



TAILOR MADE HOLIDAYS IN NORTH AMERICA



# Welcome to your journey of discovery...

Since Christopher Columbus first discovered America 525 years ago and Jacques Cartier arrived in Newfoundland, Canada in 1534, travellers from all over the world have taken their hopes and dreams there.

#### Natural & cultural wonders

Enormous and staggeringly diverse, North America harbours an astounding collection of natural and cultural wonders. With 50 different states and 10 provinces, this is a continent of road trips, rail journeys and great open skies, where 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 lush rainforests of the Pacific Northwest, the scenic country lanes of New England and iconic mountainous terrain of British Columbia are great starting points for any fly-drive itinerary.

#### **Endless scenery**

North America is also home to some of the most incredible man-made attractions as well as its natural wonders. From forests of skyscrapers towering over urban jungles to incredible feats of engineering such as the Hoover Dam and Mount Rushmore.

A vibrant mix of cultures, religions, political and social attitudes and famous city skylines can be found here too. Coupled with a rich musical, cinematic, and culinary heritage, you cannot help but be seduced by the time you leave.

#### A land of dreams

North America is truly the land of dreams, with endless opportunities to explore. Deciding exactly where in America or Canada you want to see may be the hardest decision of all. Whether you are planning your first trip, 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 adventure.







## About our self drive itineraries...

At AmeriCan & Worldwide Travel we appreciate that your holiday is as unique as you are, and so you may not immediately find exactly what you have in mind in a brochure or on a website.

# Holidays designed with creativity & pasison

In addition to choosing from one of our many popular suggested self-drive itineraries, we can also tailor a new itinerary, specific to your own individual requirements. We will always 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, the budget you have to spend.

# 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 lodging throughout North America, ranging from motels to deluxe resorts, as well as an appealing range of independently owned bed and breakfasts and small inns. Where available, we can also offer a choice of villas, 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**

AmeriCan and Worldwide Travel work with a wide variety of airlines to find the best deals and most comfortable routes. With regular departures from London and regional airports we'll make sure your holiday gets off to a great start. Here are just a few of our favourites.





British Airways serves over thirty North American destinations, making it one of the largest trans-Atlantic airlines. Working in partnership American Airlines expands their coverage, allowing them to serve 240 American cities. BA offers services in four classes of travel and has upgraded their World Traveller experience, including seats with greater recline and a 35% larger entertainment screen\*. Upgrading to World Traveller Plus will mean you can enjoy a wider seat and more legroom, a smaller cabin and a larger baggage allowance. Passengers can also benefit from upgraded entertainment screens and a larger seat recline\*. Club class gives you a 72" seat and the option to lie back and relax in a fully lie flat bed as well a personal amenity kit including White Company skincare products. Flying First is the ultimate in luxury; unwind in your own suite with lie flat bed, duvet and quilted mattress and a la carte meals.

\*The new cabin is currently available on newer aircraft; A380, Boeing 787, Boeing 777-300ER





Virgin Atlantic has become one of the world's leading long haul airlines, flying to more than 30 destinations. Their close partnership with **Delta Airlines** has meant that they are able to offer connections to over 200 North American destinations. Virgin Atlantic Economy seats have 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 all 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 on-board bar. When it's time to sleep, stretch out on one of the most comfortable fully flat beds in business class.









United Airlines offer unrivalled access to the United States with nonstop flights from seven UK airports. United's U.S hub cities are perfect for visiting on their own, or you can connect to over 300 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 6'6" of sleeping space, gourmet menu choices and access to lounges worldwide.

\*Onboard facilities may vary depending on aircraft.





Air Canada has one of the youngest, most fuel efficient fleets in the industry and boasts more daily, non-stop departures from London Heathrow to Canada than any other airline. This includes direct flights to eight of Canada's largest cities. Air Canada Rouge has also expanded the airline's offering with services from London Gatwick\*. 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 wine and spirits. The airline has introduced a brand new premium economy service on its most popular London routes\*\*, offering passengers a 38" seat pitch and an 8" recline. In business class, lie back and relax on a fully flat bed.

\*Flights offered twice weekly to Toronto and Vancouver.

\*\*Premium economy offered on selected London Heathrow flights to Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and Montreal.





Air Transat offer a more affordable way of getting to Canada. Flying from four airports across the United Kingdom, including Birmingham and Glasgow, the 'no frills' airline offers direct flights to five of Canada's main cities\*. Economy class includes comfortable leather seats, four-way headrests and personal entertainment screens\*\* for optimum comfort. Meals are not included and a choice of meals can be purchased onboard. Passengers travelling in Club class will benefit from a cabin with dedicated flight attendants, including larger, more luxurious reclining seats and greater baggage allowance as well as a welcome cocktail and complimentary beverages and snacks throughout the flight.

\*Flights to Quebec City are only available from London Gatwick.

\*\*Individual screens only available on Airbus A330 aircraft.







## **Car Hire**

Driving is a way of life in the USA and Canada. With a great range of vehicles and locations our car hire partners help you to take to the open road and make the most of your holiday.







**AVIS** serve over 1,500 locations across the USA and Canada including many downtown depots so there'll be nothing to stop you from embarking on the road trip of your dreams. The Avis fleet offers a wide variety of vehicles to choose from. Whether you need a compact car, a family-friendly sedan or a mini-van', they will have the vehicle for you! A wide range of extras can also be included with your car hire to make your car rental easier and more enjoyable.

\*Not all car groups are available at all locations.



Alamo and National\* depots are located throughout America and Canada. They offer a range of vehicle types to suit your individual travel needs, so you can easily cruise down California's famous Highway 1 in a trendy convertible" or explore the Canadian Rocky Mountains with your family in an SUV. Alamo and National also allow you to pre-book and guarantee many extras including additional drivers, GPS systems and car seats, taking the stress out of collecting your car when you arrive.

\*One way rental fees may apply.

\*\*Not all car groups are available at all locations.

### **Motorhome Hire**

No other holiday type gives you the freedom and flexibility of a motorhome vacation. Choose between following one of our suggested itineraries or just take to the open road and go where your heart desires.





Employee owned. Customer driven.

Cruise America and Cruise Canada have over thirty rental locations across the continent, offering top-of-the-range motorhomes to suit a number of party sizes. The smallest vehicle they offer is known as a C19 and is perfect for a couple or small family. The largest option they have is a C30, which can sleep up to a family of six people. All rentals will include a vehicle provision and personal kits containing everything you would need for your trip such as pots, pans, pillows and towels. With over 16,000 campgrounds 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.

\*One way rental fees may apply.

\*\*Pre-booking in peak season is recommended.





El Monte and Fraserway together form one of the largest motorhome rental companies in the world. You can pick up your motorhome at one of the 21 rental locations across the USA and Canada. They offer an impressive variety of motorhomes, meaning that you are sure to find a perfect fit for your family. Every motorhome is fully self-contained and offers a spacious, comfortable and well-equipped home-fromhome. Your motorhome hire will include vehicle and personal provision kits containing everyday essentials and generator use, sure to make your holiday run as smoothly as possible.

## **Motorcycle Hire**

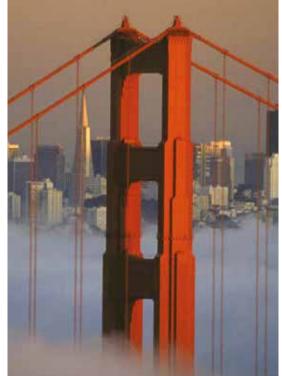
EagleRider pioneered motorcycle rental when they began in 1992 and are now synonymous with the idea of cruising Route 66 on a Harley Davidson. The company offers multi-brand rentals including Triumph, Ducati and BMW and can accommodate both guided and self-guided tours. Ride all the way from Seattle to Los Angeles down Pacific Highway 1 or make a beeline for Sin City itself, Las Vegas. The world truly is your oyster. You don't have to be an experienced rider either; there are options for both novice and expert riders or you can choose to ride pillion if you prefer.



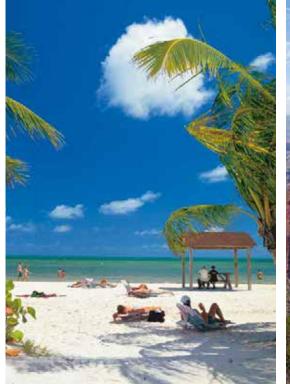














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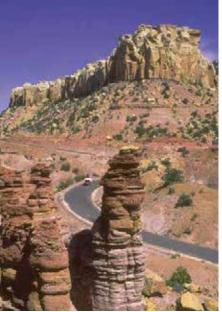
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# California, The South West & Hawaii

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

California is a melting pot of diverse and cosmopolitan cities and world-renowned wine regions. Some of the best scenery in the country is contained within its many celebrated National Parks.

The desert states of Utah, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico are full of history and drama. Towering monoliths, red rock canyons and ancient cultures are all waiting to be discovered.

Texas is an incredibly diverse place full of charming towns and bustling cities which offer a whole range of unique experiences. Visiting some of the smaller towns for a glimpse into the state's famous cowboy culture is a must.

The six islands of Hawaii offer six different experiences. From crystal blue waters to beautiful sandy beaches, from spectacular sunsets to erupting volcanoes, Hawaii is an iconic destination that you won't be able to forget.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

7 (Mountain Standard) or 8 (Pacific Standard) hours behind GMT. Texas is 6 hours (Central) and Hawaii is 10 hours (Hawaii) behind GMT.

## INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego (California);

Phoenix (Arizona);

Las Vegas (Nevada);

Salt Lake City (Utah);

Dallas, Houston (Texas)

#### Indirect

Albuquerque (New Mexico); Honolulu (Hawaii)











## The Redwood Trail

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



#### Days 1 to 3 - San Francisco

Surrounded by San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, the 'City by the Bay' is arguably the most friendly and beautiful in America and there is certainly something here for everyone.

Highlights: Drive over the Golden Gate Bridge, visit Fisherman's Wharf, home to the city's playful resident sea-lions at Pier 39 or Union Square for world-class shopping and dining.

#### Day 4 - Mendocino & Fort Bragg

155 miles. Shop, eat, and enjoy the feeling of going back in time in downtown Mendocino and Fort Bragg, still influenced by its part in the hippy movement.

**Highlights:** Visit the Mendocino Art Centre, started by San Francisco artists in the 1950s or drive to Russian Gulch State Park to go rock fishing, swimming or bicycling.

#### Day 5 - Eureka

145 miles. Eureka's downtown district is full of vintage commercial buildings that have been lovingly restored, and now contain bookstores, restaurants, coffee houses, galleries, museums and a variety of unusual boutiques.

**Highlights:** The Carson Mansion which has been called the most photographed Victorian building in America, and is truly a wooden fairytale castle.

#### Day 6 - Crescent City

Redwood National Park and its magnificent Giant Sequoia trees. The wet climate in the north nurtures these great trees in ridge top, streamside and coastal environments.

**Highlights:** To truly experience the grandeur of the park, take the "Trees of Mystery" and "Trail of Tall Tales" walking tours through the forest.

#### Day 7 - Yreka

and 160 miles. Founded as a classic gold-rush town in the 1850s, this quaint and historic town is surrounded by three dramatic mountain ranges and has stunning views of the majestic Mt. Shasta.

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

#### Day 8 - Lassen Volcanic Park

180 miles. Lassen Peak was forever changed following a series of volcanic eruptions and now offers lava plateaus, jagged craters and steaming sulphur vents.

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 miles. Once a luxury
summer vacation spot for San

Francisco's elite, Tahoe became world famous after it hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics.

**Highlights:** Drive the 72-mile loop around the lake that takes you to dozens of historic sites and vantage points.

#### Days 11 to 13 - Yosemite

Park is breath-taking and has so much to offer its visitors. Make sure to look out for Half Dome and El Capitan, two of the huge granite cliffs in the park depicted in many photographs.

**Highlights:** Drive to Mariposa Grove's sequoia trees, visit the historic village of Wawona or hire a bike to take you around the valley floor.

#### Day 14 - Napa

more than 400 wineries and is one of the world's premier viticultural regions. Napa is the largest of Napa Valley's five towns and offers an impressively diverse array of food and activities.

**Highlights:** The unexpected blend of urban activity – interactive street art, food trucks, and vibrant night life – contrasts with quaint Napa Valley.

Day 15 - San Francisco
60 miles. Return to San
Francisco for your flight home.









## **California Wine Country**

Enjoy great wine, fantastic food and beautiful views on this Northern California adventure.



#### Days 1 & 2 - San Francisco

The world-famous Golden Gate Bridge welcomes you to San Francisco, the most-visited and beloved American city.

**Highlights:** Explore delightful and diverse neighbourhoods such as Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square and the largest Chinatown in the USA.

#### Day 3 - Petaluma

**40 miles.** Petaluma is a historic town known for the Petaluma Gap, a micro-climate that is perfect for many varieties of wine including Merlot and Chardonnay.

**Highlights:** Enjoy a walking tour of the historic downtown area and wine tasting at Adobe Roads, Keller Estate and Corda Wineries.

#### Day 4 - Santa Rosa

ateway to Sonoma County. Stop at the Welcome Center to pick up maps and hints and tips in planning your Wine Country excursions.

**Highlights:** The foodie scene rivals the wine here, with some of the best restaurants in the State in the area.

#### Day 5 - Healdsburg

**a** 15 miles. Healdsburg hosts 20 wineries and has a town square that boasts wine shops, bookstores and gourmet cafes, the perfect way to begin a day of wine tasting.

**Highlights:** Take in the wonderful farmers market or grab some fish tacos at El Farolito in the evening.

#### Day 6 - Calistoga

combination could there be than wine and hot springs? The Scramsberg Winery is 'America's First House of Sparkling Wine' so is well worth a trip.

**Highlights:** Visit Castello di Amorosa Winery for a taste of Italy and the most stunning Californian surroundings.

#### Day 7 & 8 - Napa

and miles. The heart of the wine region and home of many famous wineries. For an extra-special day, board the Napa Valley Wine Train for great food and wine.

**Highlights:** Stop en-route for an olive oil tour in St. Helena or for lunch in Yountville.

#### Day 9 - Sonoma

■ 15 miles. A working town with a rich cultural heritage; for a brief time it was even capital of California's 'Bear Flag Republic.'

**Highlights:** Enjoy some of the many wineries in this area as well as the Sonoma State Historic Park to discover the town's past.

#### Day 10 - Monterey

♠ 160 miles. Today, you'll see why the Pacific Coast Highway is often called a destination in itself with its crashing waves and rugged cliffs.

**Highlights:** Visit the renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium and the cute artist town Carmel, just 17 miles away.

#### Day 11 & 12 - Pismo Beach

♠ 155 miles. Heading further south to the coastal town of Pismo Beach, a perfect place to relax, pass by the majestic Big Sur.

**Highlights:** Visit and take a tour of the famous Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

#### Day 13 - Paso Robles

**40 miles.** A young and evolving wine area, Paso Robles is a 'winemaking frontier' where experimentation is the norm, leading to some interesting samples!

**Highlights:** In between wine tasting, make sure to visit the thermal baths in the city.

#### Day 14 - Santa Cruz

▲ 140 miles. Famous for its waves, Santa Cruz has 29 miles of sandy, sun-drenched beaches from which you can learn to surf.

**Highlights:** Go kayaking, windsurfing, whale watching, hiking or even skateboarding. An outdoor paradise!

#### Day 15 - San Francisco

← 60 miles. Make your way back to San Francisco today for your flight home.











# **Classic South Western Splendours**

From remote desert wilderness to the majesty of the Grand Canyon and the bright lights of Vegas - this is truly a tour of contrasts. 1145



#### Days 1 & 2 - Phoenix

Phoenix is situated on the edge of the Great Sonoran Desert, a spectacular landscape that holds more cacti, plants and animals than any other desert in North America.

**Highlights:** Its year-round weather makes it a perfect destination for golf and many other outdoor activities.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Sedona

and 115 miles. Surrounded on all sides by national forest and with a backyard full of wild country, the urge to see all Sedona has to offer is overwhelming.

**Highlights:** Go on a jeep tour, take a thrilling helicopter ride to witness the Sedona that only eagles see or greet the sunrise aboard a hot air balloon.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Grand Canyon

▲ 145 miles. The Grand Canyon is all that you expect it to be. Vast, breathtaking and ever-changing. National Park Rangers offer a wide variety of interpretive programs to learn about the history and nature of the Park.

**Highlights:** Take a helicopter trip or a small plane flight over the Canyon for spectacular views. Go hiking, biking or even mule-riding.

# Day 7 - Chinle & Canyon de Chelly

National Park lands, Canyon de Chelly is comprised entirely of Navajo Tribal land and well preserved ruins reveal the culture of the Navajo.

**Highlights:** Go on a Navajo guided hike or drive inside the canyon to see ancient and living history and art

#### **Day 8 - Monument Valley**

an iconic symbol of the American West. The valley is host to towering sandstone rock formations and its surrounding mesas, buttes, and desert.

**Highlights:** Enjoy hiking, jeep tours, horseback riding or stargazing.

#### Day 9 - Lake Powell

ago, the land beneath Lake Powell was a bleak desert landscape.

Now it is the second largest man-made lake in the country at 186 miles long.

**Highlights:** Rent a watercraft or sit back and relax on a boat cruise tour

#### Day 10 - Bryce Canyon

**a** 155 miles. Some of the most bizarre and extraordinary natural architecture anywhere is found here. Your first view of the park is a dramatic unveiling.

**Highlights:** The colourful and whimsically arranged rocks form a landscape of mazes with some of the most memorable walks and hikes imaginable.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Zion

**85 miles.** Zion is a true desert paradise; watch as the light plays on the sandstone plateaus and monoliths in an ever-changing array of colour.

**Highlights:** Enjoy horseback rides or rent bikes to explore. The Zion Human History Museum is also well worth visiting.

#### **Days 13 & 14 - Las Vegas**

wonders to America's playground! Welcome to Las Vegas, a city created to provide non-stop entertainment.

**Highlights:** Wander the Strip to take in the amazing hotels and casinos, see a show or visit the Stratosphere and go zip-lining over the strip.









## **Nevada Discovery**

Explore Nevada's unspoilt beauty and frontier history on this unforgettable road trip.



#### Day 1 - Salt Lake City

Known for the stunning backdrop afforded by the towering Wasatch Mountains – and the endless outdoor recreation they provide – Salt Lake offers visitors a uniquely vibrant and dynamic urban experience.

**Highlights:** Visit the headquarters of the Latter Day Saints at Temple Square and wander downtown among the up-and-coming restaurants and bars.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Elko

drama of the high desert to vivid reality with its unspoiled nature, the breathtaking vistas and rugged beauty of the Ruby Mountains and its rich Western history.

Highlights: Visit the Western
Folklife Centre and head to
Lamoille Canyon for breath-taking
views. Take a tour to see one of the
area's Gold Rush ghost towns.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Reno

290 miles. The original Sin City, it was the place where cowboys came to gamble and is now enjoying some resurgence with great shopping galleries and dining options.

**Highlights:** Visit the National Automobile Museum, go whitewater rafting, kayaking or visit a nearby ghost town.

#### Days 6 to 8 - Lake Tahoe

40 miles. Lake Tahoe is a classic American lakeside resort with tall pine trees, yellow sand beaches and a wealth of activities as well as picture postcard scenery of sparkling water reflecting snow-clad mountains.

**Highlights:** Play a round of golf or take a cruise on the lake's blue waters. In winter, go skiing, skating or tobogganing.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Ely

**340 miles.** Today you'll be driving along the self-proclaimed 'Loneliest Road in America', taking you through some of Nevada's most scenic landscapes.

**Highlights:** Check out the Ghost Train, a historical train, depot and rail yard and Renaissance Village, a collection of restored homes that tell the history of the area.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Baker & Great Basin

Am 65 miles. Great Basin National Park is a must on any trip to Nevada. Its wilderness will afford you some of the most stunning scenery found in the US.

**Highlights:** Take a guided tour of Lehman Caves, a marble cave ornately decorated with stalactites and stalagmites or hike up Wheeler Peak, the tallest peak in Nevada.

#### **Days 13 & 14 - Las Vegas**

**290 miles.** A neon tribute to tinseled affluence, Las Vegas booms 24 hours a day with a heady 'get rich quick' atmosphere and escapist fun.

**Highlights:** Take in the awe of the amazing casinos and hotels, watch a show or take in a fast car experience - the city is your oyster!









## Canyonlands of the American West

Discover a land where Mother Nature worked for millennia to bring you these unique landscapes.



#### Davs 1 & 2 - Las Vegas

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

**Highlights:** Enjoy a show or concert, take a tour to the Hoover Dam or even a helicopter over the Strip.

#### Day 3 - Grand Canyon

**280 miles.** The Grand Canyon is vast, breathtaking and everchanging. National Park Rangers offer a wide variety of interpretive programs to learn about the history and nature of the National Park.

**Highlights:** There are hiking, biking and mule-riding excursions to enhance your experience of the most famous Canyon in the world.

#### Day 4 - Lake Powell

▲ 150 miles. Lake Powell was a bleak desert landscape. Carved out of the rocky terrain, it is now a 186-mile long lake and surrounding canyons.

**Highlights:** Explore the Lake's 96 major canyons by jet boat or go on a photography tour of nearby Antelope Canyon.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Zion

and 115 miles. Zion is a true desert paradise. The southern part of the park is a desert area while the northern sections were formed by volcanoes and petrified ancient forests.

**Highlights:** Enjoy horseback rides or rent bikes. The Zion Human History Museum is also well worth visiting.

#### Day 7 - Bryce Canyon

• 90 miles. Bryce Canyon is home to extraordinary natural architecture. Wind, water and time have eroded sandstone cliffs into otherworldly characters, offering some exciting and truly memorable hikes.

**Highlights:** Take a horse or mule tour deep into the canyon.

#### Day 8 - Capitol Reef

110 miles. This unique landscape is named after the white domes of sandstone that resemble capitol buildings and for the rocky cliffs.

**Highlights:** Drive the 10-mile scenic road along the rugged western face of the park.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Moab & Canyonlands

has 160 miles. Moab makes an ideal base for exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Designated drives take you to exceptional viewpoints.

**Highlights:** Moab is synonymous with mountain biking, horseback riding, four wheel jeep touring and hot air ballooning.

#### **Day 11 - Monument Valley**

monoliths set against a desolate landscape, punctuated with striking buttes and mesas have formed the backdrop of many a Western!

**Highlights:** Visit Goulding's Museum for a look at the history of moviemaking in iconic Monument Valley.

# Day 12 - Chinle & Canyon de Chelly

which the canyon de Chelly, you'll find prehistoric Anasazi cliff dwellings and traditional Navajo life preserved in spectacular canyons. Navajo people continue to farm on the canyon floor.

**Highlights:** The paved scenic rim drive with viewpoints along the edge; explore them with a Park Ranger.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Sedona

natural beauty and blessed with an ideal climate, Sedona has it all - great shopping, restaurants, galleries and ancient ruins.

**Highlights:** Visit nearby Red Rock State Park, go on fabulous hikes, cycling, fishing and bird watching.

#### Day 15 - Scottsdale

**a** 130 miles. Arriving into Phoenix, you'll be captivated by the Valley of the Sun. Here, you'll find year-round sunshine, heritage, entertainment and recreation.

**Highlights:** There are fabulous shopping opportunities and several top-of-the-range golf courses as well as spas to help you relax.

#### **Day Sixteen - Phoenix**

**10 miles.** Drive to Phoenix for your flight home.









## **Texan Adventure**

From cowboy culture to space exploration, The Lone Star State has it all!



#### Days 1 & 2 - Houston

Houston has emerged as one of the great cities of the 21st century. Head to Bayou Place for great food and entertainment.

**Highlights:** No visit to Houston would be complete without a visit to NASA. Also visit the Houston Raceway Park.

#### Days 3 & 4 - San Antonio

and 200 miles. The Mexican influence here is hard to ignore and its home in the Rio Grande Valley makes it a great place to spot birds and other wildlife.

**Highlights:** The Alamo Monument is a must alongside the Mission Trail and a stroll along the Riverwalk in the evening.

#### Days 5 to 7 - Bandera

**55 miles.** Known as the 'Cowboy Capital of the World', this small town in Texas Hill Country is the perfect place to get a real taste of ranch life.

**Highlights:** Experience the town's strong rodeo tradition and take up horse-riding at a nearby dude ranch.

#### Day 8 - Fredericksburg

**50 miles.** Fredericksburg is the keeper of Texas' greatest secret; it's wine! It is also the birthplace of US President Lyndon B. Johnson.

**Highlights:** Go on a wine tour to try Texan wine as it does not leave the state. Craft breweries and the Enchanted Rock State Park are worth visiting.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Austin

abundance and a bustling University town known for its thriving live music scene. It is often voted the best musical city in the States.

