community of Portsmouth in New Hampshire. A working port since colonial days, this friendly town is still a treasure trove of history as well having a bustling restaurant scene.

Highlights: Strawberry Banke - a collection of 42 buildings in one of America's oldest neighbourhoods.

Day 15 - Boston/Home

☛ 55 mi. Enjoy a leisurely drive back to Boston ready to fly home later today.



Boston to New York by the Beaches



Why not combine friendly Boston and Cape Cod's lovely beaches with the best of The Hamptons and New York.



Days 1 to 3 - Boston

Spend the next few days really discovering Boston. Put on your walking shoes and explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of 16 historic sites from the Colonial and Revolutionary Era.

Highlights: Enjoy a Duck Tour on the Charles River and soak up the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market.

Days 4 to 6 - Falmouth, Cape Cod

 **72 mi.** This morning depart for Plymouth. See Plymouth Rock, upon which the Pilgrims first stepped. Board a replica of The Mayflower, the ship which carried them to the New World, and explore living museum, Plimoth Plantation, a recreated village of 1627.

Continue to Cape Cod, famous as a summer resort with its 300 mile coastline, picturesque harbours, art galleries and plentiful restaurants.

Historic and quaint seaside town Falmouth is conveniently situated, offering a perfect location to explore the surrounding Cape. Visit Sandwich, the Cape's oldest town, whilst Hyannis gained fame as the summer residence of the Kennedy family.

Chatham with its pretty lighthouse and the colourful, artistic community of Provincetown are both worth a visit too.

Highlights: The uncrowded beaches and the lobster!

Days 7 & 8 - Martha's Vineyard

 **20 mi.** From Woods Hole board the ferry for the 45 minute journey across to Martha's Vineyard, and spend the rest of today and tomorrow exploring the island's variety of landscapes in the six independent towns.

Tour 'down island', the fashionable eastern half of the vineyard where Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Vineyard Haven lure the rich and famous. Meanwhile, 'up island', you will find more sparsely populated and sleepy towns to the west like Aquinnay known for its beautiful clay cliffs, quiet natural serenity and one of the few nudist beaches left in the US.

Highlights: The unhurried pace of life.

Day 9 - Old Saybrook, Connecticut

 **159 mi.** Depart the Vineyard for Connecticut and stop en route to visit Mystic Seaport, the museum of America and the sea. Set on 17 acres it depicts 19th century seafaring life.

Continue on to Old Saybrook, a charming historical coastal community where you will be spending tonight.

Highlights: This evening visit nearby Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun, the country's two largest casinos - under one roof. Try your luck at gambling or enjoy a show.



Days 10 & 11 - The Hamptons

 **40 mi.** It's a short ride today to the Orient Point Ferry where you will board for the 40 min trip to the tip of Long Island. On arrival visit North Fork's wineries and surrounding region. Then take two short shuttle ferries to The Hamptons located on the South Fork.

The Hamptons are a popular seaside resort, making up the villages on the most eastern part of Long Island, with some of the most expensive residential properties in the US.

Spend time relaxing on the beaches, strolling the charming villages filled with boutiques and art galleries or instead visiting the wineries or horse back riding.

Highlights: People watching and the many Summer Outdoor concert.

Days 12 to 14 - New York City

 **120 mi.** Today travel West toward New York City where you can drop off your hire car and then spend the next few days in 'The Big Apple' - the city that never sleeps.

Day 15 - New York/Home



Recommended hotels...

This is just a small selection of some of our hotels.
Please contact us for more details of our full range of accommodation options.



The Back Bay Hotel Boston, MA

225 Rooms/Superior

This popular boutique hotel is ideally situated in the stylish Back Bay area, amidst upscale shops and restaurants and within walking distance to Beacon Hill, Quincy Market, Copley Square and the Boston Common. The hotel has a popular grill and an Irish Bar.



The Nine Zero Hotel Boston, MA

190 Rooms/Superior

Part of the Kimpton Hotel group this modern luxury hotel overlooks the Boston Common and Beacon Hill. The Nine Zero offers guests a sophisticated ambiance, upscale dining within walking distance of the Freedom Trail, the waterfront and Back Bay.



Inn on the Square Falmouth, MA

73 Rooms/Standard

Located in the heart of quaint seaside village Falmouth, nestled among historic homes, boutiques, art galleries, and restaurants. The Inn on the Square also has a large skylight indoor pool, private courtyard and garden patio area.



The Red Lion Stockbridge, MA

100 Rooms/Standard

Opened more than 200 hundred years ago, the Inn includes what were once neighboring buildings, including the village fire house. The historic old-fashioned Birdcage elevator, transports guests to rooms that combine old-fashioned comfort with modern luxuries.



The Inn at Mill Falls Meredith, NH

54 Rooms/Standard

In the heart of Meredith village on Lake Winnepesaukee, this restored, 19th c. linen mill offers a relaxed, country inn atmosphere, combining old-world charm, a crackling fireplace, cozy nooks, an indoor pool and a country inn atmosphere.



Christmas Farm Inn & Spa Jackson, NH

41 Rooms/Superior

Nestled in the picturesque Mt. Washington Valley, the historic Christmas Farm Inn & Spa is a 200 years old, with many original and unique features. The Inn lies just through Jackson's famous covered "Honeymoon Bridge", the gateway to the village.



**Green Mountain Inn
Stowe, VT**

105 Rooms/Superior

The Green Mountain Inn undoubtedly offers the best location in Stowe and offers a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic touches in its unique rooms. Guests can enjoy also two acclaimed restaurants and a heated outdoor pool.



**The Woodstock Inn
Woodstock, VT**

142 Rooms/Superior

Ideally located in the Green Mountains in the quintessential town of Woodstock, this lovely Inn faces the Village Green steps from the shops and restaurants. The recently renovated rooms, 19 with real wood-burning fireplaces, seamlessly showcase New England craftsmanship.



**Equinox Resort & Spa
Manchester, VT**

195 Rooms/Superior

With over 200 years of history, on 1300 acres between the Green and Taconic Mountains in south central Vermont, The Equinox offers a wide variety of rooms and suites in five unique buildings. Within walking distance to the village of Manchester.



**Best Western Acadia Park
Inn - Bar Harbor, ME**

94 Rooms/Standard

Best Western Acadia Park Inn is set just outside downtown Bar Harbor and 3 miles from Acadia National Park. Situated on 15 acres with spacious rooms in five individual buildings, the exterior entrances mean guests can conveniently park directly in front of their room.



**The Kennebunkport Inn
Kennebunkport, ME**

49 Rooms/Standard

A local landmark since 1899, this friendly Inn offers elegant and historic lodging, with many of its rooms decorated with antiques and four-poster beds. Conveniently located at Dock Square in the middle of Kennebunkport's shops, galleries and restaurants.



**The Inn at Oceans Edge
Camden, ME**

32 Rooms/Standard

Nestled on the serene, western shore of Penobscot Bay just five miles north of Camden, the Inn boasts 22 acres of gardens, lawns, and woods. With an infinity pool and award winning restaurant, it's both luxurious and perfectly located for exploring mid-coast of Maine.



**Hotel Viking
Newport, RI**

209 Rooms/Superior

The Hotel Viking is five-story, colonial-style building, with recently renovated rooms restored to their Gilded Age splendour. Located on the Historic Hill of Newport, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, historic attractions and the waterfront.



**Cornucopia at the Oldfield
B&B - Litchfield Hills, CT**

5 Rooms/Superior

Ideally situated in Southbury near Northwest Connecticut's rolling Litchfield Hills. This beautiful antique home circa 1818 is set in over two acres of rolling lawn and extensive gardens, of which you can enjoy views from the spacious public rooms.



**The Ocean Resort Inn
Montauk, NY**

10 Rooms/Standard

This delightful and popular motel offers clean and comfortable rooms and is located just steps from the beach and the captivating coastlines of the Atlantic Ocean in Montauk at the tip of Long Island.



The Great Lakes

The Great Lakes is the largest expanse of freshwater in the world with a unique and diverse landscape. This region which is the size of continental Europe includes the states of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

essential info

Local Time:

Central Standard time (CST)
 - 6 hours behind GMT
 or
 Eastern Standard time (EST)
 - 5 hours behind GMT
 (Michigan and Ohio)

International Gateways:

Direct - Chicago (Illinois),
 Detroit (Michigan),
 Minneapolis St Paul (Minnesota)

The shores of these inland seas can rival any coastline - Lake Superior alone is more than three hundred miles from east to west. Within the first hundred miles or so of the lakeshores, especially in Wisconsin and Minnesota, tens of thousands of smaller lakes and tumbling streams are scattered through a beautiful and unspoilt rural wilderness. The northern reaches of Lake Michigan offer stunning rocky peninsulas, tree-covered islands, mammoth dunes, and deserted beaches. Whilst the serene Apostle Islands National Seashore in northern Wisconsin is as contrasting as you imagine to the lively Chicago lakeshore.