**Highlights:** Home to the largest urban bat colony in the world. When they are 'in town' going up to Congress Bridge to watch them is a must.

#### Day 11 - Fort Worth

♠ 190 miles. Western heritage roams freely in Fort Worth, where cattle drives are a twice daily occurrence.

**Highlights:** Visit the Stockyards National Historic District and visit the highly regarded Fort Worth Zoo.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Dallas

**35 miles.** Made famous by a soap opera, Dallas is now vibrant and sophisticated with more restaurants per capita than New York.

**Highlights:** The famous Southfork Ranch and the Reunion Tower observation deck offering great views of the skyline.

#### Day 14 - Huntsville

170 miles. A beautiful area rich in history, culture and outdoorsy fun. With a historic downtown square full of unique eateries and boutique shopping.

**Highlights:** Visit the Texas Prison Museum, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Huntsville State Park for great hiking.

#### Days 15 & 16 - Galveston

♠ 120 miles. The perfect stop to relax at the end of your Texan trip but lots to do for those with itchy feet! Aeroplane enthusiasts will love the Lone Star Flight Museum.

**Highlights:** With many museums, art galleries, historic homes and beaches, there's something here for all the family!

#### Day 17 - Houston

**50 miles.** Make your way back to Houston today for your flight home











## 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. Watch the sunset from Fisherman's Wharf and see the renowned sea lion colony.

**Highlights:** Explore Pier 39, visit Alcatraz, go shopping at Union Square or take a tour to Muir Woods.

## Days 4 & 5 - Yosemite National Park

natural wonders of the US, Yosemite offers an amazing variety of landscapes from the sequoia trees of Mariposa Grove to the waterfalls of the valley.

**Highlights:** Hiking trails around the park, aimed at visitors of all abilities will take you past glacial rock formations, waterfalls and groves of giant redwood trees.

#### Day 6 - Death Valley

**305** miles. From the heights of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the lowest, driest, hottest point in the country, Death Valley is the largest National Park south of Alaska

**Highlights:** The stark contrast of glistening sand dunes & snow-capped mountains rising above this barren landscape.

## Days 7 & 8 - Las Vegas

■ 135 miles. Welcome to Las Vegas, a city created to provide non-stop entertainment. Wander The Strip, take in the views or enjoy a world class show.

**Highlights:** Tour the Hoover Dam, take in the awe-inspiring hotels and casinos along the Strip or even experience driving a supercar.

#### Day 9 - Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon awaits today. For the best viewpoints 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 Canyon for a thrilling bird's eye views of the Colorado River more than a mile below.

#### Day 10 - Kingman

of famous Route 66. It sprang up with the road in the 1800's and still maintains a retro vibe that speaks of its past.

**Highlights:** Make sure to visit the Historic Route 66 Museum and Mohave Museum of History and Art whilst you are here.

#### Days 11 to 13 - Los Angeles

all to entice and entertain you. Check out Hollywood Boulevard, with the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Chinese Theatre, cruise the Sunset Strip or relax on Santa Monica Beach.

**Highlights:** Shop on Rodeo Drive, explore Venice Beach or discover the fun at Disney or Universal.

#### Day 14 - Santa Barbara

American Riviera," the beautiful coastal town of Santa Barbara has the sophistication of a city with the feel of a small community.

**Highlights:** Relax at the beach, go on a wine tasting tour at a local vineyard or explore the city's boutiques, galleries and restaurants.

#### Day 15 - Pismo Beach

**80 miles.** Pismo Beach is a classic California beach town, the perfect place to take a breather on your trip.

**Highlights:** Stroll along the boardwalk or pier, visit famous Hearst Castle or Guadalupe Sand Dunes.

#### Days 16 & 17 - Monterey

160 miles. Monterey is a great location for nature buffs; explore the bay by kayak for a close-up look at sea lions, seals and otters, go whale-watching and visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

**Highlights:** Visit the 'alternative' seaside village of Carmel, with its arty shops and tasting rooms boasting wine from surrounding wine country.

#### Day 18 - San Francisco

110 miles. Return to San Francisco for your flight home.









# **Hawaiian Island Odyssey**

Say 'Aloha' to 5 of the beautiful islands of Hawaii -America's 50th and newest state.

#### Days 1 & 2 - Los Angeles

There's so much to see and do in Los Angeles- where to start? Take in the glamour of Beverly Hills, the relaxed ambiance of Santa Monica and iconic Hollywood.

**Highlights:** Visit Disney and Universal for fun, take a stroll along Santa Monica Pier and follow in the footsteps of the stars at the Chinese Theater.

#### Days 3 to 5 - Honolulu, Oahu

The iconic Island destination, Honolulu offers the best in Hawaiian nightlife, shopping and dining. Go surfing on the famous North Shore and visit Pearl Harbor.

**Highlights:** Take a catamaran trip, go under the surface in the Atlantis Submarine to see marine life and shipwrecks.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Kona, Hawaii Island

Often referred to as the 'Big Island', it is the youngest and largest of the islands. From rainforest to snow-capped mountains and black sand beaches, the island has some of the most stunning scenery in the world

**Highlights:** Go snorkeling with manta rays, horseback riding in Waimea or sailing along the coast.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Hawaii Volcanoes, Hawaii Island

Staying on Hawaii Island, make the journey inland to Volcanoes National Park. Kilauea is the most active volcano in the world and has been erupting continuously since 1983.

**Highlights:** Make sure to visit Maunaloa, the planet's largest volcano and hike through its volcanic craters.

#### Days 10 to 12 - Lahaina, Maui

Lahaina is overflowing with charm and history; it was a whaling village and is now the perfect place for whale watching.

**Highlights:** Meander the 600 hairpin turns of the famous Hana Highway or take a day trip to one of the two smaller islands, Molokai and Lanai.

#### Days 13 to 15 - Lihue, Kauai

The Napali Coast is one of the most isolated and peaceful areas of Hawaii; take an air or kayak tour to best appreciate its beauty.

**Highlights:** Waimea Canyon is a great place for hikers, with 40 trails to choose from and the Kokee State Park as a destination.

#### Days 16 & 17 - San Francisco

San Francisco is arguably one of the friendliest American cities. Perhaps begin by driving over the Golden Gate Bridge or exploring Fisherman's Wharf.

**Highlights:** Alcatraz is a must when visiting the city and don't forget some of the less touristy areas such as the Castro or Sausalito.

# **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **Maverick Helicopters**

As well as their now-famous helicopter flights over Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon, Maverick now offer excursions on Maui in Hawaii, offering guests the chance to see Hana Rainforest and Haleakala Crater from above. You can also take the Skywalk Odyssey or Maverick Rafting, combining the Canyon with a visit to the Skywalk and rafting on the Colorado River.

#### **Horse Riding**

Enjoy a 1, 2 or 3 hour trail ride at Monument Valley; a unique and awe-inspiring way to experience an iconic landscape. The tours are led by Navajo guides, so guests get a real sense of life here.





#### Alcatraz

San Francisco's 'must see' attraction, go inside one of the most infamous prisons in the world and learn the stories (and escape attempt stories) of some of its most notorious criminal inmates.

#### NASA

Houston, Texas is home to the iconic NASA Johnson Space Centre. See mission control, aircraft and even have lunch with an astronaut; the ultimate on any space enthusiasts' bucket list.







#### **Jeep Tours**

Jeep tours are a great way to explore the wilderness of the Arizonian and Nevadan desert. Pink Jeep's 'Broken Arrow' tour takes you into the red rocks of Sedona, including driving on the rocks themselves.

#### **Theme Parks**

Southern California is home to a raft of theme parks and family attractions including the ever-popular Disney and Universal parks, the latter now home to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

#### **Vegas Shows**

Aside from gambling, Vegas is also a hub for live entertainment – get tickets to see anything from Celine Dion live in concert to the latest Broadway show or Cirque du Soleil production.

## **Recommended Hotels**

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#### **Thunderbird Lodge**

#### Grand Canyon National Park, AZ

This hotel is located within the Grand Canyon National Park, on the south rim of the Canyon itself. Many of the rooms within this comfortable accommodation option offer unique and unobstructed views of one of the greatest wonders of the world.



#### **Hotel Argonaut**

#### San Francisco, CA

This hotel provides luxury accommodations in the heart of Fisherman's Wharf one of San Francisco's main tourist areas, close to the famous Pier 39. The rooms have nautical styling and exposed brick walls with some offering stunning views across the bay toward Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge.



#### **Shutters on the Beach**

#### Santa Monica, CA

This world famous beach-house inspired hotel is one of only two located directly on the beach at Santa Monica whilst still being within walking distance of the shops and restaurants of 3rd Street Promenade. Many of the chic but casual rooms offer private balconies and uninterrupted ocean views.



### Yosemite Valley Lodge

#### Yosemite National Park, CA

Located within the heart of Yosemite National Park and offering views of Yosemite Falls, this hotel has a rustic feel and is one of the most popular in the area. Most rooms feature patio areas and the hotel also has an outdoor pool and a great steak and seafood restaurant.



#### Bellagio

#### Las Vegas, NV

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



#### **Bryce Canyon Lodge**

#### Bryce Canyon National Park, UT

Located inside Bryce Canyon National 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 or cozy historic lodge pole-pine cabins.



#### Hotel St. Francis Santa Fe, NM

This boutique hotel is located in a great location near Santa Fe Plaza and the New Mexico Museum of Art. The hotel has 80 luxury hotel rooms and suites, each boasting a contemporary twist on the historically authentic style of Santa Fe's early Franciscan missionary settlers.



#### **Omni Dallas Hotel**

#### Dallas, TX

This hotel is a luxe, high-rise accommodation in the heart of downtown Dallas. It is close to nearby restaurants, shops and the city's Arts District. The hotel has a full service spa and stunning views of downtown can be enjoyed from the terrace pool deck.



#### Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel Honolulu. HI

This hotel is located on the quieter Diamond Head side of the world-famous Waikiki Beach, providing a mellow gateway to all the action. Find attractions such as Honolulu Zoo and Kuhio Reef nearby. Many of the rooms offer stunning views of the ocean and an outdoor pool.







# The Pacific Northwest

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

Washington's largest city, Seattle is a modern cultural metropolis known for its vibrant live music scene, the futuristic Space Needle and, of course, the very first Starbucks coffeehouse at Pike Place Market. Beyond the city, explore a diverse terrain spanning the snow-capped Cascade Mountains to the forested islands of Puget Sound.

With its quirky, avant-garde culture, unique shopping districts and hundreds of food trucks cooking up delicacies from all over the world, Portland, Oregon is definitely befitting of its self-appointed tagline, 'Keep Portland Weird'. The state is also full of stunning beachfront towns, mountainous retreats and breath-taking National Parks.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

8 (Pacific Standard) hours behind GMT.

#### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Direct

Seattle (Washington); Portland (Oregon)











## **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

Portland is a city of discreet charms; the downtown area is home to many exciting zones; visit Mississippi Avenue to find a host of interesting boutiques and bars and Division Street, home to the city's most innovative restaurants and famous food-cart pods.

**Highlights:** Visit the Rose Test Gardens and Pittock Mansion for great views of the city. Don't forget the majestic Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge.

#### Day 3 - Hood River

**65 miles.** Hood River offers the promise of adventure on the rushing waters of the Columbia River. The winds through the Gorge provide perfect conditions for wind- and kite-surfing.

**Highlights:** The area is chock-full of scenic hiking and mountain biking trails, craft breweries, wineries and farm-to-table bounty.

#### Days 4 to 6 - Bend

adventurers flock to Bend for its dramatic terrain and flamboyant scenery. Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Cascades, Bend provides a natural playground for sporty travellers.

**Highlights:** Drive out to Newberry National Volcanic Monument to view the Lava Cave and Lava Forest

#### Days 7 & 8 - Crater Lake

Park is the deepest lake in America. It is surrounded by cliffs almost 2,000 feet high and boasts a picturesque island that serves as a reminder of the area's volcanic past.

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

#### Days 9 & 10 - Florence

has been beautifully restored reminiscent of the Victorian era. There are numerous restaurants, art galleries, and shops and a new Boardwalk overlooking the fishing docks.

**Highlights:** Camping, fishing, dune buggy rides, sand boarding, crabbing, birding, hiking and golfing are just a few of the activities available in Florence.

#### Day 11 - Newport

waterfront is full of restaurants, shops, galleries, charter fishing boats and canneries and is also home to historic Yaquina Bay Lighthouse.

Highlights: Head over to the Oregon Coast Aquarium where you can stroke an octopus and visit historic Nye Beach, with its colourful cottages and laid-back atmosphere making it the perfect spot for a picnic.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Astoria

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:** Magnificent Victorian homes built on the cliffs that overlook the town.

#### Day 14 - Portland

no miles. Arrive back into Portland with time to explore some more of the surrounding area before you depart tomorrow morning.









## **Mountains & Grapevines**

With hip cities, volcanoes and rainforests, wineries and farmers markets, this is one of our coolest new trips!



#### Days 1 to 3 - Seattle

Seattle's charm comes from its stunning location, its friendly and laidback people. Pike Place Market is worth a visit; fishmongers toss fish over clients' heads.

**Highlights:** To get a bird's-eye view of the area, ride to the top of the Space Needle, the city's most famous landmark.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Mt. Rainier

← 65 miles. Mount Rainier, an active volcano, is home to 26 glaciers and 382 lakes and is a traveller's delight

**Highlights:** At 14,410 feet, Mount Rainier is popular for hiking, biking, climbing and skiing.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Yakima

70 miles. 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.

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

#### Day 8 - Walla Walla

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 including
Woodward Canyon and Three
Rivers Winery.

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

#### Day 9 - Hood River

■ 180 miles. Called the windsurfing capital of the world, Hood River is located at the crossroads of the Columbia River Gorge and Cascade Range.

**Highlights:** The area is full of scenic hiking and mountain biking trails, craft breweries, wineries and farm-to-table bounty.

#### Days 10 to 12 - Portland

65 miles. Portland is a city of varied charms. The downtown area is home to many exciting new areas; find a host of interesting and unique boutiques, bars and famous food-cart pods.

Highlights: Visit the International Rose Test Garden and Pittock Mansion. Within a few minutes' drive of the city are the foothills of Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Olympic National Park

by water, the forested landscape of Olympic National Park is remote and pristine, including glaciercapped mountains, old-growth temperate rainforests, and over 70 miles of wild coastline.

**Highlights:** The park is host to some fabulous hikes and its lakes, rivers and shoreline make it the perfect place for boating, fishing and tide-pooling.

#### Day 15 - Seattle

★ 110 miles. Make your way back to Seattle today for your flight home.











# Seattle to Vancouver Pacific Explorer

Travel through the stunning National Parks of the Pacific NW to the wilderness of Vancouver Island - you may even spot a bear.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Seattle

There is so much to do in the Pacific Northwest's premiere city that it's hard to know where to start. From beautiful parks and fine art to stylish shops and major landmarks; enjoy!

**Highlights:** A visit here would not be complete without seeing the views from the Space Needle or going to Pike Place Market and the original Starbucks coffee shop.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Mt. Rainier

numerous glaciers, snowfields, wildflower-filled meadows and towering firs highlight the park's sprawling acres. With 26 glaciers, many different species that call the park home and 382 lakes, the park is a traveller's delight.

**Highlights:** Paradise has numerous hiking trails through up to snow-covered glaciers, making it the best 'hub' area of the park.

#### **Day 5 - Olympic National Park**

setting is tucked into the country's far north-western corner, within the heart-shape Olympic Peninsula. Edged on all sides by water, the forested landscape is remote and pristine, and works its way around the sharpened ridges of the snow-capped Olympic Mountains.

**Highlights:** Visit Ruby Beach, the serene waters of Lake Crescent and serene beauty of the Hoh Rainforest.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Port Angeles

largest city in the northern Olympic Peninsula. Its busy harbour is visited daily by logging ships and fishing boats. The rocky Hurricane Ridge makes a breath-taking view from the Port Angeles pier.

**Highlights:** Its proximity to the northern areas of Olympic National Park make it a fantastic base from which to go hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing and even scuba-diving.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Victoria

**25 miles.** This morning, hop on the ferry across the border into British Columbia, Canada. Victoria is the provincial capital and a wonderful city to explore by foot.

**Highlights:** Visit the Inner Harbour, Beacon Hill Park, and Royal B.C. Museum. One of the main attractions is Butchart Gardens - a must if you are at all interested in gardening.

#### **Days 10 & 11 - Tofino**

**200 miles.** The picturesque Tofino is an intriguing contrast of old growth forests, white sand

beaches, and the ever-churning Pacific Ocean and so it's no surprise that the area was designated a United Nations Biosphere Reserve.

**Highlights:** There are plenty of activities here, including whale watching, rainforest visits, fishing or just relax in a bubbling hot springs.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Campbell River

'Salmon Capital of the World', Campbell River is your gateway to Strathcona Provincial Park and the Discovery Islands where you can hope to see bears, bald eagles and whales as well as salmon.

**Highlights:** Cast your line from Discovery Pier to see if you can catch some salmon of your own, dine out on fabulously cooked fresh seafood or kayak the islands.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Vancouver

main metropolis of western Canada and effortlessly combines city life with the stunning mountainous and coastal scenery that surrounds it.

Highlights: Rent a bike to ride around the Seawall in Stanley Park, explore above the trees at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park or go for dinner at the top of Grouse Mountain.









## **Pacific Coast Adventurer**

Breathtaking scenery, spectacular ocean vistas and towering forests. Every day will astonish you.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Seattle

Seattle, a city on Puget Sound, is surrounded by water, mountains and evergreen forests.

Highlights: There's so much to see here, including the iconic Space Needle and Pike Place Market. Also worth visiting is the Museum of Pop Culture and don't forget the original Starbucks coffee shop!

#### Day 3 - Mount Rainier

America's most notable volcano; Mt. Rainier is clad in glaciers and surrounded by old-growth forests.

**Highlights:** Go hiking through wildflower meadows or drive to Sunrise to glimpse breath-taking vistas.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Olympic Peninsula

♠ 160 miles. Olympic National Park is home to impressive temperate rainforests, towering Douglas firs and rocky Pacific beaches.

**Highlights:** Hike to Hurricane Ridge or explore gems like the mystical Hoh Rainforest, Lake Crescent or the natural Sol Duc Hot Springs.

#### Day 6 - Seaside

from Washington into Oregon today. With spectacular ocean views, miles of beaches and a unique natural setting, Seaside has long been the Northwest's most popular ocean resort.

**Highlights:** Walk the 1.5 mile long oceanfront promenade, feed the seals at the Seaside Aquarium or cruise the shops and restaurants on Broadway Street.

#### Day 7 - Newport

home to two lighthouses – including the tallest in Oregon – and beaches prime for spotting whales, bald eagles and agates in the sand.

**Highlights:** Visit the Oregon Coast Aquarium and OMSI's Coastal Discovery Centre or taste new brews at Rogue Ales and Mo's famous chowder.

#### Day 8 - Coos Bay

no miles. At Coos Bay, eat fresh seafood and explore miles of sand dunes at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

**Highlights:** Stop off at the Sea Lion Caves, where you can observe 200 or more sea lions in an enormous underground sea grotto.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Crater Lake

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Mazama, Crater Lake is a six mile wide caldera. The vivid colour and purity of the lake is due to the fact that only rain and snowfall contribute to it.

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

#### Day 11 - Crescent City

Redwood National Park and its magnificent Giant Sequoia trees. The wet climate nurtures these great trees in ridge top, streamside and coastal environments.

**Highlights:** To truly experience the grandeur of the park, take the "Trees of Mystery" and "Trail of Tall Tales" walking tours through the forest.

## Day 12 - Mendocino & Fort Bragg

**225 miles.** Shop, eat, and enjoy the feeling of going back in time in downtown Mendocino and Fort Bragg, still influenced by the hippy movement.

**Highlights:** Visit Mendocino Art Centre, started by San Francisco artists in the 1950s or drive to Russian Gulch State Park to go fishing, swimming or bicycling.

#### Days 13 & 14 - San Francisco

→ 155 miles. One of the most visited and photographed cities in the USA, with much to see and do, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf and Alcatraz.

**Highlights:** Ride a cable car across the city's steep streets, go shopping at Union Square or visit the Castro, the centre of gay life in the city.

# **Recommended Experiences**

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## National Park Day Trips

From Seattle, guests can take day trips to both Olympic and Mount Rainier National Parks. Mt. Rainier stands 4,270m high and is a breath-taking sight to behold. At Olympic National Park, hike through some of most ancient old growth forests in the US and discover pristine secluded beaches.



#### **Space Needle**

When you think of Seattle, it's likely that the Space Needle and its iconic place in the skyline comes to mind. The observation deck is 158m up and offers unparalleled views of the city.



#### **Wine Tasting Helicopter Tours**

Fly over the Portland Japanese Garden and Pittock Mansion before continuing into the heart of Oregon Wine Country, enjoying the beautiful scenery of Willamette Valley before landing at three wineries.



#### **Pike Place Market & Food Trucks**

The Pacific Northwest region is well known for its food. Pike Place Market is a premier destination in any Seattle visit and Portland has over 600 food carts in 'pods' lining its streets.



#### **AMTRAK Cascades**

The Cascades train travels all the way from Vancouver, BC in the north to Eugene, OR to the south, providing a unique way to see the awe-inspiring vistas across Washington and Oregon and the Pacific Ocean.



#### **Hood River Rafting**

Raft along the Columbia River Gorge for 15 miles of class III-IV rapids through spectacular, lush temperate forests of the Pacific Northwest wilderness. This trip will be beautiful as well as thrilling.



#### **Boeing Tours**

Tour the world's largest building by volume, the Boeing Factory in Everett, where 747, 767, 777 and 787's are assembled. Also visit the Future of Flight aviation centre.

## **Recommended Hotels**

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# The Mayflower Park Hotel Seattle. WA

Built in 1927, this European-influenced hotel is ideally located, just steps away from Seattle's most exciting attractions, including the famous Pike Place Market, Seattle Waterfront, and Space Needle. A full array of museums, theatres, shops and restaurants are at your doorstep.



#### **Nisqually Lodge**

Ashford/Mount Rainier National Park, WA

Nisqually Lodge, located in Ashford, WA, is a rustic mountain lodge near the entrance to Mt. Rainier National Park, conveniently close to the Sunrise, Paradise, and Longmire visitor centres - three of the most popular areas within the park. The hotel offers hot breakfasts to all guests.



#### Lake Quinault Lodge

Olympic National Park, WA

Set within Olympic National Park on the shores of Quinault Lake, this lodge has a range of rooms, from a contemporary lakeside building to a converted boathouse, offering stunning views of the lake and the park beyond. The property also has an indoor pool and offers seasonal boat rentals to guests.



#### **Hotel Maison**

Yakima, WA

Built in 1911 and situated on Yakima's main street, lined with restaurants, bars and shops, the Hotel Maison is immersed in the rich history of Yakima Valley. The hotel provides wine tasting events with local sommeliers.



#### **The Nines Hotel**

Portland, OR

This upscale hotel is located moments from Pioneer Square in downtown Portland. It's sleek, minimalist decoration reflects the building's former use as a department store. The hotel is also home to Departure, a fantastic Asian Fusion rooftop restaurant and cocktail bar.



#### **Crater Lake Lodge**

Crater Lake National Park, OR

One of the most sought-after hotels in the area, this historic lodge, located on the rim of the caldera was originally opened in 1915. It offers an atmosphere reminiscent of the 1920s, with a dining room overlooking the lake that serves the finest regional cuisine.



#### Elizabeth Street Inn Newport, OR

Situated on a bluff just steps from the white sand beaches that line the Oregon coast, all of the hotel's large rooms offer uninterrupted views of the ocean, making this a great place to take time to relax on your holiday. A number of good restaurants, shops and Yaquina Bay Lighthouse are nearby.



#### Hampton Inn & Suites Bend, OR

stay in Bend.

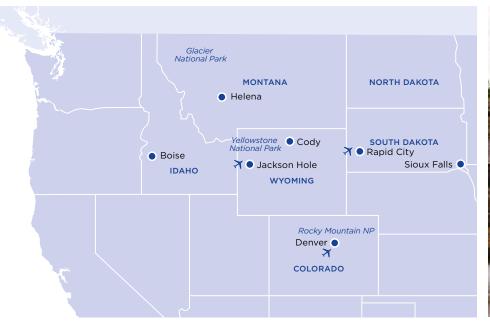
This hotel is located in the historic Old Mill District, close to many shops, bars, art galleries and restaurants. It is set against the backdrop of the Cascade Mountains and Deschutes River and offers a great base for your

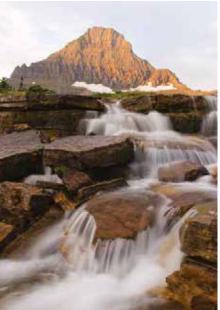


#### Best Western PLUS Hood River Inn Hood River, OR

Nestled on the scenic Columbia River shoreline, many of the rooms here offer views of the stunning scenery surrounding the hotel. Riverside, an onsite restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner offers river views from every table.