Sharing this mixture of natural beauty and aging industry, is the unmissable 'Windy City' of Chicago as well as smaller, intriguing cities and towns like Detroit, Rockford and Springfield on Route 66. Not forgetting Bloomington - home to the Famous Mall of America - where hundreds of stores, an amusement park, bars and restaurants galore offer a destination within itself!



The Mall of America: Located 2.5 kilometres from Minneapolis/St Paul Airport in Bloomington Minnesota, the mall is the USA's premier shopping and entertainment complex. With a staggering 520 stores, Nickelodeon Universe, SeaLife Aquarium and over 60 restaurants, it's no surprise that 40 million people visit every year. In fact it is so large that 257 statues of liberty could fit inside! Even better, there is no tax on clothing and shoes, so there are plenty of bargains to be found!





Grand Tour of the Great Lakes



Discover the beauty and charm of the largest expanse of freshwater in the world with a unique landscape.



Days 1 & 2 - Chicago

Vibrant, friendly Chicago awaits you. Enjoy everything and more this great city has to offer in the next days.

Highlight: Visit The John Hancock Observatory for sweeping views of the surrounding 4 states.

Day 3 - Rockford

🚗 89 mi. Known for its 'cultural corridor' of which the highlight is the Rockford Art Museum's stunning permanent collection, this lovely city is also home to a wealth of other private galleries and historical museums.

Highlights: The beautiful Anderson Japanese Gardens.

Day 4 - Wisconsin Dells

🚗 119 mi. As the huge ice dam holding back glacial Lake Wisconsin burst, a catastrophic flood cut deep narrow gorges and unusual rock formations, creating the Dells of the Wisconsin River.

Highlights: Take a boat trip on the sparkling water to see the 100 foot high pillars, cliffs and islands.

Day 5 & 6 - Minneapolis

🚗 216 mi. At America's Heartland, Minneapolis offers culture and art abound. Notable landmarks include the Stone Arch Bridge, St. Anthony Falls and Boom Islands.

Highlight: For the ultimate retail fix visit nearby Bloomington, 'the Mall of America'.

Day 7 - Duluth

🚗 154 mi. Once a bustling docks, this old railroad town has transformed itself, with the restored waterfront now home to the impressive Great Lakes Aquarium and the Waterfront Sculpture Walk.

Highlights: Drive to Two Harbors on the lakeshore scenic byway.

Days 8 & 9 - Bayfield

🚗 87 mi. Designated by the National Geographic Explorer as a "Top Place to Visit.", beautiful Bayfield serves as a gateway to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, which includes 21 islands and 12 miles of scenic shoreline, as well as some of the nation's most historic lighthouses.

Highlights: Madeline Island, only a 20 minute ferry ride from Bayfield, exudes old world charm.

Days 10 & 11 - Marquette

🚗 203 mi. Another scenic byway takes you across Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the land of waterfalls and maritime heritage to Marquette. Just out of town, there are more than a dozen waterfalls cascading through Marquette County.

Highlights: Visit the most famous shipwreck on Lake Superior at the maritime museum.

Day 12 - Sault Ste Marie.

🚗 166 mi. Located on the banks of the St. Mary's River, Sault Ste. Marie has been a stopping place since mankind began using the waterway shortly after the ice age.



Get a panoramic view of this junction from the Tower of History.

Highlight: Take the Agawa Canyon Tour Train into the pristine Canadian northwoods.

Days 13 & 14 - Traverse City

🚗 161 mi. Magnificent views of Lake Michigan await at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, just outside Traverse City. Here sparkling waters form a stunning backdrop to an abundance of wildlife and a diverse ecosystem.

Highlights: For a wilderness experience take a ferry to North Manitou Island.

Day 15 - Grand Rapids

🚗 170 mi. Once known as the furniture capital of the world, today Grand Rapids has a thriving arts and cultural community. Join the locals and enjoy a cold beer at the Hideout or Grand Rapids Brewing Company.

Highlight: The interactive museum dedicated to native son Gerald R. Ford, 38th U.S. President.

Day 16 - Chicago/Home

🚗 151 mi. Spend one more day in this fascinating city before departing for home.



Chicago & Illinois

DISCOVER  ILLINOIS

Chicago, the Blues Capital of the World, located on Lake Michigan boasts 29 miles of shoreline, ideal for walking, jogging or biking.

Must sees are the Museum Campus with the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium; the Art Institute of Chicago, John Hancock Observatory and the Willis Tower Sky Deck. Don't miss the 'Magnificent Mile' - North Michigan Avenue with its amazing array of over 460 stores.

Chicago is also the start of Route 66. You can cruise down 'The Mother Road' and see the famous sites on your way to Springfield, the state capital. Start your journey with one of America's most famous presidents at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is an interactive museum that is a one-of-a-kind in Illinois.

Outside Chicago, the rest of Illinois makes the perfect holiday destination with a multitude of exciting things to see and do. The 18 communities of metropolitan Chicago include Oak Park, home of Frank Lloyd Wright. Travel further to Rockford and see the Anderson Japanese Gardens, or nestled along the mighty Mississippi River is the Quad Cities, the long time home of John Deere.

Away from the city, the state is also home to no less than seven National Scenic Byways, with the Historic National Road National Scenic Byway being one of the 32 All-American Roads in the nation.



Our favourite highlights...



The Magnificent Mile®: Over 13 blocks and hundreds of exciting stores on North Michigan's Magnificent Mile® offers some of North America's finest shopping.

Springfield: Visit the friendly State Capital where you can experience President Abraham Lincoln's legacy by visiting The Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The Shawnee National Forest: A well kept secret nestled between the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers with a spectacular landscape featuring rolling hills, forests, open lands, lakes, beaches, creeks and rugged bluffs.



Illinois' Great River Road



Follow in the footsteps of early French explorers 'Les Voyageurs' by travelling through Illinois' natural river country.



Day 1 to 3 - Chicago

The 'Windy City' is a world-class destination, with its stunning architecture, endless shopping and renowned museums. Explore the Magnificent Mile - a veritable mecca for shoppers. Be sure to also take in the Field Museum, Millennium Park, The Art Institute of Chicago and Shedd Aquarium. Savor Michelin starred cuisine and browse works of art that begin in museums and spill into city squares and lakeside parks.

Highlights: The history of Chicago and Illinois really comes alive when you take the Chicago Architecture Foundation's Architectural River Cruise.

Days 4 & 5 - Springfield

🚗 202 mi. Cruise down Route 66 and explore the fun, small towns along the Mother Road on your way to Springfield, Illinois' capital. You can relive President Abraham Lincoln's legacy as you explore his home and law office, the Old State Capitol, his tomb and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Also visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana-Thomas House.

Highlights: Don't miss Bill Shea's Route 66 Gas Station Museum, as well as stop for a Cozy Dog and see a movie at Route 66 Twin Drive-In Movie Theater.

Day 6 - Alton/Grafton

🚗 85 mi. Continue down Route 66 to the Alton area and see the confluence of three rivers - the Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri.

Along this thirty-three mile stretch that is rich in history are the towns of Elsah and Grafton, the replication of the Piasa bird that explorers Marquette and Joliet discovered in 1673, and the statue to the world's tallest man - Robert Wadlow.

Highlights: Don't miss the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site that tells their story in Illinois at Camp River Dubois. Stand in awe of the Mississippi River at the National Great Rivers Museum at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam (#26).

Days 7 & 8 - Peoria

🚗 158 mi. Start your visit at the Riverfront Visitors Center, housed in one of the oldest buildings in Peoria. Explore the Riverfront, the site of popular festivals, and home to the newly opened Peoria Riverfront Museum, featuring a 3-D theater and planetarium.

Highlight: You'll want to take a cruise on the Spirit of Peoria and enjoy the scenic views on the Illinois River.

Days 9 & 10 - Galena

🚗 154 mi. Travel back up the Great River Road to Galena. The Mississippi River played an integral part in Galena's history and growth. In the early 1800's this already bustling town grew quickly with the discovery of lead in the surrounding hills.



Today over 85 percent of the town is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been noted as one of the Top 10 Most Romantic Small Towns in North America.

Highlights: Don't miss the Apple River Fort in Elizabeth. Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th President of the United States, settled here after the Civil War and his home is a State Historic Site.

Day 11 - Rockford

🚗 77 mi. A short drive through rolling hills and small towns takes you to Rockford. Don't miss the Burpee Museum, home to Jane the teenage t-Rex. History also comes to life at the late 19th century village at Midway Village Museum.

For outdoor adventure, go kayaking along the Rock River or biking through Rock Cut State Park. Rockford also has a variety of affordable, high quality golf courses.

Highlight: Stroll through The Anderson Japanese Garden, named 'The Best in North America'.

Day 12 - Chicago & Home

🚗 89 mi. Another morning at leisure exploring Rockford before you head back to Chicago O'Hare International Airport later today.