# **The American Rockies**

Nowhere else in North America hosts 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.

From plains to mountains, Montana's never ending sky sets a stage of dramatic proportions. Jagged peaks, and awe inspiring mountains form a breath-taking landscape.

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 its geysers and geothermal features.

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.

South Dakota is home to the desolate but beautiful Badlands and the majestic Black Hills, where pine forests grow and mountain peaks fill the southwestern corner of the state.

Colorado is a year round destination. With history abound, four stunning National Parks and countless more areas of natural beauty, this is some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

7 hours (Mountain Standard) behind GMT.

#### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Direct

Denver (Colorado)

#### Indirect

Jackson Hole (Wyoming); Bozeman (Montana); Rapid City (South Dakota)









## **Mountains & Mesas**

Cowboy culture, ancient history, wildlife and wine - all combined with the dramatic scenery of the Rocky Mountains.



#### Day 1 - Denver

Arriving in Denver, make sure to visit the newly refurbished Union Station area for a trendy, relaxed vibe. The walkable city centre also has many great museums educating guests on the history and culture of the area.

**Highlights:** Check out the cafes, bars and shops in Larimer Square.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Estes Park

**70 miles.** The gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Park, the Trail Ridge Road & Beaver Meadow Road encompasses over 50 miles of beautiful landscapes.

**Highlights:** White-water rafting the Cache La Poudre River and searching for wildlife in the mountains is a must.

#### Day 4 - Glenwood Springs

A 215 miles. Glenwood Springs is home to a remarkable mix of geological wonders including the largest hot springs in the world, vapour caves and canyons, all surrounded by the Rocky Mountains.

**Highlights:** Visit Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, where you can tour the caves of Iron Mountain, some of which are not open to the public.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Grand Junction

National Monument rises more than 2,000 feet above the Colorado River. Follow the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway along the rim of the world's largest flat-top mountain for 360-degrees views.

**Highlights:** Tour the 22 wineries in Grand Junction, the heart of Colorado's wine industry, go mountain-biking along winding desert trails or stretch your legs at the Museum of Western Colorado.

#### Day 7 - Mesa Verde

a 200 miles. Prepare to be awestruck as you explore Mesa Verde National Park, an expansive dugout area sheltered by massive rock cliffs covered with adobe brick dwellings that appear to be the individual home units of ancient cliff dwellers.

Highlights: Be sure to take advantage of the many tours available; Cliff Palace, Balcony House, Spruce Tree House and Long House can only be toured with a guide.

#### Day 8 - Durango

40 miles. Durango is an authentic Wild West town and the backdrop to many Western films. Visitors can enjoy a wealth of outdoor activities, including mountain biking, kayaking and horse riding.

**Highlights:** The city's biggest attraction is the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, a 47-mile, open-air journey through mountains, forests and abandoned mines

## Day 9 - Alamosa & Great Sand Dunes

Dunes National Park is an often overlooked gem of Colorado and offers stunning and unexpected scenery. Where else can you see mountains, rolling sand dunes and flat grasslands in a single view?

**Highlights:** Whilst here, try your hand at sand-boarding, skiing or sledding, hike a forest trail, explore the alpine lakes and take a dip at Medano Creek.

#### Day 10 - Colorado Springs

• 165 miles. Colorado Springs is one of the state's most popular tourist destinations. Take a trip to the top of Pikes Peak on the famous Cog Railway to take in the view. Go cycling, hiking or play a round of golf.

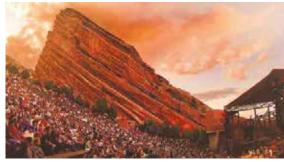
**Highlights:** Not for the faint hearted is a climbing lesson in the Garden of the Gods or visit the United States Air Force Academy.

#### Day 11 - Denver

**70 miles.** Make your way back to Denver today for your flight home.







## **Denver, The Mile High City**

Do you have some spare time at the beginning or end of your trip to the American Rockies?

Before you rush off, you may want to consider spending some time in The Mile High City, there's so much to see and do in this vibrant, walkable city.

See a music concert at Red Rocks
Park & Amphitheatre: An incredible
natural stadium as the Great Plains
meet the Rocky Mountains. Past
performers include Sting, U2 (Under
a Blood Red Sky was filmed here)
and The Beatles to name a few.

#### Experience Denver's Art scene:

Be inspired by over 16,000 pieces of Native American Art at the Denver Art Museum, a piece of art in its own right; The Clyfford Still Museum for a fill of abstract art and explore the street art throughout the city.

#### Follow the Denver Beer Trail:

In the metro area alone there are more than 100 brewpubs, breweries and tap rooms.

Wynkoop Brewing Company will put just about anything in their beer, from Rocky Mountain Oysters to gummy bears, whilst Blue Moon Brewing Company is worth a visit to taste the well-known label in its hometown.

#### Discover the city on two wheels:

Denver has 85 miles of paved cycle paths, perfect for exploring the

city at your own pace. Denver has a bike share programme, Denver B-Cycle, so visitors can hire bikes in the city, with 88 docking stations and over 700 bikes.

Eat in Larimer Square: The famous Larimer Square is the city's most historic block and home to some of Denver's signature restaurants. Frank Bonanno, 2016 James Beard Award Semi-finalist for Best Restaurateur, owns four restaurants on the block; Osteria Marco, Green Russell, Russell's Smokehouse and Wednesday's Pie. Jennifer Jasinski of Stoic & Genuine made her first mark with the French-inspired Bistro Vendome, followed swiftly by Mediterranean-centric Rioja and beer hall-style Euclid Hall.

#### Strike a pose with the Blue Bear:

The Big Blue Bear has become an iconic symbol of Denver - a 40-foot bright blue bear sculpture which peers in to the window of the Denver Convention Centre's third floor.

Denver Botanic Gardens: An oasis in the centre of the city, Denver Botanic Gardens has a range of gardens spanning 24 acres as well as art exhibits that rotate throughout the year. A concert series is held in the evenings each summer.

#### Get a taste of Denver's western

roots: Drop in to Rockmount Ranch Wear to peruse the selection of snap button cowboy shirts and stetsons. Buffalo Bill's Museum and Grave is located in Golden, a short drive west of Denver, where visitors can learn about the life of one of the most famous cowboys. At Buffalo Bill's request, his grave is on Lookout Mountain, overlooking the Great Plains and the Rockies, so makes for a great location for hiking and spotting wildlife.

#### Catch a game at Coors Field:

Denver has seven premier sports teams. Opened in 1995, Coors field – named after the most famous beer export from the city – is home to the Colorado Rockies baseball team. If you're lucky enough to be in Denver whilst the Rockies are playing at home, seats along the first base / right field side offer a fantastic view of the Rocky Mountains beyond the Denver skyline. The Broncos are Denver's American football team, who play at the Sports Authority Field at Mile High.

Visit Denver Zoo: Denver Zoo is home to more than 4,300 animals representing 650 species including Asian elephants, African lions, Komodo dragons and Western lowland gorillas. Denver Zoo is one of the city's top cultural attractions.









## **America's Last Best Places**

Get off the beaten track and explore the real American West.



#### Day 1 - Denver

When the first flakes of gold were found in Cherry Creek, Denver sprouted up as a mining camp filled with gunslingers, gold miners, saloons and a sheriff. Today's Mile High City is the centre of urban adventures for all ages.

**Highlights:** Denver Union Station in the heart of LoDo (Lower Downtown) is Denver's transportation hub with locally-owned shops and chef-driven restaurants.

#### Day 2 - Cheyenne

**105 miles.** Cheyenne is a young town, founded on Independence Day in 1867. Now, the town's historic district is packed with great things to see and do.

**Highlights:** Visit the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum or the Historic Governors' Mansion before trying a horseback ride at the Terry Bison Ranch.

#### Days 3 to 5 - Rapid City

and 290 miles. Rapid City is a great base to explore the many interesting landscapes and monuments in the area. Badlands is a treasure trove of fossils and Custer is a great place to enjoy up-close encounters with wildlife.

**Highlights:** Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse are 'must-see' monuments. Crazy Horse is the largest sculptural project in the world and is still being sculpted.

#### Day 6 - Buffalo

Buffalo, you'll feel transported to the Old West. Sitting in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains, Buffalo is rich in frontier history.

**Highlights:** Drive the Cloud Peak Skyway for the best views of the forest, mountains and wilderness.

#### Day 7 - Billings

foothills of the Big Horn Mountains to Billings, the city offers many opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing and mountain biking.

**Highlights:** On your way here, stop off at the Little Bighorn National Monument which tells the story of the battle that took place here in 1876.

#### Days 8 to 10 - Yellowstone

Yellowstone is made up of eight distinct areas that together contain 300 geysers that account for approximately one-half of the world's total as well as many lakes, hot springs and bubbling mud pools.

**Highlights:** Look out for some of the wildlife of America's oldest National Park, including bears, wolves and elk.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Jackson

100 miles. Jackson is surrounded by Grand Teton National Park, a 40-mile long mountain range. Its three scenic drives are a must do: the Teton Park Road, Jenny Lake Scenic Drive, and Signal Mountain Summit Road.

**Highlights:** Take a wildlife expedition into the back country of Grand Teton National Park to have the best chance of seeing a moose or bear.

#### Day 13 - Rock Springs

\*\* 180 miles. Rock Springs is a sleepy Western town and a great base for enjoying outdoor recreation in the 201,000 scenic acres that make up the Flaming Gorge Recreation Area.

**Highlights:** Be sure to visit Firehole Canyon, just south of Rock Springs, for the spectacular sight of chimneys and pinnacles reflected in the river.

#### Day 14 - Laramie

**210 miles.** Laramie was built by the Ivinson family whose 1892 Victorian Queen-Anne style mansion can now be toured and is regarded as one of the finest historic homes in the region.

Highlights: Visit the Wyoming Territorial Prison which held Butch Cassidy; the Prison Museum offers an insider's view of the 190-acre facility and the restored Warden's House.

#### Day 15 - Denver

**150 miles.** Return to Denver for your flight home.









## **Pride of the Rockies**

From the Mile High City to Glacier and Yellowstone NP, this is a journey of a lifetime. Watch out for bears, wolves and eagles!



#### Day 1 - Denver

When the first flakes of gold were found in Cherry Creek, Denver sprouted up as a mining camp filled with gunslingers, gold miners, saloons and a sheriff. Today's Mile High City is the centre of urban adventures for all ages.

**Highlights:** Denver Union Station in the heart of LoDo (Lower Downtown) is Denver's transportation hub with locally-owned shops and chef-driven restaurants.

#### Day 2 - Casper

**280 miles.** Casper began as a frontier outpost in the Wild West. See Fort Casper or, if you want to get off the beaten track, climb Casper Mountain.

**Highlights:** Go fishing for rainbow trout or explore the National Historic Trails Interpretive Centre.

#### Day 3 - Billings

**280 miles.** Staying in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains to Billings offers opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing and mountain biking.

**Highlights:** On your way here, stop off at the Little Bighorn National Monument which tells the story of the famous battle.

#### Day 4 - Great Falls

**220 miles.** Steeped in the traditions of the Old West, Great Falls is a living museum.

**Highlights:** Check out the Lewis & Clark National Trail Interpretive Centre or the fantastic views of the Missouri River from the River's Edge Trail.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Glacier National Park

encompasses more than a million acres of forest, meadows, lakes, mountains and glacial-carved valleys. Its glacier-carved terrain creates some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet.

**Highlights:** An absolute must while you're here is the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road, truly the scenic drive of a lifetime

#### Day 7 - Missoula

140 miles. Dubbed the 'Garden City' for its mild winters, the friendly town of Missoula is as renowned for its arts and culture as its natural beauty.

**Highlights:** Visit the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness with its mountain trails and bike paths.

#### Day 8 - Salmon

▲ 140 miles. Travel to Salmon on the beautiful and historic Bitterroot Valley Scenic Drive flanked by the Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains. The Salmon River roars through the River of No Return Wilderness.

**Highlights:** Take an exciting float trip or relax in lovely Salmon or Elk Bend Hot Springs.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Yellowstone

**280 miles.** Yellowstone contains 300 geysers - approximately one-half of the world's total, as well as lakes, hot springs and bubbling mud pools.

**Highlights:** Look out for some of the wildlife of America's oldest National Park, including bears, wolves and elk.

#### **Days 11 & 12 - Jackson**

Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway from Yellowstone into Grand Teton National Park, enjoying the scenery as you do. 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 13 - Rock Springs

■ 180 miles. Rock Springs is a sleepy Western town and a great base for enjoying the Flaming Gorge Recreation Area.

**Highlights:** Be sure to visit Firehole Canyon for the spectacular chimneys and pinnacles reflecting in the river.

#### **Day 14 - Steamboat Springs**

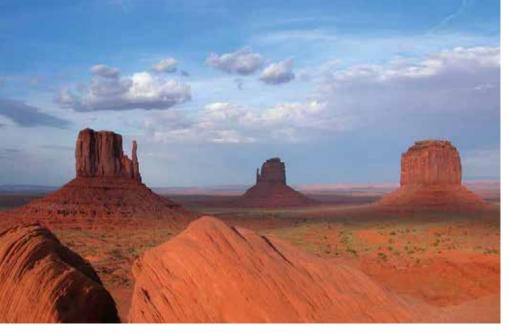
**a** 215 miles. Primarily a ski destination, Steamboat is also known for its Western heritage.

**Highlights:** Visit the Strawberry Park Hot Springs.

#### Day 15 - Denver

■ 145 miles. Make your way back to Denver this morning for your flight home.











## **Desert to Mountain Highlights**

Journey through the desert scenery of Red a rock Country from Arizona to Colorado - home of the majestic Rocky Mountains.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Phoenix

Phoenix is situated on the upper edge of the Great Sonoran Desert, a spectacular landscape that holds more cacti, and species of plants and animals than any other desert in North America.

**Highlights:** The city has many championship golf courses and numerous outdoor activities including rock climbing, hot-air ballooning and desert jeep tours.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Flagstaff

and 145 miles. Flagstaff is surrounded by national forests; the entire area is a living anthropology and geology lesson, with ancient Native American ruins and stunning scenery at the Wupatki and Walnut Canyon National Monuments.

Highlights: Visit the Lowell Observatory and the Museum of Northern Arizona. Its lush surroundings also means ample opportunity for hiking, mountain biking and skiing.

#### **Day 5 - Monument Valley**

host to towering sandstone rock formations that soar above the valley floor. Combined with the surrounding mesas, buttes, and desert environment, it truly is one of the natural wonders of the world.

**Highlights:** Enjoy hiking, jeep tours, horseback riding and stargazing and explore the 17-mile scenic drive privately or with an experienced quide

# Days 6 to 8 - Moab & Canyonlands

♠ 150 miles. Moab makes an ideal base for exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Designated drives take you to a number of exceptional viewpoints.

**Highlights:** Moab is synonymous with mountain biking, horseback riding, four wheel jeep touring and hot air ballooning.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Gateway

and 130 miles. Welcome to the unique Gateway Canyons Resort, home to the famous 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**

**55 miles.** See the awe-inspiring Colorado National Monument rising more than 2,000 feet above the Grand Valley of the Colorado River.

**Highlights:** Take on the stunning Scenic Rim Rock Drive or try some of Colorado's award-winning wine, produced here.

#### Day 12 - Glenwood Springs

A 90 miles. Glenwood Springs is home to one of the best known hot spring pools in the world; relax and let the water soak away your aches and pains. Visit the Glenwood Caverns, carved into Iron Mountain and tour the amazing cave formations.

**Highlights:** Visit the Yampah Vapour Caves, natural steam filled caves formed by the mineral hot springs. There are also roller coasters and canyon swings above the caves.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Estes Park

Rocky Mountain National Park, the Trail Ridge Road & Beaver Meadow Road encompasses over 50 miles of beautiful landscapes.

**Highlights:** White-water rafting the Cache La Poudre River and searching for wildlife in the mountains is a must.

#### Day 15 - Denver

**80 miles.** Drive to Denver for your flight home.









### **Best of the West National Parks**

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



#### Day 1 - Denver

Welcome to 'The Mile High City', which is now well known for its craft brewery scene. With over 100 establishments, you're sure to find a beer you enjoy.

**Highlights:** Visit the Denver Art Museum or the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Cherry Creek Shopping Center is also worth a trip for those out of town bargains.

#### Days 2 to 4 - Rapid City

**390 miles.** From Rapid City, visit Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monuments, two incredible feats of engineering, the latter still being carved today.

**Highlights:** Badlands National Park and Custer State Park offer fantastic opportunities for wildlife viewing.

#### Day 5 - Buffalo

Buffalo, you'll feel transported to the Old West. In the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains, Buffalo is rich in frontier history.

**Highlights:** Drive the Cloud Peak Skyway for the best views of the forest, mountains and wilderness.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Bozeman

**310 miles.** Arriving in Bozeman, you'll be amazed by the majestic peaks and steep canyons that ring the town. The Museum of the Rockies houses exhibits on Native

American and Western history and a planetarium.

**Highlights:** Visit Virginia City, a mining ghost town.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Glacier National Park

encompasses more than a million acres of forest, meadows, lakes, mountains and glacial-carved valleys. It's named for its glacier-carved terrain, creating some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet.

**Highlights:** An absolute must is the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road, truly the scenic drive of a lifetime.

#### Day 10 - Missoula

140 miles. Dubbed the 'Garden City' for its mild winters relative to the rest of Montana, the friendly town of Missoula is as renowned for its arts and culture as its natural beauty.

**Highlights:** Visit the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness with its mountain trails and bike paths.

#### Day 11 - Salmon

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**Highlights:** Take an exciting float trip or relax in lovely Salmon or Elk Bend Hot Springs.

#### Days 12 to 14 - Yellowstone

National Park boasts an incredible array of natural phenomenon. Enjoy the many trails past colourful hot springs, bubbling mud pools and over 300 geysers such as Old Faithful.

**Highlights:** Make sure to see the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River – 20 miles long and up to 1,200 feet deep!

#### **Days 15 & 16 - Jackson**

Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway from Yellowstone into Grand Teton National Park, enjoying the scenery as you do. Despite being a modern mountain resort, this is real cowboy territory.

**Highlights:** The scenic drives and many wildlife tours available from Jackson.

#### Day 17 - Rawlins

Rawlins was a wild town and outlaw activity was a normal part of life. Stop by the Carbon County Museum which offers a chance to learn about the colourful characters who shaped the early history of Wyoming.

**Highlights:** Visit the Wyoming Frontier Prison Museum, which is said to be haunted.

#### Day 18 - Denver

**245 miles.** Return to Denver for your flight home.











### Gems of the American West

A 21-night expedition through the mountains, forests, canyons and valleys of the historic American West.



#### Day 1 - Denver

When the first flakes of gold were found in Cherry Creek, Denver sprouted up as a mining camp filled with gunslingers, gold miners, saloons and a sheriff. Today's Mile High City is the centre of urban adventures for all ages.

**Highlights:** Denver Union Station in the heart of LoDo (Lower Downtown) is Denver's transportation hub with locally-owned shops and chef-driven restaurants.

#### Day 3 - Lusk

**250 miles.** In Lusk, visit the site that once housed the Yellow Hotel, Wyoming's longest run House of Madams or search for dinosaur bones at Paleo Park.

**Highlights:** Check out Legend of Rawhide, every July, and watch the Old West come back to life.

#### Days 4 to 6 - Rapid City

base to explore the interesting landscapes and monuments in the area. Badlands is a treasure trove of fossils and Custer is a great place to enjoy up-close encounters with wildlife.

**Highlights:** Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse are 'must-see' monuments. Crazy Horse, the largest sculptural project in the world is still being sculpted.

#### Day 7 - Sheridan

**245 miles.** In Sheridan, nestled beneath the Big Horn Mountains, the

Old West meets the modern era in a town with authentic Western charm.

**Highlights:** Sheridan's Main Street, home of many historic buildings, including the Sheridan Inn, where Buffalo Bill Cody auditioned acts for his famous Wild West Show.

#### Davs 8 & 9 - Codv

150 miles. A true western town founded by "Buffalo Bill" Cody in 1896, Cody is a great place to soak up the spirit of the Wild West.

**Highlights:** Visit the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, dedicated to American Western culture and see the Cody Nite Rodeo every night from June to August.

#### Days 10 to 12 - Yellowstone

National Park boasts an incredible array of natural phenomena and wildlife, hot springs, mud pools and geysers.

**Highlights:** Explore the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone River.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Jackson

Grand Teton National Park, a 40-mile long mountain range. All three scenic drives are a must do: Teton Park Road, Jenny Lake Scenic Drive, and Signal Mountain Summit Road.

**Highlights:** Take a wildlife expedition into the back country of Grand Teton National Park to have the best chance of seeing a moose or bear.

#### Days 15 & 16 - Salt Lake City

**275 miles.** Salt Lake is best known for its connections to the Mormon Church.

**Highlights:** Visit the headquarters of the Latter Day Saints and take part in a plethora of outdoor sport.

### Days 17 to 19 - Moab & Canyonlands

**235 miles.** Moab makes an ideal base for exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Designated drives take you to exceptional viewpoints.

**Highlights:** Moab is synonymous with mountain biking, horseback riding, four wheel jeep touring and hot air ballooning.

#### Days 20 & 21 - Grand Junction

Monument rises more than 2,000 feet above the Colorado River. Follow the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway along the rim of the world's largest flat-top mountain for 360-degrees views.

**Highlights:** Tour the 22 wineries in Grand Junction, go mountain-biking along winding desert trails or stretch your legs at the Museum of Western Colorado.

#### Day 22 - Denver

**245 miles.** Return to Denver today for your flight home.









### Going to the Sun

An exciting self-drive tour combining the Canadian Rockies with the National Parks of Montana and Idaho.



#### Day 1 - Calgary

Calgary is an attractive, dynamic and pedestrian-friendly city close to Alberta's majestic Rocky Mountains.

**Highlights:** The Calgary Stampede, in July, is Calgary's best known attraction. Calgary Tower's revolving restaurant and observation deck is worth a visit.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Banff

**80 miles.** Banff's hiking trails lead to alpine lakes, glacial valleys and spectacular views. Go skiing and canoeing.

**Highlights:** Ride the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain and visit the Hot Springs for a long soak.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Jasper

along the Icefields Parkway, is one of the most scenic and inspiring mountain roads ever built.

**Highlights:** Visit Miette Hot Springs, one of the park's best animal spotting roads.

#### Day 6 - Clearwater & Wells Grey

**200 miles.** Clearwater is home to Wells Gray Provincial Park; with volcanic fields, glacier fed lakes, mountain peaks and waterfalls.

Highlights: Explore Murtle Lake by canoe, stroll to Helmcken Falls or conquer the Clearwater River on a guided white water rafting adventure.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Penticton

**225 miles.** Penticton, on Okanagan Lake, sits amidst the lush orchards and vineyards of the Okanagan Valley.

**Highlights:** Tour the region's vineyards and relax on the beaches of Lake Okanagan.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Coeur d'Alene

**260 miles.** Coeur d'Alene is the hub of the Panhandle region of Idaho. Visit the lakefront boardwalk or get out on the lake for some water based activities.

**Highlights:** Stroll at sunset through Tubbs Hill, a beautiful 120-acre wood.

#### Day 11 - Lewiston

**a** 115 miles. A centre of recreational activity and steeped in history, Lewiston traces its beginnings to 1805 and the famous Lewis & Clark expedition to the West.

**Highlights:** Take a jet boat trip through the rapids to Hells Canyon, the deepest canyon in North America.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Missoula

**220 miles.** Missoula's historic downtown boasts unique dining, shopping and a lively nightlife.

**Highlights:** Explore the Art Museum of Missoula or take a trip back in time at the Historical Museum.

#### Day 14 - Butte

→ 120 miles. Butte's gold rush past is evident in its historic buildings and boasts some of the country's best collection of Victorian architecture.

**Highlights:** Take a narrated trolley tour of the town.

#### Days 15 to 17 - Yellowstone

**a** 150 miles. America's oldest National Park boasts stunning wildlife and trails that take you past hot springs, mud pools and geysers.

**Highlights:** Explore the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone River.

#### Day 18 - Helena

was home to one of the richest gold strikes – Last Chance Gulch. History has left a wealth of interesting monuments and architecture.

**Highlights:** Take a trip on the Last Chance train tour.

### Days 19 & 20 - Whitefish & Glacier National Park

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

**Highlights:** Travelling the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Highway.

#### Day 21 - Lethbridge

**160 miles.** Once a wild whisky trading post, there's still a bit of the Wild West to be uncovered here – discover it at the city's great museums.