Route 66



The Ultimate American Road trip!
Journey over 2000 miles from Chicago
to Los Angeles through America's West.



Days 1 & 2 - Chicago

Arrive into Chicago, packed with vibrant trendy neighbourhoods, world famous museums and home to the 'Magnificent Mile'.

Route 66 Highlights: Stand on the corner of Michigan Ave and Adams St - the official beginning of Route 66.

Day 3 - Springfield, IL

☞ 204 mi. Head southwest into America's Heartland to Springfield, Illinois - birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and home to the Route 66 Mother Road Festival held every year in September.

Route 66 Highlights: Visit Bill O Shea's Route 66 Gas Station Museum, an icon of Route 66.

Day 4 - St Louis

☞ 98 mi. Welcome to America's great 'Gateway City', where you can ride to the top of the amazing 630-foot Gateway Arch, which dominates the city's skyline.

Route 66 Highlights: On the way stop in at a trading post and pick up some Route 66 souvenirs.

Day 5 - Springfield, MO

☞ 219 mi. As you depart, stop in at Ted Drewes for his famous Frozen Custard before continuing through Missouri, the land of Mark Twain.

Route 66 Highlights: Take a side trip to visit Meramec Caverns, the most promoted attraction on Route 66.

Day 6 - Oklahoma City

☞ 320 mi. Continue following Route 66 through small towns and farmland through the southeast corner of Kansas and then finally onto Oklahoma City, the state Capital.

Route 66 Highlight: Claremore's Will Rogers Memorial Museum.

Day 7 - Amarillo

☞ 258 mi. As you continue along The Mother Road, stop in El Reno to see Fort Reno established in 1874 to protect the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians. Continue to Amarillo in the 'Lone Star' State of Texas.

Route 66 Highlights: Stop in Clinton visit the Route 66 Museum with it's vintage cars and memorabilia.

Day 8 - Las Vegas, NM

☞ 237 mi. Just West of Amarillo lies the legendary 'Cadillac Ranch' where 10 cadillacs have been half buried nose down as a homage to the road. Stop at Midpoint café in Adrian, located at an equal distance to both Chicago and Los Angeles.

Days 9 & 10 - Albuquerque

☞ 120 miles. On the road today stop in Santa Fe the oldest capital in North America, before you continue to Albuquerque - New Mexico's 'Big City'.

Route 66 Highlight: The colourful Indian crafts Market held daily in front of the Palace of the Governors.



Day 11 - Holbrook

☞ 230 mi. Take a short side trip to Acoma Pueblo, the ancient Sky City dating back to 1250. In Arizona take a detour through The Petrified Forest National Park.

Route 66 Highlights: Holbrook's trading posts and colourful motels that still line the old Route 66.

Day 12 - Grand Canyon

☞ 188 mi. One of the worlds greatest natural wonders, the magnificent Grand Canyon awaits today.

Route 66 Highlights: For the best viewpoints along the South Rim enjoy the 25-mile Desert View scenic self-drive.

Days 13 & 14 - Las Vegas, NV

☞ 294 mi. Welcome to the city that provides non-stop entertainment. Take a helicopter trip over the strip or tour the world-famous Hoover Dam.

Route 66 Highlights: Stop at Seligman - once a bustling town on America's Mother Road.

Days 15 & 16 - Los Angeles

☞ 307 mi. You're almost there! Route 66 becomes Santa Monica Boulevard and travels through Hollywood and Beverly Hills until it ends at the Santa Monica Boardwalk and the Pacific Ocean.

Route 66 Highlights: Stop for a photo at The End of The Trail Sign.

Day 17 - Home

Other States

With 50 Diverse and exciting states to choose from we've tried to showcase some of our favourites. However, there are still many more destinations in the USA that we arrange tailor made trips to including:



Texas



Over 700 miles wide and 800 miles long, Texas is one state that is worthy of your entire holiday!

The swampy, forested east is more like Louisiana than the pretty Hill Country or the agricultural plains of the northern Panhandle, and the tropical Gulf Coast has little in common with the mountainous deserts of the west.

Also, Texas isn't just about glittering famous cities like Dallas and Houston, it's also home to spectacular National Parks like The Big Bend where the Rio Grand rushes through dramatic canyons in a remote wilderness.

Take time to explore this geographically diverse state of more than 128 cities with a rich cultural heritage and a diverse population.

Hawaii



An exciting year round destination, with consistent temperatures beautiful Hawaii offers a tropical landscape of palm-fringed beaches, fiery volcanoes, dramatic cliffs and verdant valleys.

Visit Oahu where you can stay on Waikiki - the world's most famous beach and visit the sunken USS Arizona at Pearl Harbour.

The island of Hawaii - 'The Big Island' gets bigger day by day, thanks to the spectacular eruption of its youngest volcano, Kilauea.

Visit beautiful unspoilt Maui - a popular honeymoon destination and home to Lahaina - an early nineteenth century whaling port that's among the most historic towns in Hawaii. For the more energetic visit Kauai and hike the Kalalau Trail, from where you can admire the incredible Na Pali coastline.

Alaska

Alaska is the ultimate adventure for anyone who loves nature and the great outdoors.

Known for its amazing scenery, outdoor adventures and wildlife experiences, if you're looking to spot some bears, have a wild sea kayaking adventure, or even climb a glacier then it's the place for you!

Must sees include Denali National Park. This is Alaska's best National Park and offers spectacular mountain scenery and incomparable wildlife-spotting opportunities.



For more details about holiday ideas to these three unique and exciting States, or any other destination in the USA please call us on (01892) 779900 or email info@awwt.co.uk





Canada

Stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, Canada is almost unimaginably vast, with great tracts of the country uninhabited and still completely unspoiled.

Like its neighbour to the south, modern Canada is a spectrum of cultures, and an ethnic mosaic of immigrant groups, as well as the native peoples. Instead of being defined by states, Canada is instead divided into ten provinces and three northern territories. Its archetypal vistas of the Rockies' lakes and peaks, endless forests and the prairies are complimented by equally stunning landscapes in the south west corner, where desert and rainforests lie close together, as well as beautiful fjords and lush orchards in the east.

In most of the southern part of Canada, where the majority of the population lives, spring, summer and autumn are good seasons for road trips. The Rocky Mountains are the exception. The mountain lakes thaw only at the end of May, and a few of them look their turquoise best only after the first week of June. So the season for touring in the Canadian Rockies is shorter than it is in places that are at a lower elevation.

Winter and early spring are mainly a good time to visit for the skiing season. Although the larger cities, like Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, have enough museums, art galleries, theatres and shops to entertain other winter visitors.

With a wide range of regions and provinces to visit and different holiday types to experience, Canada has something to offer every type of visitor.

Whether you are looking for a fly drive, an adventure by rail, a Wildlife tour or a city break, the following pages offer just a small selection of the many different Canadian holiday ideas that we can tailor for you.



For more information

about any holiday to Canada, or a quotation for any of the featured holiday ideas please telephone us on **(01892) 779900** or email info@awwt.co.uk



Great Western Parks



Experience the amazing beauty of the Canadian Rockies, British Columbia's High Country and Coastal regions of Western Canada.



Days 1 & 2 - Vancouver

With a spectacular setting, and a multi cultural ambience, Vancouver is famous for Stanley Park, Chinatown, Historical Gastown, the markets of Granville Island and the famous shopping district of Robson Street.

Highlights: Grouse Mountain Skyride and Capilano Canyon and Suspension Bridge.

Days 3 & 4 - Penticton

🏞️ 210 km. Travel through the Coastal Mountains and Manning Provincial Park to Penticton, at the lower end of Okanagan Lake amidst the lush orchards and vineyards of the Okanagan Valley.

Highlights: Touring some of the regions vineyards and relaxing on the beaches of Lake Okanagan.

Day 5 - Revelstoke

🏞️ 210 km. Enjoy a relaxing morning in Penticton and a last chance to explore the Okanagan Valley before you depart for the Revelstoke area.

Highlights: The leisurely drive past waterfalls, towering peaks and beautiful lakes en route.

Days 6 & 7 - Banff Area

🏞️ 285 km. Cross into Alberta, over the Great Divide and enter Yoho National Park. Enjoy sights along the way such as 380 metre high Takakkaw Falls and, Kicking Horse Pass. Marvel at aptly named Emerald Lake on your way to the Mountain town of Banff where you will spend the next few days exploring.

Highlights: Cave and Basin National Historic Site and the Banff Gondola.

Days 8 & 9 - Jasper

🏞️ 292 km. Follow the Bow Valley Parkway, to Lake Louise and then onto Moraine Lake.

Your scenic drive today takes you through the spine of the Canadian Rockies, with sights such as Glaciers and Lakes providing the backdrop to your journey.