**Highlights:** If you are here at the right time, make sure to check out the Whoop Up Days festival.

#### Day 22 - Calgary

135 miles. Make your way back to Calgary for your flight home.



### **Recommended Experiences**

We offer an extensive range of pre-bookable experiences to make your holiday better than ever. Here are some of our favourites but please contact us for our full range.



#### **Ranch Stays**

The most authentic way to experience the American West is by staying at a ranch. There are many throughout the area that range from luxurious guest ranches to fully operational and more rustic dude ranches, where guests can expect to help out with the day-to-day running of the ranch. Meals and activities are usually included.

### Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument Tours

Famous presidential monument Mt. Rushmore is well worth a visit. Crazy Horse is the Native American equivalent of Mt. Rushmore which one man started carving in 1939. It is still being completed today.





#### **Horse Riding Excursions**

You are in the heart of Cowboy Country so it would be rude to pass up the opportunity to go horse-riding. With many options, from novice riders to lifelong enthusiasts, there is something for everyone.

Mesa Verde Tours

Guests will be taken through a chronological journey through Pueblo history and culture during their tour. Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in Mesa Verde National Park, is viewed as one of the top ten places to visit in a lifetime.







#### Wildlife Safari & Sightseeing Tours

Yellowstone National Park is an excellent place to view wildlife and offers some of the most astonishing landscapes in the world. Join an organised tour with experienced guides to make the most of your time here.

#### **Cody Stampede Rodeo**

Known as the 'Rodeo Capital of the World', Cody hosts one of the best known rodeos every summer. With the Nite Rodeo taking place every night from June – August, it's impossible to miss.

#### **Durango-Silverton Railway**

This historic train has been taking excursions through the breathtakingly scenic San Juan National Forest since 1882 and is still Durango's premier attraction, with train and history buffs alike flocking to enjoy the ride.

### **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 Curtis**

#### Denver. CO

The Curtis is a popular modern hotel in the heart of downtown Denver, just steps from the city's main shopping and restaurant district. The stylish rooms are decorated according to a different pop culture theme on each of the hotel's thirteen floors - where will you end up?



#### Far View Lodge

#### Mesa Verde National Park, CO

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



#### Old Faithful Snow Lodge

#### Yellowstone National Park, WY

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 National Park, WY 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, where elk and buffalo are often spotted from the cabins.



#### The Occidental Hotel & Saloon Buffalo, WY

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.



#### The Lexington at Jackson Hole Jackson Hole, WY

This upscale, lodge-style hotel is steps from Jackson Town Square and offers a variety of finely furnished guest rooms. The courtyard rooms were recently refurbished and now feature added amenities such as heated bathroom tiles and in-room ski racks.



#### **Many Glacier Hotel**

#### Glacier National Park, MT

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.



#### **Hotel Alex Johnson** Rapid City, SD

This landmark hotel was built in 1928 and offers 143 classically decorated rooms, a rooftop restaurant and Irish pub with a copper-topped bar and vintage jukebox. You may even catch some live music here too.

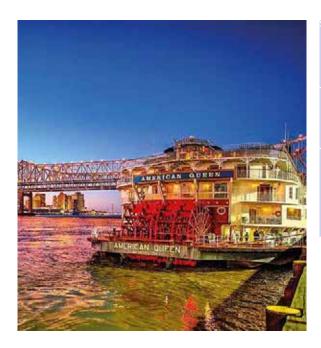


#### Syringa Lodge

#### Salmon, ID

Located on a bluff overlooking the town of Salmon and the Salmon River, the recently renovated Syringa Lodge 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 will all offer a very warm welcome. Steeped in music and history, fine architecture, delicious food and unforgettable scenery, this region truly has something for everyone.

Louisiana's colourful history has resulted in a rare and exotic mix of cultures with world class music, architecture, and food born of French, African, Spanish and Arcadian origin.

Mississippi is home to the famous Blues Highway. Take a leisurely drive from Memphis to Vicksburg and uncover a fascinating route through the Mississippi Delta that spawned hundreds of music legends like Muddy Waters and Sam Cooke.

Tennessee is a hotbed of American music and a great place to begin discovering the best of America's riveting history. Graceland and The Grand Ole Opry cannot be missed.

Known for its role in the Civil Rights Movement, Alabama has sweeping beautiful mountain scenery, pure white sand beaches and welcoming southern hospitality all the way!

The southern states of Georgia and Kentucky offer everything from 'Gone with the Wind' style plantation houses to bourbon and horse racing, unspoilt beaches and the city lights of Atlanta.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

6 hours (Central) behind GMT. Georgia is 5 hours (Eastern Standard) behind GMT.

#### **INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:**

#### Direct

Atlanta (Georgia); New Orleans (Louisiana); Nashville (Tennessee)

#### Indirect

Memphis (Tennessee)











### **American Rhythms**

Short on time? don't want to drive far? Combine three classic music destinations in this 10-night itinerary.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Nashville

Long recognised as the world's capital of country music, 'Music City' also boasts sounds of pop, rock, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, classical, blues and soul. With over 150 live music venues, there really is something for everyone!

There are so many things to see and do in Nashville that it can be hard to know where to start. Make sure to stop off at the world-renowned Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the ultimate in country music venues, the Grand Ole Opry.

Downtown Nashville is also home to honky tonk bars and museums that examine the life and career of two of country music's icons, the Johnny Cash Museum and the George Jones Museum. Don't forget the outstanding music venues of Second and Broadway and a visit to RCA's 'Studio B', where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his best-loved hits.

Highlights: Visit the Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum or, for a change of pace, visit the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, home to the Grammy-award winning Nashville Symphony.

#### Days 4 to 6 - Memphis

of Memphis; the history of this iconic city's musical journey can be explored at the Blues Hall of Fame and Memphis Music Hall of Fame.

A visit to Sun Studio is also a must. Here, you can literally stand on the mark made by giants: Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash, to name a few of the stars who recorded here. Stax Museum of American Soul Music celebrates those artists who carried the funk out of Memphis and all over the world; from Otis Redding to Wilson

Of course, a visit to Memphis would not be complete without a visit to the most famous address in rock 'n' roll; Graceland. You can explore Elvis' home, as well as his collection of private aircraft and cars. If you're not an Elvis fan when you arrive, you will be once you leave!

Highlights: Away from the music, stop off at the National Civil Rights Museum and pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Slave Haven Museum, a white clapboard house that served as a rail station for runaway slaves.

#### Days 7 to 10 - New Orleans

This morning, board the City of New Orleans AMTRAK train to New Orleans.

From museums to restaurants to world-famous festivals, there's no place in the world quite like New Orleans. There is live music everywhere – from the streets of the French Quarter to the many clubs, bars and venues across the city. Visiting Preservation Hall is a rite of passage for any jazz fan and definitely one to tick off the bucket list

Aside from the famous French Quarter, New Orleans has several other neighbourhoods that are well worth a visit. The Arts/Warehouse District recalls the city's industrial heyday and now showcases a thriving arts and culinary scenes. The fun Mardi Gras World allows visitors to experience a taste of the famous festival at any time of year.

The Garden District is a charming neighbourhood, home of the rich and famous; wander among ancient oak trees and picturesque streetcars. Magazine Street is full of boutiques, shops, restaurants and cafes and is well worth a visit.

**Highlights:** Make sure to visit Café du Monde for a coffee and beignet. Also visit the Presbytere, Louisiana State Museum for an eye-opening look at how the city was affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.







### **Roots of Blues**

A blues themed journey from The Big Easy through the Mississippi Delta to Chicago - the home of blues.



#### Days 1 to 3 - New Orleans

From great museums to world-famous festivals, there's no place in the world quite like New Orleans. Live music is everywhere – from the streets of the French Quarter to the many bars and venues across the city.

Highlights: A visit to Preservation Hall is a rite of passage for any jazz lover, take a swamp tour to see the alligators or a cemetery or voodoo tour.

#### Day 4 - Jackson

and 190 miles. Jackson is the state capital of Mississippi so if you are interested in history and culture, there are many museums and attractions, Civil War and Civil Rights sites here.

**Highlights:** Explore Farish Street, where the likes of Sonny Boy Williamson II and Robert Johnson were discovered, and the city's many blues clubs.

#### Day 5 - Greenwood

rolling hills meet lush, flat lands, Greenwood is in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Its history - as striking as its landscape continues to fascinate generations.

**Highlights:** Take a cooking class or a cotton history lesson. Stop and explore the many spots on the Mississippi Blues Trail.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Clarksdale

America's most significant blues town. Illustrious one-time Clarksdale residents include Ike Turner. Make sure to tour the town's many 'juke-joints' including the Morgan Freeman-owned Ground Zero.

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

#### Days 8 & 9 - Memphis

where blues came of age and where rock & roll was born. Stroll along Beale Street for a night of great music; BB King's Blues Club is one of the street's best.

**Highlights:** Tour Graceland and Sun Studios, visit the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum and the Gibson Guitar factory.

#### Days 10 & 11 - St. Louis

ateway to the American West, St. Louis is an old city with a new spirit. The spirit of St Louis is evident on the riverfront where the 630ft Gateway Arch watches over the Mississippi River and a vibrant downtown.

**Highlights:** Find a riverboat casino or explore the huge number of great restaurants, bars and clubs that line the downtown areas.

#### Days 12 to 14 - Chicago

Continue your journey to Chicago on the AMTRAK Lincoln Service train or by car if you prefer.

If you're a history buff and a diehard foodie, Chicago's your kind of town. Take an architectural-history walking tour or visit the Museum of Science and Industry, the biggest science museum in the Western Hemisphere.

**Highlights:** See great views of the city from 360 Chicago Observatory. On a clear day, you can see up to four different states from here!











### Sounds of the South

Jazz filled streets, Delta blues, rock & roll and 'Music City USA' -America's South lives and breathes music.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Nashville

There are so many things to see and do in Nashville that it can be hard to know where to start. Make sure to stop off at the world-renowned Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and of course the ultimate in country music venues, the Grand Ole Opry.

**Highlights:** Visit the Johnny Cash Museum and a visit to RCA's 'Studio B', where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his bestloved hits, is a must.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Memphis

• 215 miles. Music is in the blood of Memphis; the history of this iconic city's musical journey can be explored at the Blues Hall of Fame. Sun Studio is also worth a visit alongside the National Civil Rights Museum.

**Highlights:** Explore the many bars and clubs of the iconic Beale Street and of course, no visit here would be complete without a visit to Graceland.

#### Day 6 - Clarksdale

America's most significant blues town. Illustrious one-time Clarksdale residents include lke Turner. Make sure to tour the town's many 'juke-joints' including the Morgan Freeman-owned Ground Zero.

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

#### Day 7 - Jackson

and 155 miles. Jackson is the state capital of Mississippi so if you are interested in history and culture, there are many museums and attractions, Civil War and Civil Rights sites here.

**Highlights:** Explore Farish Street, where the likes of Sonny Boy Williamson II and Robert Johnson were discovered, and the city's many blues clubs.

#### Day 8 - Vicksburg

45 miles. Vicksburg played a big part in the American Civil War when it was besieged in 1862. The site of this epic battle is now Vicksburg National Military Park. Charming antebellum mansions are also found here.

**Highlights:** Take a Mississippi River boat cruise and visit the Biedenharn Coca-Cola museum to see the place where Coca-Cola was first bottled.

#### Day 9 - Natchez

**75 miles.** Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River, has more antebellum houses than any other place in the United States, many of which are open to the public.

**Highlights:** Visit the Natchez Museum of African-American History and Culture, experience a riverboat casino or play a game of

#### Days 10 & 11 - Lafayette

heart of Cajun country, where the food is plentiful, music and dancing abound and history comes to life. Try crawfish or boudin, a Cajun favourite which combines meat or fish with rice and Cajun spices.

**Highlights:** The Cajun people are descended from French-speaking Canadians and you'll get a real feel for their earlier lifestyle and history at two recreated villages.

#### Days 12 to 14 - New Orleans

museums to world-famous festivals, there's no place in the world quite like New Orleans. Live music is everywhere – from the streets of the French Quarter to the many bars and venues across the city.

**Highlights:** A visit to Preservation Hall is a rite of passage for any jazz lover, take a swamp tour to see the alligators or a spooky voodoo tour.









### From Cajun to Cowboys

Music and Cajun culture lead you from The Big Easy to the Lone Star State.



#### Days 1 to 4 - New Orleans

From museums to restaurants to world-famous festivals, there's no place in the world quite like New Orleans. Explore the boutiques on Magazine Street or follow the sound of live music from Frenchmen Street.

**Highlights:** Go for beignets at Café du Monde, experience live jazz at Preservation Hall before popping into one of the many bars lining Bourbon Street for a drink (or two!).

#### Days 5 & 6 - Lafayette

→ 135 miles. Let the good times roll! You're in the heart of Cajun country, where the food is plentiful, music and dancing abound and history comes to life.

**Highlights:** The Cajun people are descended from French-speaking Canadians and you'll get a real feel for their earlier lifestyle and history at two recreated villages.

#### Day 7 - Lake Charles

**75 miles.** "The Festival Capital of Louisiana," Lake Charles hosts over 75 festivals each year, the biggest being Mardi Gras. Great shopping, golf, live music and sandy beaches make this a fabulous holiday destination.

Highlights: The Central School Arts & Humanities Centre is a stop on the African American Heritage Trail and the DeQuincy Railroad Museum is a step back in time to the days of pioneers and pirates.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Galveston

handles. Galveston sits on a barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico and offers 32 miles of golden beaches. The town is full of restaurants, shops and live entertainment.

Highlights: Visit Galveston's historic district, with some of the best preserved Victorian architecture in the country and take a stroll along Seawall Boulevard to watch the sunset.

#### **Days 10 & 11 - Houston**

city in America, Houston has emerged as one of the great cities of the 21st century. In the evening head for Bayou Place – downtown's destination for great food and entertainment.

**Highlights:** Go wine tasting at Haak Vineyards, take a leisurely stroll around Houston's Arboretum and Nature Centre or spend a day at NASA's Space Centre.

#### Days 12 to 14 - Austin

university town with a great atmosphere. Visit the historic district and spend some time at Congress Avenue and East Sixth Street, the centre of downtown life.

**Highlights:** The city has become a centre of eclectic music and nightlife, showcased at the South by Southwest Festival each March.









### **Grand Southern Adventure**

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



#### Days 1 & 2 - Atlanta

Atlanta is the 'crossroads of the South'. Much of the city has undergone renovation and now hosts great shops, cafes, restaurants and bars.

**Highlights:** Visit the World of Coca-Cola, the CNN Centre and Centre for Civil & Human Rights.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Savannah

**250 miles.** Savannah is a walker's town so wander among the European-style townhouses. Lively entertainment is also at hand in River Street.

**Highlights:** Savannah is known for its sophisticated take on Southern cuisine.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Charleston

→ 110 miles. Charleston exudes Southern charm and history. Wander cobblestone streets and browse the Old City Market.

**Highlights:** Take a guided horsedrawn carriage tour and learn about Charleston's more infamous characters. Visit a plantation house.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Asheville

between the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Take a stroll around Asheville's downtown and explore the many shops and restaurants.

**Highlights:** Visit the Biltmore House, America's largest private home. The 8,000 acre estate features fabulous gardens and a winery.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Nashville

295 miles. In Nashville, make sure to visit the world-renowned Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the ultimate in country music venues, the Grand Ole Opry.

**Highlights:** Visit the Johnny Cash Museum and a visit to RCA's 'Studio B', where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his best-loved hits, is a must.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Memphis

of Memphis; the history of this city's musical journey can be explored at the Blues Hall of Fame. Sun Studio is also worth a visit alongside the National Civil Rights Museum.

**Highlights:** Explore the many bars and clubs of Beale Street and of course, no visit here would be complete without a tour of Graceland.

#### Day 13 - Jackson

**210 miles.** Jackson is the state capital of Mississippi so if you are interested in history and culture, there are many museums and attractions, Civil War and Civil Rights sites here.

**Highlights:** Explore Farish Street and the city's many blues clubs.

#### Days 14 to 16 - New Orleans

185 miles. There's no place in the world quite like New Orleans. Live music is everywhere – from the streets of the French Quarter to the many bars and venues across the city.

**Highlights:** No visit to New Orleans is complete without a stroll down the bars and clubs of Bourbon Street. A voodoo or swamp tour are also great options.

#### Davs 17 & 18 - Gulf Shores

**195 miles.** Alabama's Gulf Shores provides white sandy beaches perfect for relaxing by the sea.

**Highlights:** Visit Waterville, a nearby theme park or go shopping at Tanger Outlet Centre.

#### Day 19 - Mobile

original capital of the Louisiana
Territory and home to the original
Mardi Gras, few American cities boast
a history as rich as that of Mobile.

**Highlights:** tour the nearby WWII battleship, the USS Alabama or take a wildlife cruise out on the bay.

#### Days 20 & 21 - Montgomery

→ 170 miles. From the Civil War to civil rights, Montgomery is steeped in history.

**Highlights:** Visit the Rosa Parks Museum and Civil Rights Memorial.

#### Day 22 - Atlanta

**a** 160 miles. Make your way back to Atlanta for your flight home.









### The Blues Highway

Follow the Blues Highway from New Orleans to Chicago - this is the trip of a lifetime for music lovers.



#### Days 1 to 3 - New Orleans

As a visitor in New Orleans, you can expect a good time. Take a tour of the elegant Garden District, dine at a top restaurant, or join the crowds on Bourbon Street.

**Highlights:** Listen to authentic jazz at Preservation Hall or treat yourself to a beignet at Café du Monde.

#### Day 4 - Lafayette

◆ 155 miles. Lafayette is in the heart of Cajun country. Try crawfish or boudin, a Cajun favourite.

**Highlights:** Get a feel for their earlier lifestyle and history at two recreated villages.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Natchez

**140 miles.** Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River, has more antebellum houses than any other place in the United States.

**Highlights:** Visit the Natchez Museum of African-American History and Culture, experience a riverboat casino.

#### Day 7 - Jackson

**245 miles.** Jackson is the state capital of Mississippi and has many museums and attractions, Civil War and Civil Rights sites.

**Highlights:** Explore Farish Street and the city's many blues clubs.

#### Day 8 - Greenwood

▲ 115 miles. Greenwood is in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. Its history continues to fascinate.

**Highlights:** Take a cooking class or a cotton history lesson. Stop

and explore the many spots on the Mississippi Blues Trail.

#### Day 9 - Clarksdale

**80 miles.** Clarksdale is America's most significant blues town. Make sure to tour the town's many 'juke-joints' including the Morgan Freemanowned Ground Zero.

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

#### Days 10 & 11 - Memphis

where rock & roll was born. Stroll along Beale Street; BB King's Blues Club is one of the street's best venues.

**Highlights:** Tour Graceland and Sun Studios, visit the exceptional Rock 'n' Soul Museum and the Gibson Guitar factory.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Nashville

of country music. Trawl the outstanding music venues of Second and Broadway or head out to the Grand Ole Opry, the 'church' of country music.

Highlights: Visit Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame or Studio 'B' where Elvis Presley recorded over 200 of his hits.

#### Day 14 - Cape Girardeau

240 miles. Head north along the 'Blues Highway' to Cape Girardeau, an attractive and laid-back town. **Highlights:** Soak up the atmosphere before continuing to St. Louis

#### Days 15 & 16 - St. Louis

■ 115 miles. St Louis, America's great 'gateway city' is home to one of the best blues scenes in the US.

**Highlights:** Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch or have dinner in the funky Soulard district.

#### Day 17 - Fort Madison

the South far behind you as you drive on into the cooler world of the American Midwest. Fort Madison will give you a taste of rural, small-town America.

**Highlights:** Enjoy the exceptional views across the 'Great Bend' in the Mississippi River to Illinois.

#### Day 18 - Davenport

**95 miles.** Here jazz legend Bix Beiderbecke took up the cornet after hearing Louis Armstrong's sound drifting from a steamboat.

**Highlights:** Take a Bix tour of Davenport.

#### Days 19 to 21 - Chicago

→ 175 miles. Vibrant, friendly Chicago awaits you. Enjoy everything and more this great city has to offer.

**Highlights:** Visit 360 Chicago for sweeping views of the surrounding four states or the Adler Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium on Museum Campus.



### **Recommended Experiences**

We offer an extensive range of pre-bookable experiences to make your holiday better than ever. Here are some of our favourites but please contact us for our full range.





#### **American Queen & American Duchess**

A classic way to tour the Mississippi River, The American Queen offers traditional paddle boat cruises from 5 to 23 days with a unique perspective on America's history, culture and landscapes – it's all very Mark Twain / Gone with the Wind! The American Queen is the largest riverboat in the world and with a giant paddlewheel, a sight to behold. Antebellum décor, exquisite cuisine and southern hospitality combine to provide a unique experience with a choice of wonderful staterooms and suites with verandas. The new American Duchess is a luxurious addition to the Mississippi paddlewheeler fleet, the first all-suite vessel to sail the US rivers, offering stunning 2-storey loft suites, fabulous entertainment venues, glorious decor and fine dining.

#### World of Coca-Cola

A must for any lover of the fizzy stuff when in Atlanta. Learn how Coca-Cola was developed from a simple cough medicine to what we know and love today. They also have a tasting room full of variations of Coke from around the world.





#### **Memphis Music Attraction Pass**

This pass gives guests access to some of Memphis' most beloved attractions, including the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, the Sun Studios tour, Stax Museum of American Soul Music and of course the world famous Graceland; Elvis Presley's former home.

#### **Jazz Cruises**

Make your trip to New Orleans extra special with an exciting jazz cruise aboard the authentic Steamboat Natchez. If the breath-taking views of the city's skyline aren't enough to satisfy your senses, you have the option to include dinner too.







#### **Plantation Homes**

The Deep South plays host to some of the most incredible plantation homes in the world, allowing guests to return to a simpler, pre-Civil War time. Some of the best examples of antebellum homes include Oak Alley, Laura Plantation and Houmas House.

#### **New Orleans Tours**

There are many touring options to take advantage of in New Orleans; from swamp and alligator viewing tours, Hurricane Katrina tours to voodoo, cemetery and ghost tours the history and culture of the city is fascinating.

#### Jim Beam Distillery, Kentucky

Walk in the footsteps of generations of bourbon distillers. Nowhere else can you see how the world's favourite bourbon is made; from grain to bottle. You can even help to make your very own blend.

### **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 Monteleone

#### New Orleans, LA

Situated just a block from renowned Bourbon Street and within walking distance of the many restaurants and specialty shops that line the Quarter's cobblestone streets, this opulent hotel is also home to the famous Carousel Bar.



#### **Monmouth Plantation**

#### Natchez, MS

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



#### Shack Up Inn

#### Clarksdale, MS

Staying at the Shack Up is a bucket list item for Blues music fans; it is a historic planation site providing funky, rustic cottages and a downhome bar with live music and restaurant.



#### **Union Station Hotel**

#### Nashville, TN

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



#### **Guesthouse at Graceland**

#### Memphis, TN

The Guesthouse is a newer hotel option, opened in 2016 and located just steps from the iconic Graceland Mansion. The hotel has been decorated as a reflection of Elvis' personal style and exudes typical southern charm and hospitality. You won't want to leave the building!



#### Loews

#### Atlanta, GA

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



#### **River Street Inn**

#### Savannah, GA

The River Street Inn started out as a cotton warehouse but is now a beautiful riverfront hotel in the heart of Savannah's Historic District. The traditionally styled rooms feature river or city views and the onsite seafood restaurant offers live music.



#### The Battle House

#### Mobile, AL

Thoughtfully restored to its original grandeur this luxurious hotel is one of Mobile's top hotels, ideally located downtown, steps away from the historic and entertainment districts. The hotel also has a spa, tennis court and outdoor pool.



#### Seelbach Hotel

#### Louisville, KY

This grand hotel, built in 1905 is located close to the Kentucky Downs, home of the famous Kentucky Derby. Its upscale rooms offer marble bathroom and custom-designed beds and the renowned restaurant offers seasonal cuisine from a 1920's inspired setting.







# The Capital Region, Carolinas & Great Lakes

Incorporating a large area of diverse and exciting states, the Carolinas, Great Lakes and Capital Regions have it all. From pristine sandy beaches, huge freshwater lakes and spectacular mountain scenery to charming towns full of historical interest and the grandeur of Washington; one visit simply won't be enough.

Since the days of the first American colonies, US history has been shaped within the Capital Region. The sites of the Jamestown landings and the Revolutionary and Civil wars are a must for history buffs. Beyond that, the region is full of maritime tradition and some of the most scenic driving routes in the country.

Rugged coastline and the majestic Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains are cornerstones of the Carolinas' natural splendour. Asheville offers a gateway to the mountains and the stunning Biltmore Estate. South Carolina has some of America's most beautiful resort islands and top quality golf courses; the charming antebellum architecture of Charleston exudes southern grace and style.