Highlights: Ride the Ice Explorer at the Columbia Icefield. Visit Athabasca Falls and stunning Maligne Lake, one of the most photographed in the world.

Days 10 & 11 - Wells Gray Provincial Park

🏞️ 318 km. Head along the scenic Yellowhead Highway and take in the breathtaking vistas of the steep-walled gorges and crashing falls of the North Thompson River.

Highlights: The endless photo opportunities of the Park.

Days 12 & 13 - Whistler

🏞️ 421 km. This charming European inspired alpine resort is nestled between world renowned Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, where you can indulge in year round activities.

Highlight: Take the Gondola to Whistler Mountain's sub-alpine, and then rise again over 7000 feet via the open chairlift for unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes and snow capped peaks.



Day 14 - Parksville

🏞️ 108 km + Ferry. Depart Whistler along the Sea to Sky Highway to Horseshoe Bay before crossing to Vancouver Island, through fjord like waters with mountains blanketed with virgin forests and glaciated peaks.

Highlights: Cascading Shannon Falls.

Days 15 & 16 - Tofino/Ucluelet

🏞️ 221 km. Depart for lovely Tofino on the rugged West Coast. Walk along the famed Long Beach, with it's miles of pristine sandy beach and pounding surf, or explore the rainforests on a selection of well groomed trails.

Highlights: A Whale Watch Cruise through the Clayoquot Sound.

Days 17 & 18 - Victoria

🏞️ 313 km. Travel back to the East Coast of the Island and south to Victoria - famed for it's lovely architecture and British traditions such as Afternoon tea.

Highlights: World famous Butchart Gardens.

Day 19 - Vancouver/Home

🏞️ 110 km. Leave Victoria to catch the ferry back to the mainland, ready to fly home.



Eastern Splendours



The ultimate tour of Canada's East, combining Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec with Niagara Falls and New York State.



Days 1 & 2 - Toronto

Canada's largest city is an exciting mix of cultures and tastes. First class shopping, restaurants and entertainment, as well as an abundance of museums and galleries, parks and gardens make it a great place to start your trip.

Highlight: Ride to the top of the CN Tower and stand on the glass floor or for the more daring - walk the edge OUTSIDE!

Day 3 - Niagara Falls

 132 km. Head east towards the mighty Niagara - the second largest falls on earth. Here American, Bridal Veil and Canadian Falls all collide and collectively become Niagara.

Highlight: Get up close to the falls on the 'Maid of the Mist' Boat Tour.

Days 4 & 5 - The Finger Lake Region

 268 km. From Niagara, travel east through New York State to the stunning Finger Lakes region - one of the area's well kept secrets. This whole region is made up of several freshwater lakes with pretty shorelines dotted with many impressive wineries and an equal number of good restaurants.

With a solar-powered library, waterfalls, gorges, and an Ivy-League university, lovely Ithaca has no shortage of attractions.

Highlights: More restaurants per capita than NYC.

Day 6 - Alexandria Bay

 249 km. Continue north west along the St Lawrence Seaway to Alexandria Bay and The Thousand Islands. This incredibly beautiful area of 1,600-plus islands was first discovered by French explorers in the 16th century.

Highlights: Fascinating Boldt Castle and Yacht House.

Days 7 & 8 - Montreal

 249 km. Montreal is the second largest French speaking city in the world and this reflects in the lifestyle, architecture and, more importantly the food! Spend time exploring this vibrant city, host to year round festivals with it's unique combination of French charm and a North American lifestyle.

Highlights: Notre Dame Basilica and The Botanical Gardens.

Days 9 & 10 - Quebec City

 250 km. Spend your day exploring North America's only walled city. Experience the charm of 'Old France', with winding cobblestone streets, quaint boutiques and restaurants housed in buildings over 800 years old. Outside of the walls you can visit the Citadel, the Plains of Abraham and the Museum of Civilisation.

Highlights: Treat yourself to afternoon tea at The Chateau Frontenac.



Day 11 - Trois Rivières

 126 km. Located at the confluence of the Saint-Maurice and Saint Lawrence Rivers, Trois Rivières is the second oldest French-speaking city in North America. With a charming historic quarter, Parisian-style cafés, and quaint boutiques it's a joy to discover on foot.

Highlights: The Old prison is now a top tourist attraction with guided tours by ex-inmates.

Days 12 & 13 - Ottawa

 327 km. Continue to the capital city of Ottawa, where you can visit the Parliament Buildings, the Canadian Museum of Civilisation or take a boat trip along the city's inter-connecting rivers and canals.

Highlights: Visit the impressive Canadian War Museum and stroll along the famous Rideau Canal.

Day 14 - Kingston

 195 km. Travel west to the historic town of Kingston, known for its markets and striking 19th-century limestone architecture.

Highlights: Visit Wolfe Island on the free ferry.

Day 15 - Toronto/Home

 263 km. Take a leisurely drive back to Toronto where you will drop off your hire car and fly home.



Going to the Sun



An exciting self drive tour for those wishing to combine the majestic Canadian Rockies with Montana and Idaho.



Day 1 - Calgary

Welcome to modern, dynamic Calgary, situated on the banks of the Bow River and close to Alberta's majestic Rocky Mountains.

Highlights: Calgary Tower & the Annual Stampede.

Days 2 & 3 - Banff

🏔️ 129 km. Leave the rolling foothills of the Canadian Prairies and face the spectacular Canadian Rockies, as you head to the Mountain town of Banff.

Highlights: Enjoy a dip at Upper Hot Mineral Springs.

Days 4 & 5 - Jasper

🏔️ 289 km. Visit lovely Lakes Louise and Moraine before slowly continuing your scenic drive through the spine of the Canadian Rockies to the mountain town of Jasper.

Highlights: The Ice Explorer at the Columbia Icefield.

Day 6 - Clearwater/ Wells Grey National Park

🏔️ 317 km. Head along the scenic Yellowhead Highway and take in the breathtaking vistas of the steep-walled gorges and crashing falls of the North Thompson River.

Highlights: The Park's many photo opportunities.

Days 7 & 8 - Penticton

🏔️ 363 km. Arrive into Penticton, at the lower end of Okanagan Lake amidst the lush orchards and vineyards of the Okanagan Valley.

Highlights: Touring the regions vineyards and relaxing on the beaches of Lake Okanagan.

Days 9 & 10 - Coeur D'Alene

🏔️ 416 km. Coeur d'Alene is the hub of the Panhandle region of northern Idaho. Spend time on the 3,000 ft lakefront boardwalk, or get out on the lake for some water based activities.

Highlight: An evening stroll at sunset through Tubbs Hill, a beautiful 120-acre wood.

Day 11 - Lewiston

🏔️ 187 km. Another centre of recreational activity and steeped in history, Lewiston traces its beginnings to 1805 and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Highlights: A Jet Boat trip through the rapids to Hells Canyon, the deepest canyon in North America.

Days 12 & 13 - Missoula

🏔️ 347 km. This friendly college town is renowned for its arts and culture, as well as its natural beauty.

Highlights: Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness.

Day 14 - Butte

🏔️ 194 km. Butte's gold rush past is evident in its vintage sign and historic buildings, and boasts some of the country's best collections of Victorian architecture, as well as preserved gems from the early 20th century.

Highlight: Take a narrated Trolley tour of the town.



Days 15 to 17 - Yellowstone

🏔️ 270 km. America's oldest National Park boasts an incredible array of natural phenomenon - colourful hot springs, bubbling mud pools and over 300 geysers such as Old Faithful.

Highlights: The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone River.

Day 18 - Helena

🏔️ 291 km. Montana's delightful capital city, was home to one of the richest gold strikes - Last Chance Gulch. History has left Helena with a wealth of interesting monuments and historic architecture.

Highlight: Take a trip on the Last Chance train tour.

Days 19 to 20 - Whitefish & Glacier NP

🏔️ 335 km. A landscape of rugged mountains, spectacular lakes, forests and alpine meadows await you in 1500 miles of scenic wilderness and solitude. Few places on earth are quite this beautiful.

Highlights: The breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Highway.

Day 21 - Lethbridge

🏔️ 256 km. Cross back over the border into Alberta, and onto the town of Lethbridge.

Day 22 - Calgary/Home

🏔️ 205 km. Continue to Calgary ready to fly home this evening.



Unique Nova Scotia



Full of rich history and interesting local culture. Visit Nova Scotia to enjoy the serenity, stunning landscapes and wildlife.



Days 1 & 2 - Halifax

Welcome to Halifax - Nova Scotia's provincial capital. Centred around the picturesque waterfront, this attractive city is full of art galleries, shops, museums, restaurants and sidewalk cafes.

Highlights: Halifax Harbour, Citadel Hill, Historic Properties, Bedford Basin and Point Pleasant Park.

Day 3 - Lunenburg

🚗 100 km. Drive south along the Lighthouse Route and stop to visit Peggy's Cove, a picturesque fishing village, and home to the most visited lighthouse in Nova Scotia. Continue on to lively Lunenburg, a unique town in terms of architecture and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Highlights: Birthplace of the Bluenose, built in 1921.

Day 4 - Digby

🚗 158 km. En route to Digby explore some of Kejimikujik National Park with it's trails and some of the best canoeing in Atlantic Canada. Digby itself boasts spectacular views of the Annapolis Basin as well as offering great Whale Watching.

Highlights: Visit postcard pretty Annapolis Royal, en route.

Days 5 & 6 - Fundy National Park

🚗 123 km. Take the early 3 hr ferry crossing to Saint John, NB and follow the Fundy Coastal Drive to the Park. With it's steep coastal cliffs, forest clad hills, and deep rich valleys, Fundy is

renowned for its hiking trails, as well as being a haven for bird watchers, golfers, cyclists, canoeists and naturalists alike.

Highlights: Walk on the Ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks and witness the highest tides in the world.

Day 7 - Summerside

🚗 232 km. Continue along the Acadian Coastal Drive onto the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island. On arrival in Summerside visit the stately homes that grace the downtown residential core - once home to many a wealthy ship builder.

Highlight: Visit Spinakers Landing on the attractive waterfront, bringing the shipbuilding era alive.

Days 8 & 9 - Charlottetown

🚗 62 km. Depart Summerside along the Blue Heron Scenic Drive to delightful Charlottetown, capital of P.E.I. Enjoy a city tour taking in the sights of Charlottetown Harbour, the Governor's Mansion and the University of P.E.I.

Highlights: The pretty historic village of Victoria and the Fort Amherst-Port-La-Joye National Historic Site.

Day 10 - Tatamagouche

🚗 184 km. Continue on through the Hills and Harbours region to Wood Islands ferry terminal. Take the short scenic ferry across to Caribou and follow the Sunrise Trail to vibrant Tatamagouche.

Highlight: The old Victorian homes.



Days 11 to 13 - Baddeck/ Cape Breton

🚗 265 km. Time to enjoy the western shore of Cape Breton Island along the Ceilidh Trail. Highlights include the Provincial Parks at Long Point, Port Hood and Margaree Harbour. Then slowly explore the famous Cabot Trail, one of the most spectacular drives in all of Canada. The trail winds around the rocky splendour of Cape Breton's northern shore, ascending to the incredible plateaus of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Explore some of the 26 miles of hiking trails through mountain and coastal landscapes.

Highlight: The famous Cabot Trail.

Day 14 - Louisbourg

🚗 109 km. Continue to Louisbourg, home to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

Day 15 - Liscomb Mills

🚗 307 km. Today follow the Fleur-de-Lis Trail and the Bras d'Or Lakes Trail. Cross the Canso Causeway and continue along the Marine Drive, which follows the eastern shore through many picturesque villages.

Highlight: The living history museum of Sherbrooke Village.

Day 16 - Halifax/Home

🚗 170 km. Depart Liscomb Mills and take a leisurely drive back to Halifax.



Wildlife Experiences

Whether you are looking for a one day Whale Watching Excursion, or a longer unique Wildlife Experience we have it covered.

From viewing Grizzly Bears in British Columbia to Wolf Tracking in Yellowstone, or the Ultimate adventure travelling into the remote heart of Canada to see Polar Bears, there is a Wildlife Adventure with your name on it.

Polar Bears of Churchill, Manitoba

Journey to Churchill by Canada's Hudson Bay and see the magnificent Polar Bears in their natural habitat.

Travel in safety and comfort aboard a huge Tundra Buggy to get a close up view of these amazing and beautiful creatures. Located in the centre of Canada, Manitoba's untouched natural beauty will leave you captivated. With a diverse landscape of prairie farmland, arctic tundra and Canadian Shield, it's a land of infinite possibilities. Here you can make friends with the majestic polar bear and also take in the vibrant culture of the capital city, Winnipeg.



Knight Inlet Lodge, British Columbia

Knight Inlet Lodge is one of the few places in the world where magnificent wildlife, scenery and native culture can be experienced in one location. Situated in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest, guests at the lodge can view Grizzlies and stunning scenery amidst tree lined shores and snow capped mountains.

Yellowstone National Park

The USA is not usually top of most peoples' lists of wildlife watching destinations but with Yellowstone National Park constantly one of the best places in the world for top mammal species, we want to share it with you. From awesome top level predators to huge herds of grazers the central prairies and forests of America are up there with any wildlife watching and safari destination in the world.

Wolf watching and Bear watching are both top activities inside the world's oldest national park, but there are also large populations of bison (brought back from the brink of extinction), elk, moose, black bears, white-tailed deer and many other species. These all make Yellowstone National Park a real equivalent to any of the famous parks of East and Southern Africa!



Royle Safaris

By teaming up with one of the most experienced and passionate local guides in Montana, Royle Safaris have a 100% record in finding and watching wild wolves in Yellowstone. Their secret weapon is their local guide, who, with over 40 years of experience guiding wildlife and cultural tours of Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, has a wealth of knowledge. We can offer tours to Yellowstone in Spring, Autumn and Winter, and also have great success in seeing interactions between wolves and both black and brown bears.

For those that are interested in learning more about the Yellowstone Ecosystem, we can also arrange a visit to the private collection of scats and skulls (as well as numerous specialist materials and wolf identification charts) put together and owned by the number 1 large Carnivore Biologist in the world Dr. James Halfpenny. We offer the most comprehensive wolf watching tours of Yellowstone, and for anyone wanting to see 'man's best friend' in the wild, it's a must.

For Prices and Full Details of any of our suggested Wildlife Experiences please telephone us on (01892) 779900 or email info@awwt.co.uk

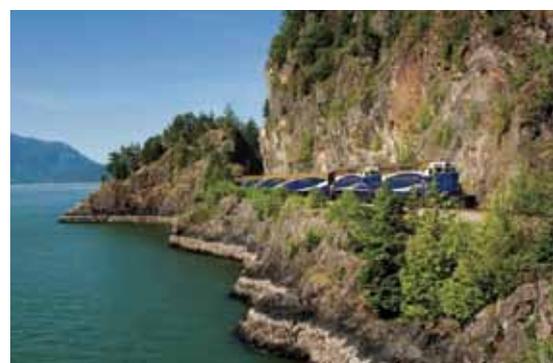


Planes, Trains & Automobiles

The Rocky Mountaineer

There's no better way to tour Canada than aboard a train! For the trip of a lifetime, choose from one of Rocky Mountaineer's 45 exciting and unique train vacation packages, on four distinctive rail routes. Three of which journey into the Canadian Rockies and one spectacular 3½ hour train excursion, formerly known as Whistler Mountaineer, from Vancouver to Whistler. This luxurious train travels by daylight through the beauty of Canada's West and is the best way to experience the majestic Canadian Rockies, Banff and Jasper - in a UNESCO World Heritage site.

For more information about The Rocky Mountaineer, it's various routes and itineraries, along with details of it's three unique levels of service - Red Leaf, Silver Leaf and Gold Leaf please call us on the number below.



VIA Rail Canada

If you are looking for a Canadian Rail Adventure but your budget won't stretch to The Rocky Mountaineer, then we have the answer right here.

VIA Rail operates up to 497 trains weekly on 12,500 km of track, serving 450 communities across the country, from coast to coast and north to Hudson Bay.

In Western Canada, VIA Rail provides a year-round service on board the legendary Canadian train between Toronto and Vancouver three times per week. They also operate regional services in the West, between Jasper, Alberta and Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and between Winnipeg and Churchill, Manitoba.

In the Ontario - Quebec Corridor, intercity passengers can enjoy a fast, convenient and affordable service. Additionally there is a service six times per week between Montreal and Halifax on board the Ocean.