The Great Lakes region is home to the largest expanse of freshwater in the world. The shores of these inland seas rival any coastline; Lake Superior alone is more than three hundred miles wide with thousands of smaller lakes scattered through the wilderness. Chicago is the area's biggest city and offers everything from unrivalled live Blues to the family fun of the Adler Planetarium.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

5 (Eastern Standard) or 6 (Central Standard) hours behind GMT.

### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Washington (District of Columbia); Baltimore (Maryland); Chicago (Illinois); Charlotte (North Carolina)

#### Indirect

Charleston (South Carolina)











### **South Carolina Explorer**

Enjoy South Carolina - from the Atlantic beaches to the Appalachian Mountains with a generous helping of history and Southern culture.



#### Day 1 - Camden

#### 87 miles from Charlotte.

Explore downtown Camden, South Carolina's oldest inland town, with its antique stores and one-of-a-kind arts.

**Highlights:** Tour the beautiful historic homes of Camden's colonial and downtown districts.

#### Days 2 and 3 - Myrtle Beach

where visitors to The Grand Strand (a sixty mile stretch of coastline) come to play. Visit the Boardwalk and the Myrtle Beach Skywheel for views of the Atlantic coast.

**Highlights:** Sample the nightlife at Broadway at the Beach - the state's largest entertainment venue or visit Brook Green Gardens for a more relaxed feel.

#### Day 4 - Georgetown

**53 miles.** A historic waterfront town, Georgetown is full of charm and personality. Stroll along the Harborwalk with its boutiques and great restaurants.

**Highlights:** Visit Hopsewee Plantation, take a lighthouse tour by boat or join a ghost walk.

#### Days 5 to 7 - Charleston

99 miles. Charleston exudes Southern charm and history. Wander cobblestone streets and browse the Old City Market.

**Highlights:** Visit Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie, sites from civil and revolutionary wars, take a horsedrawn carriage tour of downtown or a schooner sailing cruise on the harbour.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Hilton Head

98 miles. Whether you are the sporty kind or a sun-worshipper Hilton Head won't fail to please. Relax on white sandy beaches or go kayaking, paddle boarding, parasailing, rent a jet ski or speedboat or take a sunset cruise.

**Highlights:** Take a dolphin watching tour or hire a bike and cycle along one of the many trails

#### Day 10 - Colombia

Columbia's wide avenues offer historic sites ranging from an antebellum mansion to the former home of a slave who bought her freedom, as well as museums, galleries, music venues, theatres and shops.

**Highlights:** Visit Riverbanks Zoo and Garden – home to more than 2000 animals or tour the State House and Governor's Mansion.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Greenville

Greenville, at the edge of the Appalachian Mountains lives up to its name with Falls Park on the Reedy - an oasis within the city as well as Caesars Head and Jones Gap State Parks making up the 13000 acre Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area.

**Highlights:** Hike in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, take a Segway tour or experience a concert at The Peace Center.









### **Heritage Highways**

The legendary Blue Ridge Mountains form a spectacular backdrop as you travel through some of the most historic regions in North America. 1595 miles

#### Days 1 & 2 - Washington D.C.

Welcome to America's Capital! Washington D.C. is a cosmopolitan city, packed with famous sights and free attractions. Visit the National Zoo, get lunch at a great new restaurant or catch a military band playing on Capitol Hill.

**Highlights:** Visit some of the world's best-known museums and art galleries, including the Smithsonian Institute and International Spy Museum.

#### Day 3 - Williamsburg

is the most extensively restored 18th century town in America. Visit Jamestown, where Britain established its first colony.

**Highlights:** Away from the history, Busch Gardens and Water Country USA are just down the road and golf is a year round recreation here.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Kill Devil Hills

buff, visit lighthouses and the National Memorial honouring Wilbur and Orville Wright, who accomplished the first controlled powered flight in 1903.

**Highlights:** Indulge in fishing and crabbing, kayaking, surfing or parasailing, seaside cycling and that favourite, toes-in-the-sand enjoyment of the beach.

#### Day 6 - Wilmington

period homes lining the streets of Wilmington that are now museums and shopping venues and the downtown area has a lively nightlife scene with outstanding restaurants.

**Highlights:** Enjoy a day or evening riverboat cruise or one of many tours exploring the history of the area.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Charleston

wander cobblestone streets lined with antique shops and boutiques and browse the Old City Market. Museums, plantations and gardens recall the city's antebellum period and the role of African-Americans in shaping the state's history.

**Highlights:** Take a guided horse drawn carriage tour and learn tales of Charleston's more infamous characters.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Hilton Head Island

→ 100 miles. 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

315 miles. The town of Asheville is nestled between the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Take a stroll around Asheville's downtown and explore the many shops and restaurants here.

**Highlights:** Visit the Biltmore Estate, America's largest private home. The 8,000 acre estate features fabulous gardens and a winery.

#### Day 13 - Roanoke

atop a mountain welcomes you to the "Star City of the South". The Centre in the Square is the city's cultural hub, where you can catch a Broadway-quality show or hear the celebrated Roanoke Symphony.

**Highlights:** Visit the Mill Mountain Zoological Park or the Dixie Caverns for a 45-minute tour of breath-taking cave formations.

#### Day 14 - Luray & Shenandoah

National Park offers 200 miles of fantastic scenery and contains civil war battlefields. The gateway town of Luray sits in the Shenandoah Valley at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains and has spectacular views.

**Highlights:** Grab a map and head for Skyline Drive, a 105-mile National Scenic Byway running along mountain ridges or tour Luray Caverns.

#### Day 15 - Washington D.C.

■ 110 miles. Arrive back into Washington D.C. today for your flight home.











### **Cruising the Capital Region**

See where US history was shaped as you journey from Washington DC through the lovely capital region.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Washington D.C.

Washington is a city packed with famous sights and some of the world's best known museums and galleries including the Smithsonian and International Spy Museum.

**Highlights:** Visit 18th century Georgetown for its fabulous shops and restaurants.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Baltimore

City', Baltimore was redeveloped by James Rouse in the late 1970s. Check out the lively area of Fells Point and visit the Top of the World Observation Deck for great views.

**Highlights:** Make sure to visit the popular Harbor area, where you might find a street entertainer or open air concert.

#### Day 6 - Annapolis

and 30 miles. With more 18th century buildings than any other city in the U.S., visiting Annapolis is like stepping back in time. The city is located on the shores of Chesapeake Bay and is a paradise for water lovers.

**Highlights:** Tour the campus of the US Naval Academy, or the Maryland State House, the oldest state capitol still in use.

#### Days 7 & 8 - St. Michaels

→ 50 miles. Calling itself "The Heart & Soul of Chesapeake Bay", the town of Saint Michaels retains the look and feel of a 19th century seaport.

**Highlights:** Walk on red brick sidewalks past the Victorian homes and boutique shops of the historic district, head down to the pier in search of famously fresh seafood or take a boat tour of the area.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Virginia Beach

■ 195 miles. Virginia Beach has all the elements of a classic seaside resort: gorgeous beaches, a lively boardwalk, plenty of restaurants and nightspots, and amusement rides sure to appeal to kids.

**Highlights:** The opportunities for outdoor recreation abound; from golf and sea kayaking to parasailing and hiking. You can even do yoga classes on the sand or take up surfing lessons.

#### Day 11 - Williamsburg

williamsburg is the most extensively restored 18th century town in America. Visit Jamestown, where Britain established its first colony.

**Highlights:** Away from the history, Busch Gardens theme park and Water Country USA are just down the road and golf is a year around recreation here.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Charlottesville

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 - Luray & Shenandoah

crowning glory as you experience the splendour of the Skyline Drive. With more than 500 miles of hiking trails, enjoy exploring the lush forests and waterfalls.

**Highlights:** The Skyline Drive and Luray Caverns, the largest caverns on the East coast are well worth a visit.

#### Day 15 - Washington D.C.

**95 miles.** Return to Washington D.C. today for your flight home.









### Georgia Florida Line

A journey from 'Gone With the Wind' country to the golden beaches of the Atlantic coast and nightlife of Miami.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Atlanta

Atlanta, known as the 'crossroads of the South', is growing and changing at a constant rate. Much of mid - and downtown Atlanta is littered with great shops and restaurants

**Highlights:** The two must see attractions here are the World of Coca-Cola where you can taste Coke products from around the world and CNN Centre.

#### Day 3 - Augusta

**♣ 145 miles.** Augusta is probably best known as the host of the prestigious Masters Golf Tournament which was first played in 1934.

**Highlights:** Visit the Augusta Market, held most Saturdays, a great place to pick up a souvenir for home.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Charleston

→ 170 miles. Charleston exudes Southern charm and history. Wander cobblestone streets and browse the Old City Market.

**Highlights:** Take a guided horsedrawn carriage tour and learn tales of some of Charleston's more infamous characters. Visiting an antebellum home is a must.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Savannah

walker's town so make sure to wander among the European-style townhouses. A good variety of lively entertainment is also at hand; River Street fills with live music regularly.

**Highlights:** Savannah is known for its sophisticated take on Southern cuisine and is a great place in which to indulge.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Jekyll Island

Golden Isle started as a private retreat for some of America's elite. It has 10 miles of white sandy beach and some of the best golf courses in the country.

**Highlights:** Take a tour of the opulent mansions left behind by the earliest visitors to the Island and visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Centre.

#### Days 10 & 11 - St. Augustine

oldest European settlement in the US and much of their influence is still present today. Taste the water at the Fountain of Youth, where Ponce de Leon first landed.

**Highlights:** Go swimming with dolphins at Marineland Dolphin Adventure Park or take a walking tour of historic downtown.

#### Day 12 - Cocoa Beach

Coast', explore nearby NASA, the only place in the world where you can tour launch-pad areas and don't miss Historic Cocoa Village for shopping and great food.

**Highlights:** Have lunch with an astronaut and train in a spaceflight simulator at NASA.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Miami

**200** miles. South Beach is one of the coolest destinations in Florida and within walking distance of the white sandy beach. Dance 'til dawn in one of the many bars

**Highlights:** Explore the Art Deco District and visit Bal Harbor for designer boutiques and great restaurants.











### **Grand Tour of the Great Lakes**

Discover the beauty and charm of the largest expanse of fresh water in the world.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Chicago

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

**Highlights:** Visit 360 Chicago for sweeping views of the surrounding four states or the Adler Planetarium and Shedd Aquarium on Museum Campus.

#### Day 3 - Rockford

cultural corridor', this lovely city is home to a wealth of private galleries and historical museums, the most well-known being the Rockford Art Museum.

**Highlights:** Visit the beautiful Anderson Japanese Gardens.

#### Day 4 - Wisconsin Dells

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 100ft high pillars, cliffs and islands.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Minneapolis

heartland, Minneapolis offers culture and art abound. Notable landmarks include the Stone Arch Bridge, St. Anthony Falls and Boom Islands.

**Highlights:** For the ultimate retail fix, visit nearby Bloomington and the 'Mall of America'.

#### Day 7 - Duluth

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

**Highlights:** Drive to Two Harbors on the North Shore Scenic Drive.

#### Days 8 & 9 - 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

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

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.

**Highlights:** Take the Agawa Canyon tour train into the pristine Canadian north woods.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Traverse City

▲ 160 miles. Magnificent views of Lake Michigan await at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, just outside Traverse City. Sparkling waters form a stunning backdrop to an abundance of wildlife.

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

#### Day 15 - Grand Rapids

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 Grand Rapids Brewing Company.

**Highlights:** Visit the interactive museum dedicated to native son Gerald R. Ford, the 38th U.S. President.

#### Day 16 - Chicago

**150 miles.** Return to Chicago today for your flight home.









### Route 66

The ultimate American road trip! Journey over 2000 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles following 'The Mother Road'.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Chicago

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

**Highlights:** Stand on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Adams Street, the official beginning of Route 66.

#### Day 3 - Springfield, IL

America's heartland to Springfield, Illinois – birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and home to the Route 66 Mother Road Festival, held every September.

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

#### Day 4 - St. Louis

America's 'Gateway City', where you can ride to the top of the amazing 630ft Gateway Arch, which dominates the city's skyline.

**Highlights:** On your way here, stop in at a trading post and pick up some Route 66 souvenirs.

#### Day 5 - Springfield, MO

**a.** 220 miles. As you depart, stop in at Ted Drewes for his famous frozen custard before continuing through Missouri, home of Mark Twain.

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

#### Day 6 - Oklahoma City

Route 66 through small towns and farmland through the southeast corner of Kansas and then finally on to Oklahoma City, the state capital.

**Highlights:** Visit Claremore's Will Rogers Memorial Museum.

#### Day 7 - Amarillo

along the Mother Road, stop in El Reno to see Fort Reno, established in 1874 to protect the Cheyenne and Araphoe Indians. Continue to Amarillo in the Lone Star state of Texas.

**Highlights:** Stop in Clinton to visit the Route 66 Museum with its vintage cars and memorabilia.

#### Day 8 - Las Vegas, NM

Amarillo lies the legendary 'Cadillac Ranch', where 10 Cadillacs have been half buried nose down as a homage to the road.

**Highlights:** Stop at Midpoint Café in Adrian, located at an equal distance from 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, home of the hit TV show 'Breaking Bad'.

**Highlights:** Visit the colourful Indian crafts market, held daily at the Palace of the Governors.

#### Day 11 - Holbrook

**230 miles.** 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.

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

#### Day 12 - Grand Canyon

→ 190 miles. One of the world's greatest natural wonders, the magnificent Grand Canyon awaits today.

**Highlights:** For the best viewpoints along the South Rim, enjoy the 25 mile Desert View scenic drive.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Las Vegas, NV

**295 miles.** Welcome to the city that provides non-stop entertainment. Take a helicopter trip over the strip or tour the world famous Hoover Dam.

**Highlights:** Stop at Seligman – once a bustling town on America's Mother Road.

#### Days 15 & 16 - Los Angeles

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.

**Highlights:** Stop for a photo at the 'End of Trail' sign on the pier.

### **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **Rent a Home**

The Carolinas are a great place to base yourself for a few days during your trip. Rent a home on the oceanfront and relax with your family and friends just steps from a white sandy beach. Many homes have private pools and deck areas so BBQ dinners will be the order of the day. Enjoy!



#### **Segway Tours**

Have you always wanted to try out a segway? Your visit to Chicago may be the perfect opportunity. See the sights of the 'Windy City' whilst gliding along the streets with an experienced guide.



#### Route 66

Chicago, Illinois marks the start of the famous Route 66 road to Santa Monica, California, the original U.S. highway. Its history is well documented throughout the route, including throughout Chicago. Go explore!



#### **Smithsonian Museums**

The iconic Smithsonian museums in Washington DC are a must visit. The museums are largely free and offer a great insight into American and World history and culture.



#### **Hilton Head Island**

A beautiful island off the coast of South Carolina, it is the perfect place to relax on the white sandy beaches, tee off at one of the world-renowned golf courses or even try your hand at parasailing or shark fishing.



#### **Wright Brothers National Memorial**

This memorial, in Kill Devil Hills, commemorates the first successful flight. See the markers that show how far their flights travelled and view a replica of the plane the brothers used.



#### **Boat trip on the Great Lakes**

The five 'great lakes' spread over a huge portion of North America and offer fantastic outdoor sporting opportunities such as boat trips, hiking, wildlife spotting and mountain biking.

### **Recommended Hotels**

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#### **Kimpton Palomar**

#### Washington, DC

This sleek hotel is located in the Dupont Circle area of the city, less than three miles from the National Mall and near to a plethora of bars, restaurants and shops. The modern rooms are decorated with unexpected art installations, making even the most fashionable of guests feel at home.



### Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore Baltimore, MD

This luxury glass-fronted hotel is located in the revitalized Inner Harbor area of the city, very close to the National Aquarium. The hotel has rooms which offer balconies and water views as well as a chic day spa with water therapies, sauna and a poolside bar.



#### Williamsburg Inn

#### Williamsburg, VA

Experience true luxury at the newly reimagined Williamsburg Inn.
Offering an all-new modern and luxury experience while staying true to its notable Regency style, the Williamsburg Inn is home to the signature Rockefeller Room restaurant and signature themed suites.



#### **Andrew Pinckney Inn**

#### Charleston, SC

Located in the heart of the historic district, the Andrew Pinckney Inn is just steps away from the lively atmosphere of renowned restaurants and shops that surround Charleston's historic City Market. Soak in the sunshine on the rooftop terrace, boasting stunning views of the Charleston skyline and vibrant harbour.



#### **Beach House Resort**

#### Hilton Head Island, SC

An oceanfront boutique resort, the Beach House on Hilton Head Island offers live music 365 days a year at Tiki Hut, and low country dining at Porch Southern Kitchen. The hotel is located along an enviable strip of South Carolina shore, steps away from Coligny Beach and a few short miles from your choice of 13 championship golf courses.



#### The Palmer House Hilton

#### Chicago, IL

The Palmer House is the oldest continually operating hotel in Chicago, having first opened in 1873. The opulent lobby of the Palmer House hotel is decorated in fresco style with the guest rooms offering upscale décor and custom-designed beds. The hotel also offers a full service spa and Lockwood and Potter's restaurants.



#### **Skyland Resort**

#### Shenandoah National Park, VA

The Skyland Resort is located at the highest elevation of the famous Skyline Drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains. It offers fabulous views of the surrounding National Park and a choice of accommodation, from rustic cabins to newly renovated rooms.



### Shutters on the Banks

Kill Devil Hills, NC

This relaxed, oceanfront hotel is located very close to the Wright Brother's National Memorial where you can learn all about the first flight! You can also indulge in many water sports on the beach or just people watch from your hotel balcony (upgraded rooms only).



#### Aloft Asheville Downtown

#### Asheville, NC

This modern hotel is located in the heart of downtown, close to the Botanical Gardens of Asheville. The hotel hosts a bar with views of downtown from a balcony seating area as well as a full gym and outdoor swimming pool.









# **Florida**

The Sunshine State's biggest success story continues to be Orlando, the undisputed theme park capital of the world. However, stepping away from the well-trodden tourist trail, Florida's natural wonders can more than match its man-made treasures.

Together with the well-known attractions of Orlando, Florida is also home to the popular white sandy beaches of Fort Myers, Clearwater and Naples, which also hosts the famous alligators of Everglades National Park. If you are looking for something a little more exclusive, Anna Maria Island has gorgeous private homes to rent or meander down to the Florida Keys.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

5 (Eastern Standard) hours behind GMT.

#### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Direct

Miami;

Orlando;

Tampa;

Fort Lauderdale









### **Southern Florida Explorer**

In Florida's tropical South nightlife and nature, exciting activities and relaxing beaches make the perfect holiday mix.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Miami

Miami's South Beach is one of the coolest destination in Florida, just steps from the wide, white sand beach. Dance 'till dawn in many of the latino-influenced bars and nightclubs and experience a fantastic range of restaurants.

Highlights: Bal Harbour is just a short drive up the coast from Miami and home to designer boutiques, fabulous restaurants and great beaches or spend time in Little Havana.

### Days 4 & 5 - Fort Myers Beach

and the surrounding areas along southwest Florida's sunny Gulf Coast boast top-notch beaches, endless family-friendly attractions and restaurants.

**Highlights:** Visit Captiva, Boca Grande and Sanibel Islands for excellent beaches and quaint villages. You may also like to visit the museums dedicated to Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

#### Day 6 - Sarasota

Romiles. Sarasota is one of Florida's larger and wealthier towns. The town is also one of Florida's leading cultural centres, home to numerous writers and artists.

Highlights: Probably the most visited attractions in Sarasota are the world-class art museum, Venetian mansion and the museum built by John Ringling, of circus fame, in the early 20th century.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Naples

originates from a thriving fishing community and is now a favourite with the rich and famous, with its boutique shopping and excellent variety of restaurants.

**Highlights:** Take a trip to the Everglades and go kayaking, take an airboat tour or a jungle cruise.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Key Largo

northernmost of the Keys and is particularly well known for its many water-sport opportunities such as sport-fishing, snorkelling and diving. In fact, it is one of the foremost diving destinations in the world.

Highlights: The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary are home to some of the most beautiful underwater scenery in the world.

#### Days 11 to 13 - Key West

**100 miles.** Key West is the southernmost point of the United States and embraces a fascinating mix of history, eccentricity and lush island charm.

Highlights: Make your way to Mallory Square for the 'Sunset Celebration'. Fire eaters, street performers and artists selling their wares gather here; a great way to see the sunset and watch the boats arrive into the harbour.

#### Day 14 - Islamorada

extraordinary place to dive; the water here is home to brimming reefs as well as some of the best sea-fishing opportunities in the world. The History of Diving Museum is worth a visit.

**Highlights:** You can hand-feed hungry tarpon at the docks of Robbie's Marina, or catch a dolphin, sea lion or parrot show at Theatre of the Sea Marine Mammal Park.

#### Day 15 - Miami

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### Florida's Finest

From the man made wonders of Disneyworld and Universal to affluent beach resorts and a rich cultural heritage - savour the best of Florida. 1185 miles



#### Days 1 to 4 - Orlando

Orlando is home to an unrivalled choice of theme parks, attractions and thrilling water parks; what to do first is a difficult decision!

Highlights: Visit the 6 Disney World Parks, drop in on Harry Potter at Universal Studios or swim with a dolphin at Discovery Cove.

#### Day 5 - Saint Augustine

**105 miles.** Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the longest continually inhabited European-founded city in the United States.

Highlights: Stroll the narrow lanes, visit landmarks such as Castillo de San Marcos, Ponce de Leon's "Fountain of Youth," and the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Tallahassee

205 miles. With its rolling hills and canopied roads of moss-draped oaks, Tallahassee defies the Floridian stereotypes. The state's capital city shares a deep-rooted history and culture with cosmopolitan flair and Southern charm.

Highlights: Visit Florida State University and Tallahassee Museum as well as a five story IMAX theatre and planetarium.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Cedar Key

150 miles. The tiny enclave of Cedar Key is a quaint, old-fashioned, Old Florida town that offers lovely beaches and homes that perch above the Gulf of Mexico on stilts.

Highlights: The surrounding area is rich in wildlife, with dolphins and manatees being frequently spotted; go explore!

#### Day 10 - Tampa

135 miles. Tampa is home to miles of waterfront, sandy beaches, cultural attractions and exciting amusements including the famous Busch Gardens.

Highlights: Visit the Tampa Museum of Art, rent a kayak and go manatee-spotting or try a delicious Margarita in a local bar.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Fort Myers Beach

125 miles. Fort Myers and the surrounding areas along Florida's sunny Gulf Coast boast top-notch beaches, endless family-friendly attractions and restaurants.

Highlights: Visit Captiva, Boca Grande and Sanibel Islands for excellent beaches and quaint villages. You may also like to visit the museums dedicated to Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

#### **Days 13 & 14 - Naples**

45 miles. This charming town originates from a fishing community and is now a favourite with the rich and famous, with its boutique shopping and excellent variety of restaurants.

Highlights: Take a trip to the Everglades and go kayaking, take an airboat tour or a jungle cruise.

#### Day 15 - Key Largo

150 miles. Key Largo is the northernmost of the Keys and is well known for its water-sport opportunities such as sport-fishing, snorkelling and diving.

Highlights: The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary are home to some of the most beautiful underwater scenery in the world.

#### Days 16 to 18 - Key West

100 miles. Key West is the southernmost point of the United States and embraces a fascinating mix of history, eccentricity and lush island charm.

Highlights: Visit Mallory Square for the 'Sunset Celebration'. Fire eaters, street performers and artists selling their wares gather here; a great way to see the sunset and watch the boats arrive into the harbour.

#### Days 19 to 21 - Miami

170 miles. Miami's South Beach is one of the coolest destinations in Florida, just steps from the wide, white sand beach. Dance 'till dawn in latino-influenced bars and nightclubs and experience a fantastic range of restaurants.

Highlights: Bal Harbour is just a short drive up the coast from Miami and home to designer boutiques, fabulous restaurants and great beaches or spend time in Little Havana.



### **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **Theme Parks**

You can't think of Florida without thinking about the Disney and Universal theme parks. Explore the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and live out your safari dreams at Disney's Animal Kingdom. Make the most of your time by staying at a Disney or Universal hotel and enjoy many perks



#### Caribbean Cruise

Miami and Fort Lauderdale are gateways to the Caribbean, making a trip here the perfect excuse to indulge in a long-dreamed-about cruise. There are many cruise lines that offer a wealth of touring options to fit all budgets, from Princess Cruises to SilverSea. Go on, treat yourself!



#### **Everglades Airboat Tours**

A 'must do' excursion, if you find yourselves in the Everglades National Park is an airboat tour over the swamp and marshlands in search of Florida's famous alligators.



#### **NASCAR**

NASCAR racing is a pretty big deal in Florida (the headquarters of the organisation is in Daytona, FL). If you are lucky enough to be in town when the race is on, grab yourself some tickets and see what all the fuss is about!