Here's a selection of the most popular Canadian routes operated by VIA Rail Services:

Rockies and the Pacific

Toronto - Vancouver (*The Canadian*)
Jasper - Prince Rupert

Prairies and Northern Manitoba

Winnipeg - Churchill
The Pas Pukatawagan

Ontario and Quebec

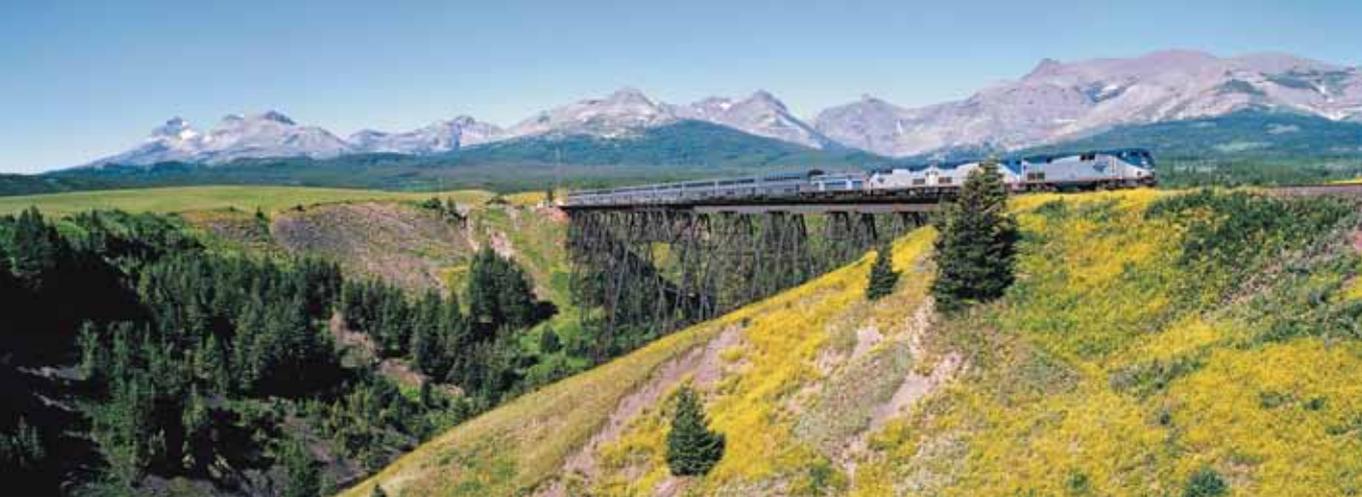
Toronto - Montreal/Ottawa/Niagara
Ottawa - Montreal
Montreal - Quebec City

Atlantic Canada

Montreal - Halifax



**For a price on any Canadian Rail Journey or Tour,
or advice how to plan your own Rail Adventure
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AMTRAK - America by Rail

At AmeriCan & Worldwide Travel, we believe that the journey really is just the start of the adventure.

As distances in the United States are often great, it's essential to carefully plan how you'll get from one place to another, maximising the time you'll have there. For example, sometimes you may wish to drive part of your planned route yourself and then take the train on a longer leg of your journey. That way you can sit back, relax and watch the ever changing scenery from the train window without missing anything. After all, trains are the most spacious and comfortable mode of transport, as well as being one of the greenest and most stress free too.

With more than 30 routes serving over 500 destinations in 45 different states, Amtrak's 21,000 mile route system connects many of America's towns and cities, with its sightseeing windows offering unparalleled panoramas of this great country. Whether you are visiting big cities, small towns or some places you can only see by rail, Amtrak can take you there.

Chicago - Salt Lake City - San Francisco

The California Zephyr® takes you from the Midwest's Windy City across the American heartland through Denver, over the front ranges of the Rockies, through the Continental Divide, Glenwood Canyon, the Utah desert and the High Sierras to the City by the Bay, San Francisco.



Seattle - Portland - Spokane - St Paul & Minneapolis - Chicago

From the beautiful Cascade Mountains or the spectacular Columbia River Gorge through Glacier National Park, high desert and Big Sky country, the plains of North Dakota, past the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, to North Dakota and the sights and sounds of Chicago, the Empire Builder® is one of the most majestic routes in the Amtrak® system.

Chicago - St Louis - Little Rock - Dallas - San Antonio - Los Angeles

The Texas Eagle® takes you from the City of Big Shoulders to the historic Alamo of San Antonio and on to the flash of Hollywood on the Sunset Limited®. With through cars tri-weekly, discover the spectacular scenery, geology, history and thriving cities that are uniquely American.

New York - Philadelphia - Washington DC - Atlanta - New Orleans

The Crescent® takes you on a journey through the Northeast cityscapes, shining Blue Ridge foothills, historic Civil War battlefields, the heart of the American South to the shimmering Louisiana bayou country.

For a price or advice how to plan your own rail adventure please call us on (01892) 779900 or email info@awwt.co.uk



City Breaks

With so many exciting short break destinations to choose from, here are our top four favourite USA City Break suggestions:



New York

From Park Avenue to Times Square and from China Town to Little Italy, New York takes some beating for round the clock excitement. Shop until you drop and visit World famous museums including MOMA and The Guggenheim, before you head up the Empire State Building or take a boat ride out to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Take in a Broadway show, and eat out at some of the city's many diverse restaurants. New York is a city that never sleeps, and one that we guarantee you will love.



Washington DC

America's capital is packed with famous sights such as The Capitol Building and The White House, as well as being home to some of the world's best known (and free) museums and galleries, including the Smithsonian Institution, The National Gallery of Art and the International Spy Museum.

Visit the haunting Vietnam and Korean Veterans Memorials, or across the river, only a short metro stop away, you will find the Arlington Cemetery. Enjoy the many restaurants in Foggy Bottom or Colonial Georgetown with its great shopping.



Boston

Put on your walking shoes and explore friendly Boston on the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of 16 historic sites. Take the 'T' to visit Harvard and Cambridge where you can shop in the many stores in the Galleria. See the River on a Duck Tour before you soak up the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market.

The city is also famed for it's wonderful micro breweries, friendly nightlife, seafood restaurants, and numerous museums and art galleries.



Chicago

The "Windy City" is a breathtakingly beautiful, modern city that boasts one of the world's most spectacular skylines and one of its tallest buildings - the 110-storey Sears Tower. With 29 miles of lakeshore, elegant, world class shopping on the Magnificent Mile, and a huge variety of attractions, museums, and exhibitions it is the perfect short break destination.

Music is also a big part of the city, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and last but certainly not least the massive jazz and blues scene.



An introduction to Weddings & Honeymoons

Why not have your wedding ceremony in one of the most Romantic and Iconic locations in the world - **New York City**. Whether it's just the bride and groom, or with fifty flown in friends, your wedding in NYC will be the most memorable experience of your life!



Weddings

Tie the knot with a backdrop of Central Park, Top of the Rock, The Empire State building, Grand Central, Brooklyn Bridge or even have a roof top wedding overlooking the entire skyline. Ultimate USA provide a "hands on" concierge service by personally assisting couples in obtaining their marriage license to organising the wedding location, a bridal bouquet, photography and videography, limousines and vintage checker cabs. Not forgetting those other important factors - hair and makeup, a celebration lunch or dinner, music for your wedding and a wedding cake.

For over ten years, Ultimate USA weddings have co-ordinated more weddings in New York than anybody, building their reputation on the level of service that each bride and groom deserves.

For more information about Ultimate USA Weddings and other Wedding Ideas in the USA please telephone us on (01892) 779900 or email info@awwt.co.uk

Honeymoons

Getting Married? Not a big beach lover & therefore want something a little different?

Choose from any of our featured itineraries, and let us add some special touches to make it a honeymoon to remember. Alternatively we can tailor make your dream honeymoon itinerary especially for you.



Here are a few ideas you might like:

Sun & Snow: A great combination for any Winter wedding. Spend a week on the slopes in Colorado or the Eastern USA before flying to the romantic Hawaiian Islands for some sun and exploration.

Self Drive and Cruise: Why not follow one of our popular Deep South Fly Drive itineraries and then board a week long cruise from New Orleans or Miami.

Early Autumn Honeymooners can take advantage of the spectacular fall colours in New England or Canada, whilst late Autumn is a perfect time to visit Washington DC, The Capital Region and The Carolinas. These regions all offer a wide range of small and romantic Inns too.

Alternatively, why not spend your honeymoon surrounded by the spectacular scenery (and some of the wildlife too) in the Canadian or American Rockies - or be greedy and see both!

For more information about any of our Honeymoon Ideas in the USA or Canada please telephone us on (01892) 779900 or email info@awwt.co.uk

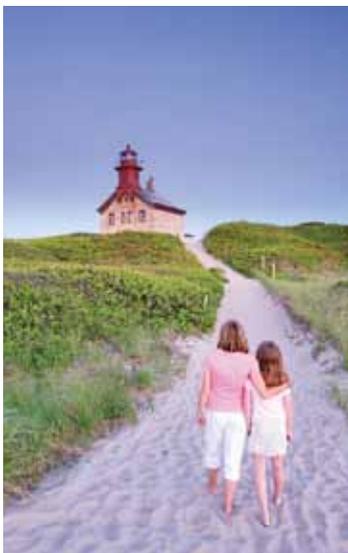


An introduction to our Family Itineraries

Having a family, however young your children are doesn't mean you have to compromise on any element of your dream holiday to America or Canada.

Therefore, with families in mind we have created an exciting range of self drive itineraries to include some of the most child-friendly destinations in North America - but without the long mileage that other similar fly drive itineraries cover.

Each of our chosen hotels in our selection of tours have been handpicked because of the things that are important to you, such as spacious family rooms, child friendly hotels and their facilities, as well as the hotel's location in relation to attractions and activities.



From experience we know these important factors combined determine the overall enjoyment of any trip for children and parents alike.

AmeriCan & Worldwide Travel understand that taking a long haul family holiday together can sometimes become expensive, so we offer you the chance to significantly save money on your accommodation costs, by 2 adults simply sharing a room with up to 2 children under the age of 12 at no extra cost, where available.

From suggesting the most conveniently timed flights, to recommending the best value accommodation, to pre booking your flights seats and child meals on the plane, we endeavour to do everything we can from start to finish to make your family holiday the most enjoyable and relaxing it can be.

If you would like more information or advice on how to plan the ideal holiday for your family in the USA or Canada, please contact us on the details below.



If you are travelling with children and looking for some inspiration, why not give us a call and ask us about recommending you the right holiday to one of the following exciting destinations:

- California**
- Arizona**
- Yellowstone & the Rockies**
- New England**
- Oregon**
- The Capital Region**
- Eastern Canada**
- The Canadian Rockies**



Motorhomes

The great outdoors is just waiting to be explored... with Cruise America.



Cruise America have been renting motor homes (or RV's - Recreational Vehicles) for 40 years. So with their extensive experience, over 30 International rental locations, top of the range motor homes built especially for the RV rental market and unrivalled service standards, they are the ideal choice.

There are so many benefits to hiring a motor home that it is hard to list them all, but here are a few:

Freedom... There is no other holiday type that gives you such freedom. Stay in one place for as long or as little time as you fancy, with no set times for breakfast or dinner, and no unpacking every day.

Flexibility... You could choose to follow any of our suggested itineraries, design your own itinerary or just take to the open road and go where your heart desires.

Price... Although hotels may seem relatively cheap when you book in, there are always the additional costs that everyone forgets about until they arrive - meals, drinks, tips, and resort charges amongst them. Compare this to an RV, where it is literally home from home, giving you much more freedom.

Access... Your motor home gives you access to all main tourist areas. When visiting the National Parks, you are able to overnight within the grounds of the parks and usually at a minimal cost, unlike the hotels there that are often typically expensive.

Campgrounds

With over 16,000 campgrounds in North America to choose from, you'll have no shortage of places to stay. Ranging from full service resorts with pools to camping in the great outdoors in the National Parks like Yosemite, which has 13 campgrounds and Yellowstone which has 12.

Prices vary from approx \$40 for a KOA (www.koa.com) to \$10-\$20 for a National Park (www.recreation.gov). Pre booking in peak season is highly recommended.

With 40 years experience in renting and manufacturing their own motorhomes, Cruise America know exactly what renters require to make their motorhome holiday as easy as possible. They now custom build just four motorhome types so it is easy for you to choose the right vehicle depending on the number of people in your party, length of vacation and your individual needs. All Cruise America vehicles come with power steering, power brakes and automatic transmission.



If you drive a manual vehicle at home, it will take you seconds to get the hang of forgetting your left foot and just using the on/off pedals - the power and the brake.

From our own experience, the vehicle length has never been a problem - it just seems to follow you! Just be sure to make your turns wide. The vehicle width takes a little while to get used to, but by day two you will be driving your RV like a professional.

The first key to good value renting of a Cruise America or Cruise Canada vehicle is knowing that our pricing is based on availability. When we have more vehicles available, the price will be cheaper; and when we have more vehicles available in a certain category, you may find a larger vehicle is cheaper than a small one. The second key is to understand that the EARLIER you book, the more availability there will typically be - and hence the cheaper the price will be.

Vehicles to choose from

Cruise America offer four vehicles, all with petrol engines, as detailed below:

C19 Compact Motorhome

A recent addition to the fleet is our aerodynamic and fuel efficient C19. Cruise America's 'green machine' is narrower and will fit into a car parking slot. It's perfect for a couple with its large double bed over the cab, kitchen at the back and all those other facilities. If you have a young child, the dining table easily drops to make the dinette into a bed 3ft wide and 6ft long. **Sleeps up to 2 Adults and a Child (Length 20' 2"/6.15 metres)**

C25 Standard Motorhome

Our medium size vehicle, the C25, has been a stalwart of fleet design for several years. With a rear corner double bed as well as a double bed over the cab it is ideal for two couples or a family of up to five - like the C19 the dinette area easily converts to a single bed, 3ft wide and 6ft 6ins long. **Sleeps family up to 5 (Length 24' -25'/7.3-7.6 metres)**

C30 Large Motorhome

The C30 vehicle is the largest motor home on our fleet. Its special feature is the large separate bedroom at the rear with its 5ft wide bed! There is also a double bed over the cab, a convertible sofa-bed and a convertible dinette bed. The shower is separate from the toilet/ basin as well in the C30. **Sleeps family up to 7 (Length 29' -30'/8.8-9.1 metres)**

E27 Intermediate Motorhome

While still very similar to our C Class RVs the E27 is built using lightweight, hi-strength composite materials benefitting clients further with improved drivability, reduced fuel consumption and cabin noise and re-designed cabin elements to maximise comfort including LED lighting throughout. There is a separate bedroom at the rear, double bed over the cab and convertible dinette bed. **Sleeps family up to 5-6 (Length 28.5'/8.66 metres)**



C19



C25



C30



E27

EL MONTE RV

MOTORHOME VACATIONS



El Monte RV is one of the largest Motorhome Rental companies in the world. You can pick up your motorhome at one of 17 International rental locations covering all the key gateway cities throughout the USA.

El Monte RV is committed to quality products and services and provides the finest fleet of luxury motorhomes from Americas' top manufacturers.

There are over 1800 deluxe motorhomes of all sizes and all of the El Monte RV motorhomes are professionally maintained and serviced to the highest standard. Every motorhome is fully self contained and offers a spacious, comfortable and well equipped home away from home. With an El Monte RV, you have the freedom of the open road and time to tour and stay in some of the most outstanding places on this earth.

El Monte RV motorhomes are prepared especially for you, ready to explore the highways and byways of North America on your motorhome rental holiday.

When you call us on (01892) 779900 or email us at info@awwt.co.uk we will quote you the best available price for your Motorhome rental time, including insurance and any additional extras.



Small Private Group Tours & Escorted Touring

Interested in one of our itineraries but don't want to drive yourselves?
We are delighted to now be able to offer Private Group Tours for couples, families,
or even small or larger groups of friends in a lot of different areas of the USA.



Whilst we traditionally specialise in tailor making bespoke fly drive itineraries to North America and Canada, we also book a wide range of well known and quality Escorted Tours. These include Tauck, APT, Allied T Pro, Globus, Titan, Trafalgar and Collette.

For more details or a quotation on a Small Private Group Tour or any of our Escorted Tours please email info@awwt.co.uk or telephone (01892) 779900

Explore more with Avis car hire



With over 1500 locations across the USA and Canada, Avis is never far away. As one of the world's leading car rental companies, Avis is committed to providing great service and great value to their customers.

The Avis Fleet offers a wide variety of vehicles to choose from. Whether you need a compact car, a family-friendly sedan or a minivan, we've got the perfect vehicle for you. With Avis Cool Cars, you can put yourself behind the wheel of a sporty convertible or a plush luxury car.

Choose Your Vehicle



Compact
Ford Focus or similar



Intermediate
Chevrolet Cruze or similar



Full-Size
Chevrolet Impala or similar



Intermediate SUV
Ford Escape or similar



Convertible
Ford Mustang or similar



Minivan
Dodge Grand Caravan or similar



Car models mentioned are examples for each group, and are a small selection of vehicle types from a much wider range. Not all car groups are available at all locations. Makes, models and car groups may vary in Canada. Please contact us on (01892) 779900 for more advice and information about selecting the right vehicle type for your party size.

REASONS TO BOOK WITH AVIS

Choice

Customers choose from a wide range of models in our modern fleet, including small, family, luxury and convertibles.

Avis Preferred

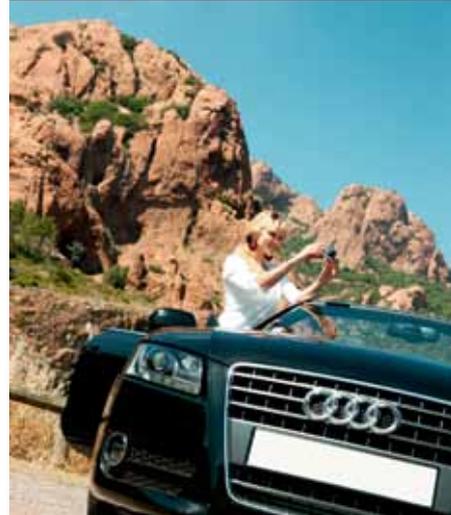
Avis Preferred customers get their vehicle keys within 3 minutes of reaching the counter.

Rapid Return

Avis keep their customers moving with Rapid Return. Wireless technology allows vehicles to be returned in as little as 60 seconds.

Extras

A wide range of extras including GPS, child seats and one-way hire, all aimed at making car rental easier and more enjoyable.



AVIS



Ski USA...

Aspen/Snowmass

Aspen attracts the rich and famous, but don't let that put you off.