#### **Swim with Dolphins**

Definitely one to tick off of your bucket list, Florida is a great place to see and swim with dolphins. Book on the Discovery Cove program and get in the water or interact with the dolphins from the shore.



#### Rent a Home

Florida is a great place rent a home while on vacation. Hang out by the oceanfront and relax with your family and friends. Many homes have private pools and deck areas so BBQ dinners will be the order of the day. Enjoy!



#### **Kennedy Space Centre**

Visiting NASA will be the highlight of any space enthusiasts' holiday. You can even have lunch with an astronaut and, if you're really lucky, might even see a rocket launch!

### **Recommended Hotels**

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### The Betsy South Beach

Miami, FL

This upscale boutique hotel on Ocean Drive occupies an elegant Georgian Revival building and is just a short walk from the bars and restaurants of Lincoln Road. The hotel has a courtyard pool, spa and rooftop deck. You can even book in for a yoga class and watch the sunrise from the Ocean Deck.



#### **Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge** Orlando, FL

One of the most iconic of Disney's Orlando hotels, the Lodge offers African themed rooms, some with savannah views of the neighbouring wildlife park and private balconies. Guests of Disney hotels also benefit from early access to all the Disney theme parks, one hour before they open to the public.



### Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach Clearwater, FL

Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and the Clearwater Beach Marina, this modern, upscale hotel is within walking distance of bustling Clearwater Beach and located very close to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Many of the rooms offer views of the Gulf and a meal at the onsite restaurant is a must.



## Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina Fort Myers Beach, FL

With sugary white sand, endless waves and breath-taking views from sunrise to sunset, sink your beach chairs and umbrellas in the sand or indulge at the spa. You can also try your hand at sailing, paddle boarding, or go on a dolphin-sightseeing tour, operating straight from the hotel.



#### The Inn on Fifth

Naples, FL

Stay in sophisticated style on fashionable Fifth Avenue, a celebrated shopping, dining and entertainment district. The Inn is a stroll to a stretch of sugar sand beach, and just a short drive to some of Florida's most exclusive golf courses and attractions. Indulge yourself in a treatment at the intimate spa, or dine at the on-site restaurant.



#### Ocean Key Resort & Spa Key West. FL

The Ocean Key Resort offers island luxury with a twist. Guest rooms feature private balconies and partial ocean views and are the perfect place to unwind and relax whilst still being just steps from the bars, restaurants and shops of Duval Street, Mallory Square and Key West Harbor.



#### Hampton Inn Key Largo Key Largo, FL

Everglades National Park.

This hotel is located just 500 yards from John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, home to the only living coral reef in North America, a great place to snorkel and dive. Also close by is Dolphin Cove and the famous



#### The Breakers

Palm Beach, FL

This Italian Renaissance-style resort is located on a private beach a short distance from the Flagler Museum and West Palm Beach. The resort has two golf courses on site as well as four swimming pools, a spa and even onsite shopping!

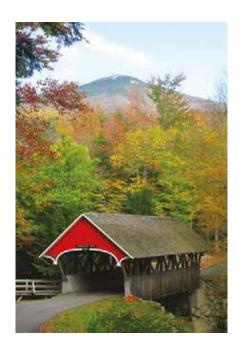


### Casa Monica Resort & Spa

St. Augustine, FL

In the heart of St. Augustine, overlooking the spectacular Matanzas Bay, this landmark hotel was built to resemble a Spanish castle in 1888. Its grand lobby has a rich décor of tapestries and chandeliers, with guest rooms luxuriously decorated in a Spanish style.







# **New England & The North East**

The six states of New England are some of the nation's most historic and beautiful. Here, you can enjoy a friendly and relaxed pace of travel whilst discovering quintessential villages and picturesque scenery.

Famous for its 'leaf peeping' opportunities, New England is home to some of the most breath-taking scenery in the States. From the glorious beaches of Cape Cod to the majestic White and Green Mountains and the rolling Berkshire Hills, there's no shortage of stunning vistas to explore here.

There is much more to the neighbouring states than just New York City and Philadelphia; stunning scenery, natural wonders and colonial history are around every corner. From the Adirondack Mountains and majestic Niagara Falls in New York to the historic Gettysburg and Amish country in Pennsylvania.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

5 (Eastern Standard) hours behind GMT.

#### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

#### Direct

Boston (Massachusetts); New York (New York); Philadelphia (Pennsylvania)











### **Brew England**

If you love craft beers and great food, this is the tour for you.



#### Day 1 - Portsmouth

**65 miles.** Portsmouth is filled with old homes, museums & fascinating historic sites. Climb aboard the USS Albacore and enjoy local beers in many restaurants and pubs, including the Red Hook Brewing Company.

**Highlights:** Visit Strawberry
Banke Museum, which has been
assembled to depict life in historic
Portsmouth or join a harbour or
whale-watching cruise.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Bar Harbor

**230 miles.** Bar Harbor is a bustling town filled with shops and restaurants. Go on a tasting tour at Atlantic Brewing Company's Estate Brewery and Bar Harbor Brewing Company.

**Highlights:** Visit Acadia National Park and explore the 20 mile scenic drive along Park Loop Road. It is also a great place for hiking, climbing, biking, and horseback riding.

#### Day 4 - Jackson

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Mountains and offers spectacular
natural beauty. Make time to visit

Mount Washington where you can
experience a train journey to the
highest peak in the North East, on
the Cog Railway.

**Highlights:** A plethora of outdoor activities are available here including hiking and boating on the many crystal clear lakes and rivers.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Essex Junction

Junction, visit Rock Art Brewery in Morristown and the Magic Hat Brewing Company Artifactory in South Burlington for beer tasting.

**Highlights:** Visiting the famous Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory is an absolute must for those with a sweet tooth whilst in the area.

#### Day 7 - North Adams

**140 miles.** North Adams is the smallest city in Massachusetts, located within the picturesque Berkshires area. It is steeped in art, history, and culture and surrounded by stunning scenery.

**Highlights:** Visit the Clark Art Institute or MoCA – the Museum of Contemporary Art or enjoy a concert at Tanglewood.

#### Day 8 - Nantucket

**250 miles.** Arriving on the island of Nantucket off the coast of Cape Cod, visit Cisco Brewers, home to craft beers and the Triple Eight Distillery.

**Highlights:** Visit windswept beaches, lighthouses, boutique stores and chowder shacks. Swim, surf or go fishing for striper or bluefish.

#### **Days 9 & 10 - Boston**

**75 miles.** Arriving into Boston today, visit Sam Adams Brewery for a tour and tasting. Quincy Market and Faneuil Marketplace are also worth a visit.

**Highlights:** Visit Harvard Yard and Cambridge or take a whale watching trip from the harbour.









### **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

Boston combines the old and the new like no other city in America. Explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of historic sites from the colonial and revolutionary era. Hop on the famous Old Town Trolley Tour, which brings Boston's history and sights to life.

Highlights: Enjoy the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market with all its great shops and irresistible food stalls and restaurants or visit Harvard Yard and Cambridge.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Meredith

most exquisite settings of lake and mountain scenery awaits you when you visit the village of Meredith. Endless lake and mountain vistas are accented with historic sites and unique shops.

**Highlights:** Visit Wolfeboro, a resort town since Royal Governor John Wentworth built his summer home here in 1768.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Jackson

on the edge of the White Mountain National Forest and offers spectacular natural beauty, as well as many opportunities for outdoor recreation and winter sports.

**Highlights:** Make time to visit Mount Washington where you can experience a 3-hour guided train journey to the highest peak in the North East, on the Cog Railway.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Stowe

eastern America's most famous ski resorts, located on Mount Mansfield, the state's highest mountain. Hike the surrounding areas or visit the Historical Society Museum or the alpine slide at Spruce Peak.

**Highlights:** You could drive the Mount Mansfield toll road or take the gondola up the 4,393ft peak for a bird's eye view of the forests and rugged terrain.

#### Day 9 - South Burlington

Vermont's largest and most cosmopolitan city, Burlington still offers a perfect blend of old New England charm, arts, culture and nature

**Highlights:** Visit Church Street Marketplace and popular Leddy Park where you can swim, fish or simply relax.

#### Day 10 - Manchester

and Manchester Village and Manchester Center, less than two miles apart, are strikingly different. One is all about mansions and art while the other is famed for its great shopping.

**Highlights:** Enjoy the outlet shopping in Manchester Village.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Stockbridge

popular town in the Berkshires, epitomises the image of a New England town. Visit the Norman Rockwell Museum to take a peek at the life of one of its most famous residents.

**Highlights:** Visit nearby Williamstown, a beautiful New England college town.

#### Day 13 - Boston

**130 miles.** Drive back to Boston today for your flight home.











### The Freedom Trail

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



#### Days 1 & 2 - Boston

Welcome to Boston and New England; yours to discover. Put on your walking shoes and explore the Freedom Trail, a 3 mile trail including 16 historic sites.

**Highlights:** Visit Harvard, take a Duck tour on the river, wander through Quincy Market or take a whale watching cruise from Boston Aquarium.

#### Day 3 - Kennebunkport

85 miles. Kennebunkport is 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 many shops and galleries.

**Highlights:** If you have time, visit Salem, where many residents were put on trial for witchcraft between 1692 and 1693.

### Days 4 & 5 - Bar Harbor & Acadia

at the entrance to Acadia National Park. A series of carriage paths and foot trails allows hiking, climbing, biking and horseback riding.

**Highlights:** The annual Bar Harbor Festival, every summer, is a platform for up and coming young artists. Bar Harbor also offers excellent whale watching opportunities.

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#### Days 11 & 12 - Newport

and 160 miles. Once the summer playground of America's wealthiest families and its famous mansions are arguably the premiere attraction in Newport. The town also has a vibrant, contemporary side, seen in its quirky shops and restaurants.

**Highlights:** You may recognise Rosecliff Mansion as Baz Luhrman's Great Gatsby was filmed here.

### Days 13 & 14 - Chatham & Cape Cod

**70 miles.** Cape Cod is world famous as a summer resort, with its white sandy beaches, picturesque harbours, art galleries and plentiful restaurants.

**Highlights:** Take the ferry to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, visit the John F. Kennedy Museum in Hyannis and Sandwich, the oldest town on the Cape.

#### Day 15 - Boston

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# The Big Apple & Beyond

Discover all that New York State has to offer - much more than Manhattan!



#### Days 1 to 3 - New York

New York City offers round the clock excitement! Get great views from the Empire State Building and take a ferry across to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

**Highlights:** Take a helicopter trip to get a bird's eye view of the city, go on a horse & carriage ride through Central Park or book a Broadway show.

#### Day 4 - Rhinebeck

is the journey! Stop off first at Poughkeepsie to visit 'Walkway over the Hudson' for great views of the Hudson Valley. Hyde Park is also well worth a visit.

Highlights: Make sure to visit the FDR Presidential Museum which offers an insight into his life and CIA (Culinary Institute of America), where you might be lucky enough to get a free sample.

#### **Day 5 - Saratoga Springs**

**95 miles.** Located in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, Saratoga Springs is home to grand old Victorian homes along quaint tree-lined streets, bringing to mind a gentler era.

**Highlights:** Play one of the 13 golf courses in the area, go shopping for antiques or enjoy a meal at one of the many local restaurants.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Syracuse/ Skaneateles

140 miles. Welcome to the Finger Lakes area. Visit Anyela's, a modern vineyard that provides tastings and a beautiful backdrop to enjoy the sun before journeying on to Syracuse, a lovely city with a small town feel.

Highlights: Visit the beautiful Sherwood Inn for lunch, overlooking the shores of Lake Skaneateles. Beak and Skiff, a 'destination' brew house is also worth a trip.

#### Day 8 - Corning

known as the home of Corning Glassware. Take a stroll around the town's Gaffer District, full of boutiques and great cafes and

**Highlights:** Make sure to visit the Museum of Glass, where you can even see a live glass-blowing demonstration.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Rochester

110 miles. New York's third largest city, Rochester is brimming with culture and some great museums, including the Strong Museum of Play.

Highlights: Pick up some breakfast at the Rochester Public Market before visiting the George Eastman museum and home for a fascinating look at the founder of Kodak and the history of photography.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Buffalo/ Niagara Falls

regenerated waterfront area of Buffalo is definitely worth a visit before heading to the iconic Niagara Falls, a trip highlight.

Highlights: Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright house; an architectural marvel, take on the famous 'Maid of the Mist' boat trip. Daredevils should also check out the Hurricane Deck at Cave of the Winds.

#### **Days 13 & 14 - Toronto**

**85 miles.** Canada's largest city is a truly cosmopolitan city with first class shopping, restaurants and entertainment.

**Highlights:** The CN Tower is the city's best known attraction. You can even book yourself onto the EdgeWalk and suspend yourself from the top of the tower.









# Boston to New York by the Beaches

Combine friendly Boston and Cape Cod's lovely beaches with the best of The Hamptons and New York.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Boston

Boston combines the old and the new like no other city in America. 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: Hop on the famous Old Town Trolley Tour or take a whale watch cruise from Boston's spectacular Aquarium. Enjoy the atmosphere of Quincy Market or visit Harvard Yard and Cambridge.

# Days 4 to 6 - Chatham & Cape Cod

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

Highlights: Visit historic Falmouth and Sandwich, the Cape's oldest town. Hyannis gained fame as the summer residence of the Kennedy family. Chatham, with its pretty lighthouse is also worth a visit alongside the colourful, artistic community of Provincetown.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Martha's Vineyard

Domiles. From Woods Hole, board the ferry across to Martha's Vineyard, and explore the island's variety of landscapes in the six independent towns. Visit the fashionable eastern half of the island 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 Aquinnah, known for its beautiful clay cliffs and quiet natural serenity.

**Highlights:** Look out for the brightly painted gingerbread cottages, visit the lighthouses at sunset as well as the many farmer's markets.

### Day 9 - Old Saybrook

of Connecticut's oldest towns, located where the Connecticut River meets Long Island Sound, which offers a trove of historical and cultural sites to enjoy. Visit eclectic shops, restaurants, and beautiful beaches.

**Highlights:** 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 - Southampton & the Hamptons

Point Ferry to Long Island today. The Hamptons are popular seaside resorts, with some of the most expensive residential properties in the US and are frequently featured in films and television. The Hamptons' history, beautiful gardens, arts, culture and stunning beaches draw the affluent from New York City and surrounding states.

**Highlights:** Spend time relaxing one of the beaches, strolling the charming villages or instead visit the wineries or try horseback riding.

#### Days 12 to 14 - New York City

to Times Square, from Park Avenue to Times Square, from Chinatown to Little Italy and Central Park, New York offers round the clock excitement. The city is home to many of the top restaurants in the world and some of the best theatre in the world on Broadway.

**Highlights:** Get great views from the Empire State Building, take a helicopter ride above the towering skyscrapers, or take a boat ride out to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, which now houses a museum.









# **Maine Coast Explorer**

The biggest state in New England, with a coastline of more than 5500 miles, Maine deserves a trip devoted to itself!



#### Days 1 to 3 - Boston

Boston combines the old and the new like no other city in America. Explore the Freedom Trail, a 3-mile walking tour of historic sites from the colonial and revolutionary era. Hop on the famous Old Town Trolley Tour, which brings Boston's history and sights to life.

Highlights: Enjoy the 'Covent Garden style' atmosphere of Quincy Market with all its great shops and irresistible food stalls and restaurants or visit Harvard Yard and Cambridge.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Kennebunkport

**85 miles.** Kennebunkport is 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 many shops and galleries.

**Highlights:** If you have time, visit Salem, where many residents were put on trial for witchcraft between 1692 and 1693.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Boothbay Harbor

\*\* 90 miles. Calling themselves "the soul of the coast," the residents of Boothbay Harbor are proud of their seaside town. A popular sailing and kayaking destination, Boothbay also has delicious seafood and plenty of nature trails to explore.

**Highlights:** Visit nearby Monhegan Island to see the resident puffins.

# Days 8 to 10 - Bar Harbor & Acadia

125 miles. Bar Harbor is located at the entrance to Acadia National Park. A series of carriage paths and foot trails allows hiking, climbing, biking and horseback riding.

**Highlights:** The annual Bar Harbor Festival, every summer, is a platform for up and coming young artists. Bar Harbor also offers excellent whale watching opportunities.

#### Day 11 - Camden

Abeautiful seaport town with a harbour full of sail boats, Camden has been used as the setting for so many movies, that it is what many people think of when they think of New England.

Highlights: Visiting Camden Hills State Park will reward you with one of the best views of the Maine coastline, even stretching as far as Acadia National Park on a clear day.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Ogunquit

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

with old homes and museums, and you'll have your pick of fascinating historic sites. Climb aboard the USS Albacore, a retired US Navy submarine or visit the John Paul Jones House, home of the Revolutionary War naval hero.

**Highlights:** Visit Strawberry Banke Museum, where over 40 buildings have been assembled to depict Portsmouth life from 1695 to 1950.

#### Day 15 - Boston

**55 miles.** Return to Boston today for your flight home.



# **Recommended Experiences**

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One of the best ways to explore the north eastern states of the US is by AMTRAK train. Unlike many states, this area is well connected and offers an alternative mode of transport which means everyone can relax and take in the scenery as you travel between some of the largest cities in the world. You might even want to treat yourself to a business class upgrade!



#### **Helicopter Flights**

Get a unique view of the 'Big Apple' on a 15-20 minute flight over the city, taking in bird's eye views of iconic attractions such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Central Park.



#### Salem 'Witch City' Tours

Discover Salem, exploring the intriguing history of the city at The House of Seven Gables, the Peabody Essex Museum, and the Salem Witch Museum, travelling on a fully narrated Salem Trolley.



#### Go NYC Card

New York has so much to see and do that it can be difficult to know where to start! A Go NYC card enables you to buy tickets to 100's of attractions at once, making it easier to decide where to go and when. From the Empire State Building to the Statue of Liberty and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, you can see it all!



#### Fall in New England

One of the most popular times to visit New England is during autumn as the leaves turn from green to red and gold, carpeting vast swathes of mountainous countryside in colour.



### **Historical Philadelphia Tours**

A knowledgeable local guide takes guests through the Historic and Old City neighbourhoods, adding local insight along the way. Admire some of the most famous historical sites in the US and learn about the city's recent cultural renaissance.



#### **Cape Cod Islands**

Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard are islands off mainland Cape Cod and are well worth the short boat trip. Both islands are small and can be easily explored by bicycle.

## **Recommended Hotels**

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### The Nine Zero

#### Boston, MA

This modern, luxury hotel overlooks Boston Common and Beacon Hill. The Nine Zero offers quests a sophisticated ambiance, upscale dining within walking distance of the Freedom Trail, the waterfront and Back Bay.



### **Chatham Bars Inn**

#### Chatham, MA

One of the most exclusive hotels on Cape Cod, this property is located on its own private beach, complete with an oceanfront pool, tennis and croquet courts and many chic rooms offering ocean views.



### **Bluenose Inn**

#### Bar Harbor, ME

Located just one mile from Acadia National Park and with sweeping views of Frenchman Bay, the Bluenose Inn occupies one of the most desirable spots on the East Coast. Guests can also enjoy live music in its piano lounge and two heated pools.



## **Christmas Farm Inn & Spa**

#### Jackson, NH

Nestled in the picturesque Mt. Washington Valley, the historic Christmas Farm Inn is 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

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 two acclaimed restaurants and a heated outdoor pool.



#### **Hotel Viking**

#### Newport, RI

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



#### Saybrook Point Inn & Spa Old Saybrook, CT

Nestled between Long Island Sound and the Connecticut River, Saybrook Point Inn boasts a tranquil waterfront location. Take time to explore the pretty marina and rich history of the town, spend the day relaxing at Sanno Spa and visit the award-winning restaurant.



#### **Best Western PLUS Independence Park Hotel**

#### Philadelphia, PA

This hotel is set in a superb location just moments from Independence National Historical Park, the Liberty Bell and the Franklin Institute museum. Guests will also be just steps from many world class bars and restaurants, including the famous City Tavern.



### **Hotel Ameritania**

#### New York, NY

Located in the heart of New York City's Theatre District, the Ameritania possesses a playful spirit in the midst of one of Manhattan's most exciting neighbourhoods. Trendy rooms offer bold décor alongside a sleek cocktail bar and spa.







# Alaska

Often referred to as the Last Frontier, Alaska is nothing if not record-breaking; it is home to the tallest mountains, largest national parks, highest concentration of glaciers and longest stretch of coastline in the United States – go and explore!

Holidaying in Alaska will certainly give you a trip to remember. One of the many reasons to visit is the undeniably beautiful wilderness, much of which is still untouched by human hands. See the towering Mt. Denali in Denali National Park or go kayaking among inlets in Kenai Fjords National Park. Visiting the historic Kennecott Copper Mine is also a must. Alaska is also a fantastic place to encounter wildlife, from great herds of caribou and puffins to magnificent grizzly bears, majestic orca whales and bald eagles.

#### essential info

LOCAL TIME:

9 (Alaska Time) hours behind GMT.

INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS: Indirect

Anchorage, Fairbanks (Alaska)









## The Great Alaska Tour

Explore America's largest but least populous state - you may see more wildlife than people.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Anchorage

Alaska's largest city and an unexpectedly thriving metropolis, it boasts many restaurants, shops and art galleries as well a growing arts and music scene.

**Highlights:** Visit the Anchorage Museum and Alaska Native Heritage Centre to see an impressive display of 10,000 years of Alaskan history and culture.

#### Days 3 & 4 - Homer

nestled in the valley of the Kenai Mountains gives it a mild climate and is a perfect place to relax and watch for bald eagles from the beach.

**Highlights:** Take a water taxi to Kachemak Bay State Park, a paradise of glaciers, mountains and coves perfect for paddling or kayaking.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Seward

and historic town with a lively harbour and unparalleled natural beauty. Make sure to visit Exit Glacier, a road-accessible glacier visited by President Obama in 2015.

**Highlights:** Take a wildlife and sightseeing cruise to Kenai Fjords National Park.

#### Day 7 - Wasilla/Palmer

headquarters of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Visit the museum to see race paraphernalia and the Sled Dog Musher's Hall of Fame.

**Highlights:** Many racers offer tours of their kennels and mushing demonstrations during summer.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Valdez

**270 miles.** Located in the heart of Prince William Sound, Valdez is surrounded by the world's tallest coastal mountains, go fishing and kayaking among icebergs and seals.

**Highlights:** Take a day cruise west to Columbia Glacier, one of the largest glaciers in North America or go white-water rafting on Lowe River through Keystone Canyon.

#### Days 10 & 11 - Fairbanks

**370 miles.** Fairbanks enjoys up to 22 hours of sunlight during summer and offers much for clients to see and do. Go rafting down Chena River.

**Highlights:** Visit the Alaska Museum of the North, widely regarded as one of the best in the state. The famous Dalton Highway north also begins here.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Denali

125 miles. Comprising an area larger than Massachusetts, Denali is sure to be a highlight of your Alaskan holiday. Go hiking, ice- or rock-climbing or go on a photography tour.

**Highlights:** Take a guided tour of the park's wilderness and look out for some of the 37 different species that call the park home, including lynx, bears and wolves.

#### Day 14 - Anchorage

way back to Anchorage and enjoy a final night in Alaska before your flight home tomorrow.

**Highlights:** Go arctic biking, tour the fjords of the Prince William Sound or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the awe-inspiring Alaskan scenery all around you.









## **Alaska's Natural Wonders**

Love wildlife? The unspoilt wilderness that is Alaska will certainly exceed all expectations.



#### Day 1 - Anchorage

Arriving in Anchorage, you will be greeted by Alaska's most metropolitan city. It has many restaurants, art galleries and shopping opportunities.

**Highlights:** Pan for gold at Crow Creek Mine, go fishing for Alaskan salmon at Ship Creek or take a trip to Prince William Sound.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Seward

■ 130 miles. A pretty harbour town close to Kenai Fjords National Park. Witness calving glaciers and an abundance of wildlife.

**Highlights:** Visit the vast Harding Icefield and Exit Glacier for unique landscapes you are unlikely to see anywhere else in the world.

#### Day 4 - Girdwood

• 95 miles. Home to Alaska's only resort. Ride the tram to the top of Mount Alyeska to the fine dining restaurant, museum and incredible views.

**Highlights:** Hike the impressive Crow Pass Trail to see alpine lakes and old gold-mining relics. Paragliding is also possible here.

#### Day 5 - Talkeetna

Mount Denali, Talkeetna was once an old gold-mining town that has proudly held on to much of its heritage from that time.

**Highlights:** Take a 'flight-seeing' tour of the awe-inspiring Mt. Denali and the Alaska Range. You can even land on a glacier!

#### Days 6 & 7 - Denali

National Park, sure to be the highlight of your holiday. With 37 animal and more than 130 bird species to spot, who knows what you'll encounter!