Yes, your flexible friend can take a hit, but it certainly doesn't have to. There's something for most budgets.

Village

Aspen's charming Victorian town centre has been beautifully restored and there's a huge variety of shops, bars and restaurants.

Snowmass is 11 miles away. It's a large modern resort with almost all accommodation slopeside. It's quiet in the evenings and is not unlike some of the big French resorts in feel.

Choosing between Aspen & Snowmass

Aspen has got almost the lot - charm, atmosphere; après ski, shopping, great restaurants. There's just one catch; it's not a ski-in/ski-out sort of place. It has three small ski areas; one in town, two a mile away. Snowmass has in our opinion the best all round ski area in America, and it's almost twice

as big as Aspen's three ski areas put together. Snowmass has been built for skiing, so almost all accommodation is slopeside. But Snowmass' village is not in the same league as Aspen for charm, atmosphere etc. If staying in Aspen you'll be getting on a shuttle most days to ski. If staying in Snowmass it helps if you like a quieter time.

Accommodation

Aspen has plenty of hotels but also a number of inns. These are not only cheaper but offer a more homely atmosphere, with breakfast and après ski buffets included. Snowmass is essentially a condo resort; some are frankly overpriced, but we know all the best value ones.

Why book Aspen/Snowmass

- Aspen is a very attractive, atmospheric Old West town with great restaurants and nightlife, and far more charming and classy than rival Vail.



- A lot of great skiing for all abilities, great snow record, wonderfully uncrowded slopes, and Snowmass has the best all round ski area in America.

Why book Aspen/Snowmass through us

- Aspen/Snowmass is a complicated resort to get to grips with if you haven't been there before. You need expert advice to help you get the most from your first holiday there.
- Properties have different pricing structures; similar standard & location places can vary enormously in price for certain dates. We advise on the best value options for your trip.
- There are numerous ways to get there. We give you all the journey options so you can decide which is most suited to you.





Steamboat, Colorado

Steamboat is one of those resorts everyone loves, regardless of ski ability or resort requirements.

You can't really go wrong with it, and we get a higher proportion of rave reviews of Steamboat from satisfied customers than any other resort.

Why? Well, what are the three biggest "must haves" for a ski holiday for most people? Great snow, great slopes, great accommodation. And Steamboat has all these in spades.

Village

There is a modern slopeside village with all mod cons for ski convenience, where almost all the accommodation is located, and a mile away is the atmospheric old western town of Steamboat Springs, which provides additional restaurants, bars and shops. The buildings are modern but built with aesthetic taste, with much wood and stone in evidence. There are restaurants, shops and bars, but the old town has a far wider choice. Steamboat Springs is a genuine working cattle town, and you're likely to end up chatting to friendly locals.

Location, Location, Location

Much of the accommodation is built alongside the piste, so there are lots of ski-in/ski-out options. But there is also plenty of accommodation that is handily placed for the slopes but not slopeside, which are less expensive, so there's something for all budgets. There's a resort

shuttle but also many of the non-slopeside properties also provide their own free private on-call shuttle service, so whatever your budget, convenience can be high on your agenda in Steamboat.

Accommodation

There's a higher proportion of excellent quality condos in Steamboat than any other American resort. The top end condos are super luxurious, the mid-range condos would be top of the range in most resorts, and we've stayed in the cheapest condos in Steamboat and even these are very nice. Frankly you can't go wrong. There are also good hotels, from big luxury places to smaller cosy places.

Why Book Steamboat

Much lower than other Colorado resorts so no latitude concerns, and...

- Despite being lower it has one of the best snowfall records in Colorado.



- Great all rounder which gets rave reviews from everyone we send there.
- Famed for its wonderful off-piste tree skiing, and great for piste skiers too.
- Consistently good accommodation, much of it handy for the slopes.
- Pleasant old cattle town.

Why book Steamboat with us

Being one of our favourite resorts, we've built up particularly good contacts over the years. We offer a tremendous range of accommodation at fantastic prices.

It's not an easy resort to get your head round if you haven't been there. Best to book it through those with expert knowledge of the place.

We have a great deal on BA non-stop flights to Denver.



Breckenridge

Breckenridge is American skiing's best all-rounder with something for everyone, on and off the slopes.

Village

Breckenridge's beautifully renovated Victorian buildings make it one of America's most charming ski resorts. It's also one of the largest and liveliest, with plenty of shops and over 100 restaurants and bars.

Location, Location, Location

Breckenridge boasts more ski-in/ski-out accommodation than any other American resort, but this is misleading. Many "ski-in/ski-out" properties are some of the worst located. They are on Four O'Clock Run, which meanders close to a huge number of condos, most of which are a bus ride away from the lifts and town centre. But we always advise on all the best located accommodation.

Accommodation

Breckenridge is essentially a condo resort. There are only 2 hotels, both well located but disappointing. You pay more for location than quality in Breckenridge. For example, luxurious but poorly located condos are some of the least expensive in the resort. In contrast, Beaver Run has a good location but there you pay top dollar for dated condos.

Why Book Breckenridge

- Charming restored Old West town with good shops, restaurants, bars.
- Unusually for an Old West charmer, a lot of accommodation is close to the slopes.
- Great snow record.



- Varied ski area with something for all abilities and a lift pass which also covers neighbouring resorts.

Why Book Breckenridge With Us

- Accommodation location is particularly important at Breckenridge so you need to book with a company which knows the resort well and has access to a wide range of properties.
- Flexibility and unbiased advice. If you prefer, you can have your first night in Denver to help acclimatise more gradually to high altitude. You'll be up early due to the time difference, so can still be at Breckenridge for the first lift. Also, as we have rates with almost every property, you can be rest assured we aren't selling you something just because it's in our allocation.





Winter Park, Colorado

If great skiing at a great price is more important to you than a variety of shops, restaurants and bars, Winter Park should be on your short list.

Village

There's a little slopeside village where all our accommodation is located, with two great bars for late afternoon après ski and nice restaurants. Two miles away is the town of Winter Park, which has additional infrastructure.

Location, Location, Location

Staying in the slopeside village is a must. It's a pleasant place and slopeside accommodation prices are great, so there's no point in staying in town.

Accommodation

We offer several luxury ski-in/out condo properties which all our clients give rave reviews. Or for a real bargain, the Vintage Hotel has hotel rooms and condos at amazing prices. It's away from the slopes (hence the low prices), but a little mini-gondola right outside the back door takes you across to the slopes in seconds.



Why Book Winter Park

- Great value accommodation, and good prices for extras such as equipment hire, lift passes & ski school too
- Highest snowfall record in Colorado
- Great skiing for all abilities
- The easiest journey to Rockies skiing. Non-stop flight followed by a short transfer.

Best of the Rest: Colorado's other great resorts include Keystone, Copper Mountain, Vail, Beaver Creek and Crested Butte. Keystone has the best early booking offers in the business. 50% off for many dates! It also has the largest night skiing operation in the western world and the best mountain restaurant in America, which stays open at night for gourmand dining.

Copper Mountain is a small compact slopeside ski village with great skiing. Although the ski area isn't large, it has some of the best quality slopes in the business, including the best beginner area we know. The condos are great value, which is just as well as there are no hotels!

Vail is an exclusive resort with all accommodation towards the top end of the market. But it can back up its high prices with America's second largest ski area which has a huge amount of piste skiing plus



a fine array of Back Bowls and it has America's liveliest après ski.

Beaver Creek is America's "posh" resort, where everything is done to perfection for its discerning clients. All accommodation is luxurious, ski-in/ski-out or close to it, the village is cute, compact and quiet, and the skiing is amongst the best in Colorado.

Crested Butte: For anyone who's 'been there, skied that' and is looking for pastures new, Crested Butte is great. It's in a remote spot so isn't as well known as Colorado's other resorts, but everyone we send there loves it. The skiing is great, the accommodation great value.

Other America: Park City in Utah, Jackson Hole in Wyoming, Big Sky and Whitefish in Montana, Sun Valley in Idaho, and all the New England States.

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If you need clarification of whether a visa is required for the country you intend to visit, please ask us at the time of booking. It is the responsibility of ALL passengers to ensure they have a valid passport and the correct visa(s) for their planned trip.

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A \$14.00 fee is payable on all new applications or renewals, and payments must be made by credit or debit card when applying for or renewing an ESTA. Your application will not be submitted for processing until all payment information is received. Once you have an ESTA authorization it is valid for 2 years from the date of issue.

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If you are flying internally in the USA with an airline different to your International Carrier, you will be required to pay a charge per item for any luggage you check in. Please check the individual airline website for up to date charges or ask us for further details.

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Pre assigned seats

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Accommodation and airline meal requests

Please advise us of any special meal requests you have at the time of booking, so we can notify the airline.

Any accommodation requests (adjacent rooms, non smoking etc) will be duly noted and passed to the relevant hotels but cannot be guaranteed.

While you are away

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