**Highlights:** You can go horseriding, rock-climbing or, if you are here at the right time of year, this is a great place to see the Northern Lights.

### Day 8 - Fairbanks

make sure to visit Pioneer Park, which celebrates the area's gold-mining history. The gateway to the North, it is the start of famous Dalton Highway.

**Highlights:** Go on a hike from Chena River State Recreation Area and visit the Chena Hot Springs Resort to rest your tired feet!

#### Days 9 & 10 - McCarthy/ Kennecott

St. Elias National Park, Kennecott is a ghost town frozen in time, complete with personal belongings of the copper miners who lived and worked here.

**Highlights:** Visitors of any age and ability can climb Root Glacier or hike the Old Mine Trail straight up the side of a mountain.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Palmer

**235 miles.** Palmer looks much like a mid-western town but is juxtaposed with its stunning mountain scenery and looks much as it did in its 1930's origins.

**Highlights:** Take a day trip on an airboat up the Knik River to experience the Knik Glacier.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Anchorage

**50 miles.** Make your way back to Anchorage today for a final two nights in Alaska before flying home, taking time to experience anything you might have missed.

Highlights: Visit the Anchorage Museum and Alaska Native Heritage Centre for impressive displays depicting 10,000 years of Alaskan history and culture.



# **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **Alaska Cruises**

One of the most popular ways to see Alaska is by cruising. Many luxury cruise lines offer options that usually begin in Vancouver, BC or Seattle, WA and travel up the Inside Passage of Alaska to Anchorage, the state capital. The scenery that will greet you from your deck is unlike anywhere on the planet; from icebergs and glaciers to bald eagles and orcas.

#### **Bear Lodge Experiences**

The Katmai Wilderness Lodge is a small property accommodating up to twelve people and is accessible only by floatplane. Intimate wildlife excursions in landing craft boats create a unique and unforgettable Alaskan experience. Chances of seeing bear is high as the lodge is located in bear habitat.







#### **Kennecott Mill**

Accessible by plane, a visit to the Kennecott old copper mill is a great way to spend a day. The now ghost town has been beautifully preserved to resemble its glory days. Guests can also trek from the village onto the ice glacier and even have a picnic!

#### **Heli-Hiking**

From Denali National Park, take a flight into backcountry Alaska and enjoy a guided soft-adventure hike through Yanert Valley, tracking animals and learning the history of

#### **Barrow Expedition**

Barrow is situated in the far north of Alaska, along the famous Dempster Highway. This tour flies guests from Fairbanks, stopping in the small community of Coldfoot on the way. Learn about the lifestyle of the Inupiat Eskimos and touch the Arctic Ocean!





#### **Dog Sled Tours**

Meet Iditarod champion Jeff King and be greeted by husky puppies for an authentic insight into rural Alaskan life. Get a behind-the-scenes look at what creates a championship team, see actual racing sleds and hear tales of Arctic survival.

#### **Glacier Kayaking**

Take a two hour water taxi from Valdez, searching for marine wildlife on the way to arrive at Columbia Glacier. Here there is an 8-mile-long field of floating icebergs which you will have the opportunity to kayak amongst.

### **Recommended Hotels**

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### **Hotel Captain Cook**

#### Anchorage, AK

This deluxe hotel is decorated to recall Captain Cook's voyages to Alaska and the South Pacific. The hotel offers four restaurants, one of which offers stunning views of Cook Inlet and the surrounding mountains



### **Grande Denali Lodge**

#### Denali National Park, AK

Located in the premier location with the National Park, high on a mountain, this hotel offers breath-taking views over the Nenana River and Denali wilderness. View rooms offer stunning views of the Nenana valley.



#### **SpringHill Suites** by Marriott Fairbanks

#### Fairbanks, AK

A modern hotel in a fantastic location in the heart of historic downtown Fairbanks and steps from the Chena River. The hotel is also home to one of the best restaurants in the area, Lavalle's Bistro and within walking distance of other restaurants, cafes and shops.



### **Hotel Alyeska**

#### Girdwood, AK

This unique resort located within Alyeska Ski Resort is one of the most deluxe options available in Alaska and offers a health spa, swimming pool, several restaurants and onsite shopping. All rooms have mountain or valley views and outdoor recreation is just steps away from your room.



### **Homer Floatplane Lodge**

### Homer, AK

This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Homer, on the shores of Beluga Lake. All of the rooms here have private decks and the lakeside hot tub is a great place to watch waterfowl, eagles and floatplanes, which take off and land on the lake.



#### **Kennicott Glacier Lodge**

### Kennicott

#### (Wrangell St. Elias National Park), AK

The Glacier Lodge is a replica of the historic Kennicott mining buildings and has been decorated with photographs and personal items from the miners themselves, lending to a unique historical atmosphere.



#### **Seward Windsong Lodge** Seward, AK

Nestled in a secluded forest on the outskirts of town, the Lodge offers a cozy, home-style atmosphere. The rooms are decorated in Alaskan themes, so you don't have to keep pinching yourself to believe you're really there!



#### Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge Talkeetna, AK

This first class lodge consists of several beautiful log cabins. The deck of the main lodge offers great views of the Alaska Range and Mt. Denali. Rooms are located both in the main building and within small private lodges and offer either mountain or forest views.

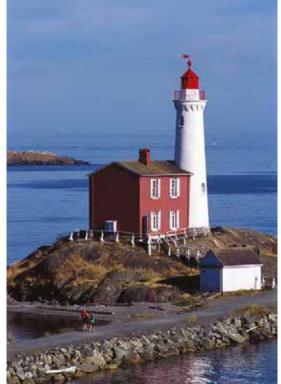


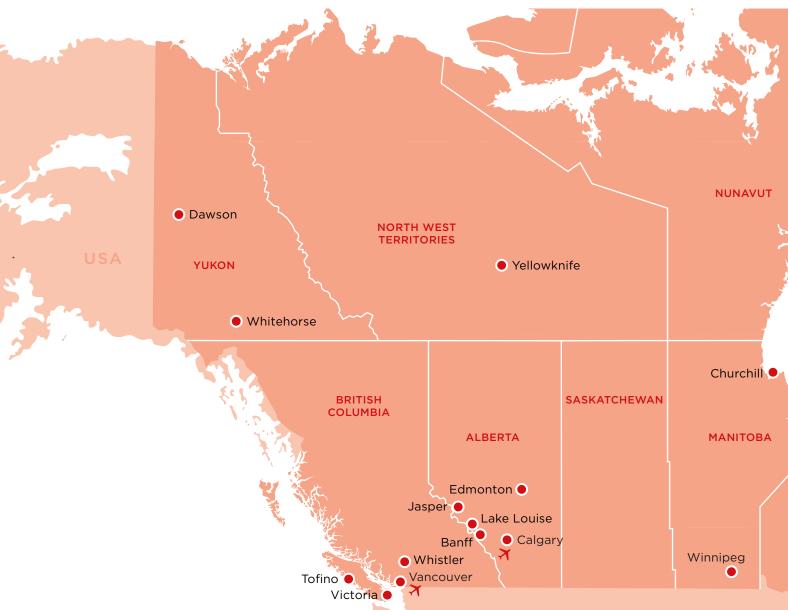
#### Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn Valdez, AK

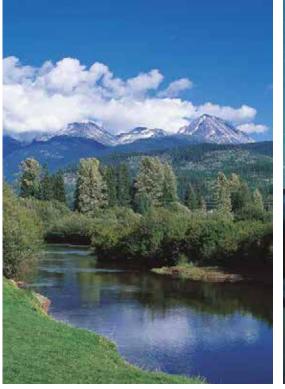
Located on the harbour, this property is within walking distance of downtown Valdez. The hotel is surrounded by the kind of stunning scenery you'll never want to leave. Take a whale watching cruise or visit the awe-inspiring ice caves.



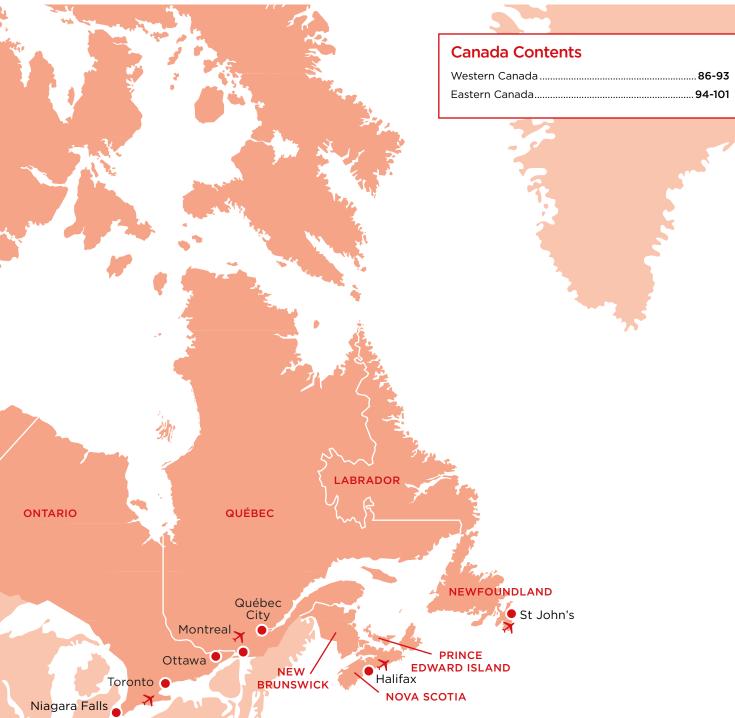


















# **Western Canada**

The western provinces are quintessential Canada and where visitors are likely to start on their voyage of Canadian discovery. The area is packed full of unspoiled terrain perfect for outdoor adventure and spotting wildlife from grizzly bears to orcas and modern cities.

Words cannot adequately describe the wonder and beauty of the Canadian Rocky Mountains; stretching all the way from Alberta in the east to British Columbia in the west, a visit to the Great White North is simply not complete without witnessing the endless mountain vistas and lakes of Banff and Jasper National Parks; your photographs will look like those on the postcards in town.

Alberta and British Columbia host many cosmopolitan cities, such as Vancouver, where you can trawl Granville Island Public Market or hike Stanley Park. Calgary is home to the Stampede Rodeo. The British influence of Victoria on Vancouver Island is undeniable and Tofino is perfect for surfing, kayaking and whale watching.

The Yukon provides the ultimate in exploration opportunities. The territory boomed with the Gold Rush and is now almost entirely uninhabited; you may travel for days without seeing another vehicle on the highway!

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

7 (Mountain Standard) or 8 (Pacific Standard) hours behind GMT.

### INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Direct

Calgary (Alberta); Vancouver (British Columbia)

#### Indirect

Whitehorse (Yukon)









# **Highlights of Vancouver Island**

Whale watching, ancient rainforests and BC's capital, Victoria, are just a few highlights of Vancouver and it's Island.



#### Days 1 to 3 - Vancouver

Vancouver is the main metropolis of western Canada and effortlessly combines city life with the stunning mountainous and coastal scenery that surrounds it. Even in summer, journey to the top of Grouse Mountain and try out the zipline or some mountaintop yoga.

**Highlights:** Rent a bike to ride around the Seawall in Stanley Park, explore above the trees at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park or go for dinner in the largest Chinatown in Canada.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Victoria

70 miles. Victoria is the provincial capital of British Columbia and stands at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Visit the Inner Harbour, Beacon Hill Park and the Royal B.C. Museum. One of the main attractions is Butchart Gardens - a must see if you are at all interested in gardening.

**Highlights:** The city has city streets lined with well-preserved old buildings, trendy shops in restored historic areas and horse drawn carriages.

#### Days 6 to 8 - Tofino

coastal district of Tofino is an intriguing contrast of old growth forests, white sand beaches, and the ever churning Pacific Ocean. Tofino, in the centre of Clayoquot Sound, was designated British Columbia's first United Nations Biosphere Reserve.

**Highlights:** Go whale watching, on rainforest visits, take up fishing or just relax in the nearby hot springs.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Campbell River

'Salmon Capital of the World', Campbell River is your gateway to Strathcona Provincial Park and the Discovery Islands where you can hope to see bears, bald eagles and whales as well as salmon.

**Highlights:** Cast your line from Discovery Pier to see if you can catch some salmon of your own, dine out on fabulously cooked fresh seafood or kayak the islands.

#### Days 11 & 12 - Whistler

mainland and located in the Coast Mountains, Whistler is a world of forests, alpine trails, lakes and mountain peaks. The pedestrianonly village is alive with intriguing shops and European style cafes.

**Highlights:** Skiing and snowboarding is second-to-none here in winter. Summertime also brings opportunities for mountain-biking, hiking, canoeing and rafting.

### Day 13 - Vancouver

**75 miles.** Return to Vancouver today for your flight home.









## Classic Canada

This tour takes in some of the most scenic destinations in Canada PLUS the famous Rocky Mountaineer train journey.



#### Day 1 - Calgary

An attractive and dynamic city close to the majestic Rocky Mountains, the Calgary Tower and its revolving restaurant is well worth the visit.

**Highlights:** Every July, the city hosts the Calgary Stampede which features a large parade and world-class rodeo.

#### Days 2 to 4 - Banff

**85 miles.** Banff has an excellent system of hiking trails that lead to alpine lakes, glacial valleys and spectacular views. Go canoeing, skiing and horse riding.

**Highlights:** Ride the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain for great views and visit the Hot Springs for a long soak.

#### Day 5 - Lake Louise

**35 miles.** Lake Louise is one of the most photographed and iconic sights of Canada. Moraine Lake, Louise's little sister is smaller and less busy so definitely worth a visit.

Highlights: Rent a canoe from the boathouse and glide across the turquoise water or take the Lake Louise Gondola up Mount Whitehorn for fabulous views.

#### Days 6 to 8 - Jasper

along the Icefields Parkway, is one of the most scenic and inspiring mountain roads ever built.

**Highlights:** There are many hiking trails in Jasper, including to Miette Hot Springs which is one of the best animal spotting roads in the park.

#### **Day 9 - Rocky Mountaineer**

• 275 miles. Today, embark on one of the most famous and exclusive rail journeys in the world and takes you along otherwise inaccessible terrain from Jasper to Kamloops.

**Highlights:** See the majestic Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies through the oversized windows of the train.

#### Days 10 to 12 - Vancouver

Mountaineer again this morning to Vancouver. Once here, rent a bike to cycle the Stanley Park Seawall and go for dinner at the top of Grouse Mountain for great views.

**Highlights:** Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge Park and explore Granville Public Market.

#### Days 13 & 14 - Victoria

**70** miles. Victoria boasts many historic buildings and some of the best museums in Western Canada. Go hiking, play a round of golf or visit the theatre.

**Highlights:** Victoria's gardens and whale watching opportunities are some of the best and most well-regarded in the world.

#### Day 15 - Vancouver

**70 miles.** Make your way back to Vancouver today for your flight home.











# **Alaska & Yukon Highlights**

Follow in the footsteps of the Klondike gold miners, visit the USA's highest peak and spot wildlife in the Fjords.



#### Day 1 - Anchorage

Alaska's largest city and a thriving metropolis amid the unlikely setting of the Chugach Mountains and the wilderness beyond.

**Highlights:** Shopping and dining of downtown Anchorage and fishing for Alaskan salmon.

#### Days 2 & 3 - Denali National Park

America's highest peak at 6190m, this is sure to be the highlight of your trip.

**Highlights:** Go hiking, rock- and ice-climbing and wildlife watching.

#### Day 4 - Fairbanks

125 miles. A land of extremes of both weather and sunlight and the furthest north that most venture, Fairbanks will be a town unlike any you've visited before.

**Highlights:** See the Northern Lights, go rafting on the Chena River and visit the Museum of the North.

#### Day 5 - Tok

**205** miles. Tok is the Sled Dog Capital of the World and offers an education on living with huskies as well as great racing entertainment during winter.

**Highlights:** See the 'Race of Champions' in March and go hiking in famous 'Forty Mile' country.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Dawson City

185 miles. Today, cross over the Canadian border into the heart of the Klondike Gold Rush. Dawson City still looks and feels like it did in the early 1900's.

**Highlights:** Take a tour of the town and learn its quirky stories or take a boat trip on a paddle-wheeler.

#### Day 8 - Whitehorse

**335 miles.** The main city of the Yukon and a great place to explore the history of the province.

**Highlights:** Visit the S.S. Klondike, see a full-size mammoth cast or take a trolley tour along the waterfront.

#### Day 9 - Skagway

• 110 miles. This coastal town is often visited on the famous Inside Passage cruises and is an old Gold Rush town.

**Highlights:** Take a walking tour or go for a hike on one of many trails steps from downtown.

#### **Day 10 - Haines Junction**

dramatic scenery of Kluane
National Park which forms part of
the largest internationally
protected area on Earth.

**Highlights:** Outdoor activities abound including river rafting, canoeing, hiking and glacier flightseeing.

#### **Day 11 - Tok**

300 miles. Today, leave the Yukon and make your way back to Tok and Alaska, making the most of all of the outdoor activities on offer.

**Highlights:** Take the opportunity to go bird-watching, hiking, fishing or gold panning.

#### Day 12 - Wasilla/Palmer

**300 miles.** Wasilla is known as the headquarters of the famous Iditarod Trail sled dog race.

**Highlights:** Visit the Knik Museum and Sled Dog Musher's Hall of Fame

#### Day 13 - Seward

**and historic town with a lively** harbour and unparalleled natural beauty

**Highlights:** Take a wildlife and sightseeing cruise over to the Kenai Fjords National Park. Exit Glacier is also well worth a visit.

### Day 14 - Anchorage

■ 130 miles. Make your way back to Anchorage today ready for your flight home tomorrow.

**Highlights:** Choose to take a scenic train as an alternative way of experiencing the Alaskan landscapes.









## **Sunshine Coast Ranch Adventure**

A great trip if you love outdoor activity - ride, hike, kayak and more.



#### Day 1 - Kamloops

Arrive into Kamloops this evening, spending a night here. The town's 200 lakes and rolling hills make beautiful scenery.

**Highlights:** Its lakes make Kamloops a great place to indulge in watersports – from boating to kayaking and even wake-boarding.

#### Days 2 to 4 - Ashcroft

• 60 miles. Ashcroft is home to Sundance Guest Ranch - a great opportunity to experience ranch life among the stunning landscape of British Columbia.

**Highlights:** Horse-riding is the main activity here (open to riders of any ability). There are 2 rides each day, giving a unique view of that beautiful scenery.

#### Days 5 to 7 - Whistler

Coast Mountains, Whistler is a world of forests, alpine trails, lakes and mountain peaks. The pedestrian-only village is alive with intriguing shops and European style cafes.

**Highlights:** Skiing and snowboarding is second-to-none here in winter. Summertime also brings opportunities for mountain-biking, hiking, canoeing and rafting.

#### Days 8 to 10 - Egmont

Sechelt Inlet on the Sunshine Coast in the shadow of Mount Churchill and is a gateway to both Skookumchuk Narrows and Louisa Marine Provincial Parks.

**Highlights:** Experienced kayakers can explore Skookumchuk Rapids, there are many hiking trails and you can even go diving here.

#### Day 11 - Campbell River

'Salmon Capital of the World', Campbell River is your gateway to Strathcona Provincial Park and the Discovery Islands where you can hope to see bears, bald eagles and whales as well as salmon.

**Highlights:** Cast your line from Discovery Pier to see if you can catch some salmon of your own, dine out on fabulously cooked fresh seafood or kayak the islands.

#### Days 12 & 13 - Victoria

♠ 165 miles. There's an ocean or mountain vista around every corner in Victoria and the city's flower gardens are famous the world over.

**Highlights:** Whether your taste runs to golfing, hiking, and fishing or if you're more of a shopping, dining and theatre type, Victoria has you covered.

### Days 14 to 16 - Vancouver

**70 miles.** Vancouver is the main metropolis of western Canada and effortlessly combines city life with the stunning mountainous and coastal scenery that surrounds it.

**Highlights:** Rent a bike to ride around the Seawall in Stanley Park, explore above the trees at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park or go for dinner at the top of Grouse Mountain.



# **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **Rocky Mountaineer**

One of the premier rail experiences in the world, the Rocky Mountaineer takes guests, in luxurious carriages with over-sized picture windows, across the stunning Canadian Rockies. Enjoy gourmet cuisine as you wind through otherwise inaccessible, wild and beautiful terrain. This is most definitely a journey you will remember.

#### **Bear Lodges**

If you've ever wanted to go on a bear hunt, a bear lodge experience would be perfect for you. Packages to remote lodges, often only accessible by float plane, offer the opportunity to delve deep into bear habitat and pick up their tracks!





#### **Icefield Parkway**

Another iconic Canadian experience is the Icefields Parkway, a beautiful scenic drive connecting Banff and Jasper National Parks. Along the way, stop off at the Athabasca Glacier, one of the most accessible glaciers in North America.

#### Vancouver Island

A short ferry ride from mainland Vancouver, the Island is home to the provincial capital of Victoria, where you can find red buses and telephone boxes. The island also has stunning coastline and temperate rainforests to visit.







#### **Capilano Suspension Bridge**

A series of suspension bridges above the Capilano River, some reaching as high as 100 feet, take you high above the heart of the forest floor. The Cliffwalk is a heart-stopping 215m long walkway taking guests along the granite cliffside of Capilano Canyon.



What could be more exciting than seeing the city of Vancouver and its surrounding landscapes from a seaplane? Take flight on a Vancouver city tour, add in a day tour to Vancouver Island or even go whale watching.

#### **Calgary Stampede**

The Calgary Stampede Rodeo is the city's real 'claim to fame'. It runs every July and features events such as bull riding, barrel racing, tie-down roping, saddle bronc and bareback riding.

## **Recommended Hotels**

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### Le Germain Hotel

#### Calgary, AB

Situated in the heart of downtown Calgary, the Germain is a pocket of luxury at the foot of the Calgary Tower and moments from Calgary Zoo. Enjoy a drink on the rooftop terrace before retiring to your stylish room.



#### Fox Hotel & Suites

#### Banff National Park, AB

Close to the shops, bars and restaurants of downtown Banff, this attractive hotel has a great spa and sauna, built within a cave so you unwind and relax in the most authentic setting! Complimentary wifi and breakfast is also included.



### Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

#### Lake Louise, AB

One of the most iconic hotels in Canada, if not the world, the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise should be seen to be believed. It is the only hotel on the shores of the lake and many rooms offer outstanding views. Imagine waking up to that in the morning!



#### Sawridge Inn

#### Jasper National Park, AB

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Sawridge Inn is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, decadent dining, spa and heated pool create a luxurious mountain getaway.



#### **Pinnacle Hotel**

### Whistler, BC

Set in the heart of Canada's best playground, a stay at the Pinnacle will truly enable your inner child to run free. Every kind of outdoor activity from hikes, biking trails and ski runs are on your doorstep. The hotel also boasts two of the best restaurants in Whistler.



### **Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel**

#### Vancouver, BC

This modern, all-suite hotel is situated a prime location, just steps from the shopping of Robson Street as well as many downtown restaurants, bars and attractions. All rooms here have fully equipped kitchenettes, making it the perfect base for your exploration.



### **Inn at Laurel Point**

#### Victoria, BC

This waterfront hotel occupies a great location, steps from the Royal BC Museum and Victoria Bug Zoo. All of the rooms offer uninterrupted views of the harbour and your own private balcony. Bicycles are also available for rent



#### Pacific Sands Beach Resort Tofino, BC

This oceanfront hotel sits on the edge of Pacific Rim National Park, a short scenic drive from the seaside village of Tofino. Relax on your private deck or venture out to eat at a local restaurant. Go fishing, whale-watching or play a round of golf; the options for outdoor activity here are endless!



#### Best Western Gold Rush Inn Whitehorse, YT

Located in the heart of downtown Whitehorse, the gateway to the unexplored Yukon. Try dog mushing, go horseback riding, fishing, skiing or hike the Chilkoot Trail. On your return, go for a drink and enjoy live music at the famous Gold Pan Saloon.





# **Eastern Canada**

The Eastern provinces of Canada offer a plethora of different cultures, cuisines and endless natural wonder. From quaint Nova Scotia fishing villages to the spectacle of Niagara Falls, there's so much to experience here you'll wonder why you left it so long.

The Atlantic Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador have a rich maritime history and are full of cute towns, gingerbread-like houses and picture perfect lighthouses.

The Francophone province of Quebec offers a unique experience to its visitors. The province is strewn with European influences and the cities of Montreal and Quebec perfectly blend sophistication and history-soaked quarters with youthful playfulness.

As the largest city in Canada, the metropolis of Toronto is the jewel in Ontario's crown but there is much more here besides. Ottawa, the country's capital city is full to the brim with world class museums and the bustling ByWard Market.

Churchill lures visitors to the shores of Hudson Bay at the northern extremes of Manitoba for the chance to see beluga whales, majestic polar bears and the Northern Lights. Winnipeg, to the south, is a metropolis where you would least expect it, popping up out of the prairie wilderness.

#### essential info

#### LOCAL TIME:

4 (Atlantic Standard) or 5 (Eastern Standard) hours behind GMT. Manitoba is 6 (Central Standard) hours behind GMT.

# INTERNATIONAL GATEWAYS:

Halifax (Nova Scotia); Quebec City, Montreal (Quebec); Toronto (Ontario); St. John's (Newfoundland)









## **Ultimate Arctic Summer Adventure**

A once-in-a- lifetime opportunity to see polar bears in their natural habitat.

#### Day 1 - Winnipeg

Upon arrival in Winnipeg, take the complimentary Shuttle from Winnipeg International Airport and check-in to your hotel for a restful evening.

**Highlights:** Winnipeg hosts several world-class museums that are well worth a visit, including the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and the Canadian Royal Mint.

#### Day 2 - Churchill

This morning, catch a flight to Churchill. As part of the trip, you may enjoy one complimentary dinner in the popular Lazy Bear Lodge Cafe during your stay.

**Highlights:** Explore the unique shops and Native art in Churchill, including the Eskimo and the Canada Parks Museums.

#### Day 3 - Churchill

It's time for the adventure to begin! Polar bears can be seen swimming in the water or cooling off on the rocks

Highlights: Depart on a full-day Hudson Bay Coastal Tour by boat to see the polar bears along the coast of Hudson Bay and other local river estuaries (included).

#### Day 4 - Churchill

Today, go on a walking tour of the historic Prince of Wales Fort, to give a taste of the regions past days (included).

**Highlights:** Take to the waves on a 3-hour Beluga Whale Boat Tour in search of the ivory-coloured beluga whales (included).

#### Day 5 - Churchill

Today is your final full day in Churchill. Make sure that you check out the museums and allow time to take in your unique surroundings before leaving!

**Highlights:** Take a 3-hour Tundra Tour to explore the beauty of the tundra, the flora and fauna and wildlife (included).

#### Day 6 - Winnipeg

This morning, embark on any last minute tours before travelling back to Winnipeg today.

**Highlights:** Back in Winnipeg, you may like to visit the Winnipeg Art Gallery or Assiniboine Zoo.

#### Day 7 - Winnipeg

Today, make your way to Winnipeg airport for your flight home.

Please note that this 6-night tour can be easily tagged onto the beginning or end of any of our USA or Canadian fly-drives to give you a truly once-in-a-lifetime wildlife experience.









# **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. Toronto is truly cosmopolitan, with its first class shopping, restaurants and entertainment as well as an abundance of museums, galleries and parks.

**Highlights:** Ride to the top of the CN Tower for fabulous views of the city. Thrill-seekers can even be suspended from the top of the building!

#### Day 3 - Niagara Falls

**85 miles.** Niagara Falls are the second largest on Earth but there is so much more to do here including Cave of the Winds where you can feel the force of the waterfall for yourself and Journey Behind the Falls.

**Highlights:** Take a cruise on the Hornblower, a helicopter flight or if you are feeling adventurous, try the new zip-line adventure!

# Days 4 & 5 - Geneva & the Finger Lakes

to the north of Seneca Lake, has a wonderful small town feel with historic homes and a charming old town square that offers beautiful views of Seneca Lake.

**Highlights:** Tour the Seneca Wine Trail, play a round of golf and enjoy a raft of water-sports out on the lakes.

#### Day 6 - Alexandria Bay

waters of the St. Lawrence Seaway, Alexandria Bay is a sportsman's and boater's paradise. Of the 1,864 islands that comprise the spectacular 1000 Island Region, many of the most amazing islands can be found here.

**Highlights:** Visit the fascinating Boldt Castle and Yacht House.

#### Days 7 & 8 - Montreal

largest French speaking city in North America resulting in a unique style and culture. The charming Old City and its Parisianstyle streets are a great place to wander; you might even come across a street performer or two.

**Highlights:** Go shopping along Sainte Catherine Street, explore Little Italy and visit the Notre Dame Basilica.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Quebec City

only walled city in North America and offers a host of historic sites and attractions. Enjoy a stroll along the cobblestone streets in the Old City or visit the Old Port area, rich in maritime history.

**Highlights:** Explore the Citadel, where you might catch Canadian troops staging a military ceremony or treat yourself to afternoon tea at the Chateau Frontenac.

#### **Day 11 - Trois Rivieres**

confluence of the Saint Maurice and Saint Lawrence Rivers, Trois Rivieres is the second oldest French-speaking city in North America. With a charming historic quarter, Parisian-style cafes 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

**205 miles.** 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 architecturally stunning National Gallery of Canada or the impressive Canadian War Museum.

#### Day 14 - Kingston

120 miles. Kingston is known for its markets and striking 19th-century limestone architecture. Visit the grand house and gardens of the Bellevue House National Historic Site which commemorates Canada's first prime minister.

**Highlights:** Visit Wolfe Island on the free ferry or Fort Henry, which holds military demonstrations.

#### Day 15 - Toronto

♠ 165 miles. Drive back to Toronto today for your flight home.









# **Outstanding Ontario**

Visit cosmopolitan Toronto, view dramatic Niagara Falls and learn about Canada's First Nations heritage.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Toronto

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#### Day 3 - Huntsville

and 135 miles. Huntsville is a gateway to Algonquin Provincial Park, a spectacular park the size of Devon, full of lakes, rivers and streams.

**Highlights:** Algonquin is one of the best places in North America to kayak and canoe, with over 950 miles of routes available. It is also unrivalled as a moose viewing destination.

#### Days 4 & 5 - Killarney

Park is your destination today.

Animals roam freely here so expect to bump into moose, deer, foxes, otters and perhaps even a bear!

**Highlights:** A fabulous place to go kayaking, canoeing, biking and hiking among the forests and lakes. In winter, you can also ski and snowshoe here.

#### Days 6 & 7 - Timmins

**260 miles.** Located in northeastern Ontario in a rich mineral producing area, Timmins, nestled along the Mattagami River, is a great place to visit.

**Highlights:** Explore the extensive trail system that winds through the surrounding boreal forests or play a game of golf.

#### Day 8 - Wawa

Wawa today will take you into some of the most remote areas of Ontario, past long stretches of boreal forest, dramatic cliffs and lakes

**Highlights:** Relax at the waterfront park along Wawa Lake or discover the First Nations history at Sandy Beach Eco-Interpretive Park.

#### Days 9 & 10 - Sault Ste Marie

• 140 miles. Sault Ste. Marie is one of the largest cities in northern Ontario and is known to locals simply as "The Soo". With scenic canal boat tours, kayaking and a beautiful promenade, there's plenty

**Highlights:** Pancake Bay and Batchawana Provincial Parks are nearby and well worth a visit.

Days 11 & 12 - Manitoulin Island
215 miles. Manitoulin is one of
Ontario's best kept secrets and is
the gateway to Canada's First

Nations heritage. Follow the Great Spirit Circle Trail which encompasses 8 First Nations communities.

**Highlights:** Browse Aboriginal galleries, sample authentic cuisine and attempt traditions such as beading or spirit rock painting. The island is also a great place for hiking and cycling.

#### Day 13 - Tobermory

15 miles. Tobermory is home to the Bruce Peninsula National Park which has a thrilling variety of hiking trails and outdoor adventure.

Highlights: Visit Fathom Five National Marine Park, an underwater marine park that preserves shipwrecks and natural diving obstacles for scuba divers.

#### Day 14 - Niagara Falls

second largest on Earth but there is so much more to do here including the Cave of the Winds where you can feel the force of the waterfall for yourself and the Journey Behind the Falls.

**Highlights:** Take a cruise on the Hornblower, a helicopter flight or if you are feeling adventurous, try the new zip-line adventure!

#### Day 15 - Toronto

**80 miles.** Make your way to Toronto today for your flight home.









# **Unique Nova Scotia**

Full of rich history and interesting local culture, visit Nova Scotia and enjoy its serenity, stunning landscapes and wildlife.



#### Days 1 & 2 - Halifax

Welcome to Nova Scotia's capital. This attractive city is a bustling hub of galleries, shops, museums, sidewalk cafes and vibrant nightlife centred on the picturesque waterfront.

**Highlights:** Immerse yourself in Halifax's rich history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and survey the city from the 18th-century Citadel National Historic Site.

#### Day 3 - Lunenburg

North America's best surviving
British colonial town, Lunenburg's
streets are lined with unique shops
and restaurants that blend with the
colourfully painted historic homes.

**Highlights:** Take a guided tour of the town to hear tales of lives lost on the ocean or visit the aquarium at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

#### Day 4 - Digby

**100 miles.** Digby boasts spectacular views of the Annapolis Basin and offers fantastic whale watching opportunities.

**Highlights:** Nearby Annapolis Royal and the Kejimkujik National Park, which is home to some of the best canoeing in Atlantic Canada.

#### Days 5 & 6 - Fundy

♠ 75 miles. With steep coastal cliffs, forest clad hills and deep rich valleys, Fundy National Park is renowned for its hiking trails as well as being a haven for bird watchers, golfers, cyclists and canoeists.

**Highlights:** Walk on the ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks and witness the highest tides in the world.

#### Day 7 - Summerside

← 145 miles. In Summerside, visit the stately homes that grace downtown – once home to many a wealthy ship builder.

Highlights: Visit Spinnakers Landing on the waterfront, bringing the shipbuilding era alive.

#### Days 8 & 9 - Charlottetown

An miles. Arrive in delightful Charlottetown, capital of Prince Edward Island. Enjoy a city tour taking in the 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

Tatamagouche is a thriving seaside village. In addition to its proximity to several warm water beaches, it is a great culinary destination.

Highlights: Visit the old Victorian homes and Creamery Square, try specialty chowder at Chowder House and enjoy lobster from a train car at the Train Station Inn.

# Days 11 to 13 - Baddeck & Cape Breton

Breton Island, is a great base to explore the Cabot Trail and Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The town of Baddeck offers lovely views of Bras d'Or Lake.

Highlights: Take a kayak tour on the North River, visit Kidston Lighthouse or hike the national park's trails, cliffs and coves. Back in town, don't miss the Alexander Graham Bell museum.

#### Day 14 - Louisbourg

**70 miles.** Louisbourg is home to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, the largest historical reconstruction in North America.

**Highlights:** Go biking along the Louisbourg Lighthouse Trail and eat at Beggar's Banquet, based on the tradition of holding a secret banquet for the poor.

#### Day 15 - Liscomb Mills

Nova Scotia's Atlantic coast is one of the wildest and most rugged parts of the province and offers superb hiking and wildlife country. You are never too far away from the sea.

**Highlights:** Visit the living history museum of Sherbrooke Village.

#### Day 16 - Halifax

105 miles. Make your way back to Halifax today for your flight home.

# **Recommended Experiences**

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#### **VIA Rail**

Travelling through Canada using VIA Rail is both a relaxing and inexpensive way to travel, allowing all the family to take in the stunning scenery of the country. With trains offering a range of options from comfortable seating through to private cabins and lie-flat beds, you'll be sure to travel in style too.

#### **CN Tower**

Towering above Toronto at a height of over 550 metres, the CN Tower was the world's tallest tower for over three decades. Now it stands as a much-loved national icon, as well as a celebrated architectural marvel and an absolute must-see for anyone visiting the city.







#### **Niagara Falls**

One of the best known natural attractions on the east coast, Niagara Falls is just an hour and a half from Toronto, making it a great day trip from the city. Make sure to take a Hornblower Cruise to see the Falls upclose and personal.

#### **Montreal & Quebec City Tours**

The two main cities of Francophone Canada, both have a raft of historical importance and European cultural influence. From beautiful buildings such as the Chateau Frontenac Hotel to the Old Port of Montreal, there is lots to explore.

#### Whale Watching

While whale watching might be more popular on the West Coast, the East Coast also has plenty to offer whale enthusiasts. Spot humpbacks, finback and minke whales from the St. Lawrence River to the Bay of Fundy and Witless Bay.



#### **Bay of Fundy Tours**

Kayak is a great way to explore this beautiful area of Nova Scotia. The coastline offers truly spectacular, wild and unspoiled landscape, from towering cliffs, natural arches and rock spires to the legendary Three Sisters rock formation.



#### **Toronto Harbour Cruises**

Take in Toronto's striking skyline and picturesque waterfront from a different vantage point on a sightseeing cruise exploring the Inner Harbour of Canada's most dynamic city.

## **Recommended Hotels**

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#### The Halliburton

#### Halifax, NS

This elegant, redbrick hotel is a short walk from Halifax's historic waterfront and boutique shopping district. All 29 rooms here are individually decorated; some have wood-burning fireplaces while others have private balconies overlooking the grounds.



#### **Delta St. John Hotel**

#### St. John, NB

Cradled in the harbour and rich with history, culture and natural beauty, St. John is a charming city. The Delta is located downtown, steps from the harbour, shops and restaurants and offers rooms with harbour or city views.



#### **Hotel Le Roberval**

#### Montreal, QC

Located in Montreal's Quartier Latin, Hotel Le Roberval is in the heart of the city's cultural centre. The hotel is close to downtown and just steps from St-Catherine and St-Denis Street, great for shopping, restaurants and night life.



# **Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac**

Quebec City, QC

Ideally located inside the walls of Old Quebec, the iconic Fairmont Le Château Frontenac excels at blending the charm of the hotel's enchanting past with modern innovations. With its breath-taking views of the St. Lawrence River and the architecture of the Old fortified City, this hotel really is a cut above the rest.



#### **Chelsea Hotel**

Toronto, ON

In the centre of downtown Toronto, this hotel is the perfect option for families and couples alike. Four dining options include a bistro and trendy pub with live music. Many of the rooms have private balcony areas.



#### Sheraton on the Falls

### Niagara Falls, ON

The premiere hotel at Niagara. Enjoy two restaurants, each with waterfall views as well as being steps from an indoor waterpark and casino. Many of the rooms have views of the falls; and with floor-to-ceiling windows, your view couldn't get any better!



### **Sheraton Ottawa**

Ottawa, ON

This hotel is perfectly situated within walking distance of Parliament Hill, the National Gallery of Canada and ByWard Market. The hotel has an indoor pool and an onsite bar and restaurant for guests to enjoy.



### **Fort Garry Hotel**

Winnipeg, MB

One of city's most recognisable architectural landmarks, the centuryold Fort Garry Hotel ushers in a new era of modern-day style in downtown Winnipeg. This iconic hotel is a staple of local history and authentic charm; make sure to say hello to the hotel's friendly resident ghosts too!



### **Tundra Inn**

Churchill, MB

A modest hotel and great base for guests on the quest to see polar bears and beluga whales. It is within walking distance of Churchill town centre and has a relaxed pub which has regular live music.





# **Important Travel Information**

#### **PASSPORTS & VISAS**

Please ensure your passport is valid for travel to the country you intend to visit. When visiting the USA and Canada it is not mandatory you have 6 months validity on your passport after your return date. However, if you do not have 6 months validity on your passport when travelling To Canada, it may take you longer to clear immigration control. It is advisable to check when your current passport is due to expire, and renew it if necessary well in advance of your trip. If you hold a different passport please check with the consulate of the country you are travelling to. Additionally, when you are travelling to the USA, you must have a machine readable biometric passport.

\*As of 28th June 2017 **anyone** who has travelled to Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen since 11 March 2011 must apply for a visa.

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 <u>ALL</u> passengers to ensure they have the correct visa(s) for their planned trip.

# ESTA - ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR TRAVEL AUTHORISATION

ESTA is a mandatory automated system that determines the eligibility of visitors to travel to the U.S. under the Visa Waiver Program. The ESTA application collects the same information collected on Form I-94W. ESTA applications may be submitted at anytime prior to travel, though it is recommended travelers apply when they begin preparing travel plans. This must be done by visiting the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security's website at <a href="https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta">https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta</a> and answering all the relevant questions in order to submit your application for travel authorisation. The \$14.00 fee is payable on all new applications or renewals. All payments for electronic travel authorization applications must be made by credit card or debit card when applying for or renewing an ESTA.

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# APIS - ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION SERVICE

The government of the United States now requires all airlines to collect Advance Passenger Information from passengers prior to travel. This data will be passed to the control authorities in the USA & Canada. You must supply us with the following minimum information at least 72 hours before your flight's scheduled departure, or you can do it at the time of booking: Given and last names (as they appear on the passport), gender, date of birth and redress number where applicable.

five years.







#### **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE**

The checked luggage allowance is determined by the individual airlines and may vary depending on which cabin you are travelling in. To ensure you have the correct information for your journey please visit the website of the airline you are travelling with or alternatively contact us on (01892) 779900.

#### **BAGGAGE CHARGES ON INTERNAL FLIGHTS**

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.

#### **CHECK IN**

Please allow at least 3 hours to check in for any transatlantic flights, and at least 90 minutes for internal flights within the USA when checking in luggage.

#### **PRE ASSIGNED SEATS**

Whilst we endeavour to assist with any advance seating requests, your final allocation of seats is subject to the policy of the individual airline and may be subject to change. Most airlines allow a certain percentage of seats on each flight to be pre assigned free of charge. Others only allow free pre assignment of seats when on line check in opens 24 hrs before departure. Otherwise, if your flight has been paid for in full and tickets issued, you may pre book your seats direct with the airline for a fee. Please ask us about the policy of the airline with which you are travelling.

#### WHILE YOU ARE AWAY

Whilst we do all that is possible to ensure that your vacation goes smoothly and is trouble free, occasionally you have a query whilst you are away. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone during and/or email outside office hours and we will take immediate action to resolve any problem for you. In case of <a href="mailto:emergency">emergency</a> outside office hours please call 01892 553555.

#### **CAR HIRE & DRIVING LICENCES**

A full UK Driving Licence is required to drive in the USA and Canada. Please note that you will require a valid credit card in the lead driver's name when hiring a car in the USA & Canada from which a refundable security deposit will be taken.

If you wish to use toll roads in the USA you may need to pre purchase a toll pass from your car hire company - please ask about this at the time of rental. Otherwise if you use these roads without a pass you may later receive a fine.

#### **RESORT FEES AND CAR PARKING**

Many hotels in the US and Canada have additional resort fee and car parking charges. Whilst we do endeavour to keep you up to date with regards to these costs, they are at the discretion of each individual hotel and may be payable locally throughout your trip.



# **Booking Conditions**

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Lupus Travel/AWWT offers financial security as a fully bonded member of ATOL (2551) and ABTA (E3558).

#### Your Financial Protection

When you buy an ATOL (2551) protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder.

However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

#### **Booking Your Holiday**

At the time of confirming your reservation you will be requested to complete the Lupus Travel/AWWT Booking Form and return it to Lupus Travel/AWWT. We usually require a deposit of £200 per person for fly drive itineraries. Activity holidays, coach tours and rail tour deposits vary, so please confirm the deposit required with your consultant. If you are booking your holiday within 10 weeks of the date of travel the full amount of the holiday must be paid at the time of booking.

A contract between you and Lupus Travel/AWWT shall come into existence when we receive from you the signed Booking Form and either the appropriate deposit or the full amount of the holiday in the case of bookings made within 10 weeks of the data of travel

#### Payment Deadlines

The full cost of your holiday, less any deposits/prior payments, must be received by Lupus Travel/AWWT no later than 10 weeks prior to your departure date – NB; some elements of your booking may have an earlier payment deadline, eg. Instant-purchase airfare. If Lupus Travel/AWWT have not received payment by the specified deadline, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain the deposit already paid and apply the cancellation charges set out in the next section, as if the holiday had been cancelled by you.

We endeavour to send final payment reminders, but we cannot guarantee to do so. Please make sure you make a diary note of when the final payment for your holiday is due, as it is your responsibility to ensure that payment deadlines are met.

#### Cancellations by You

You may cancel your holiday at any time but in doing so you will incur the charges set out below. Cancellations must be made in writing by the person who has signed the Booking Form and will be effective on the day Lupus Travel/AWWT receive the cancellation notice.

The charges are usually calculated as a percentage of the total holiday cost less insurance premiums which are not refundable in any event. However, certain components of your holiday such as ranches, activities, rail tours etc may incur different charges. Your consultant will advise you of the cancellation charges applicable on request or at the time the cancellation is made. The charges payable depend on when the notification is received.

#### Period before Travel Cancellation Fee

56 days or more: Deposit 56 - 29 days: 50% 28 - 15 days: 75% 14 - 08 days: 90% 07 - 01 days: 100%

Where travel documents have been despatched to you prior to your notice of cancellation, no refunds of monies already paid by you can be made until all the travel documents have been returned to Lupus Travel/AWWT.

We recommend that you take out insurance that gives you cover against loss of deposit or cancellation charges.

#### Changes By You

If you want to change any aspect of your holiday once Lupus Travel/AWWT have received your signed Booking Form, we will do what we can to make these changes. However, we will ask you to pay an administration charge of £25.00 per person (maximum £100 per booking) per change plus any additional cost we incur in making the alterations in the case of changes requested 10 weeks or more prior to your departure date.

For changes requested within 10 weeks of your departure date (including name changes) you will be advised of the additional charges applicable but in such cases you could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the cost of your holiday.

#### Changes by AWWT

On occasions it may be necessary to amend the holiday arrangements set out in your Booking Form and we reserve the right to do so. Most of these changes will be minor. All changes will be notified to you as soon as practicable.

A material change is one that involves a change of your airport of departure (except Gatwick to Heathrow or vice versa), a difference of departure time of more than 12 hours or a significant change in your accommodation.

In the case of a material change you have the option of:

- Accepting the notified change(s)
- Accepting an offer of an alternative holiday from AWWT of a comparable standard and price to that originally booked, if available.
- Cancelling the holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid.

Save as set out in the Important Note below, in all cases where a material change occurs compensation will be paid at the rates set out below.

These rates are calculated by reference to the period of time before the date of departure that the change is notified.

#### Compensation per person:

56 days or more: Nil 56 -14 days: £20 14 - 0 days: £30

#### Important Note

Lupus Travel/AWWT will not pay any compensation in cases where we have to make changes or cancel your holiday through circumstances that are outside of our control, the consequences of which we cannot reasonably prevent including (but not limited

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to) war or threats of war, riots, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, adverse weather, epidemics or health risks, technical problems to transport, closure or congestion of airports and cancellations or changes of schedules by scheduled airlines

#### Cancellation by AWWT

Although it is unlikely, Lupus Travel/AWWT reserve the right to cancel your holiday but we will not do so within 10 weeks of your date of departure unless it is outside of our control or for one of the reasons set out in the Important Note above or where you have not paid the balance due as set out in the Final Payment

If we have to cancel your holiday, we will notify you as soon as practicable and you will be offered:

1) An alternative holiday from Lupus Travel/AWWT of a comparable standard and price to that originally booked, if

2) A full refund of all monies paid.

#### Flight Schedules and Delays

Flight departure times and aircraft types are provided by us in good faith but are given for guidance only. Flight departure times can be changed without prior notice and can be affected by several factors including but not limited to, air traffic control and weather conditions.

Lupus Travel/AWWT does not accept liability, nor will pay compensation for flights delays (both domestic and international) or for changes in aircraft type or airline. The airlines concerned will deal with the consequences of the changes they make in accordance with their own terms and conditions

**LUPUS TRAVEL and AWWT's Liability to You**Lupus Travel/AWWT accept liability for the part(s) of your holiday arrangements that are fully within our control and for the acts and omissions of our employees acting in the course of their employment. Lupus Travel/AWWT use all reasonable endeavours to ensure the competence and financial standing of the suppliers that provide those part(s) of your holiday that comprise travel, catering and accommodation. However, as Lupus Travel/AWWT have no control over these suppliers or the provision of their services no liability can be accepted for their acts or omissions or those of their employees.

If you have a problem with your holiday you should refer it to the local supplier who should endeavour to deal with your concern. If your issue is not dealt with locally to your satisfaction Lupus Travel/AWWT will offer you reasonable assistance in pursuing any lawful claim you may have against a supplier of a component of your holiday.

Any dispute that cannot be settled between the parties may be referred to arbitration under a scheme offered by the Association of British Travel Agents. Please refer to your consultant for

#### Website/Brochure Accuracy

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the particulars set out in the Lupus Travel/AWWT website or brochure, but as we do not control the provision of many of the facilities described we reserve the right to make changes where an advertised facility is withdrawn or changed. We will inform you of significant changes to facilities at the time of or prior to your booking or prior to your departure as applicable.

#### Refunds

Travel tickets and vouchers are valid for the advertised period of the holiday and for the route specified and no refund can be made for lost, misused, un-used, unendorsed or expired tickets, coupons or vouchers.

#### Conditions of Carriage

The transport component of your holiday will be subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant carrier and any international conventions applicable.

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