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Initially, we thought we would show you what some of the tools look like —

IntervalWorld.com on a big desktop screen,
the **Interval International® app** on a tablet,
the **mobile website** on a smartphone.

But is that what you want to see when you open a magazine?
OK, OK, here's a glimpse:



The way we see it, the tools are just a means to an end.
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where to get the best fish tacos in Cancún.

You tune in to **Interval HD** for a Las Vegas video.

You check out the **Interval Exchange Tracker** to see that
another member has traded her home resort in Myrtle Beach for a week in Malta.

And then?

You book a last-minute **Getaway** while waiting in the car-pool line,
or you confirm an **exchange** between binge-watched episodes of *Scandal*.

And before the 11:00 news is over,
you've booked your rental car through **Interval Travel®**.

digital vacation-planning tools.

Once the tools do their job, you do your best to forget yours.

We suspect it will play out a lot like this.



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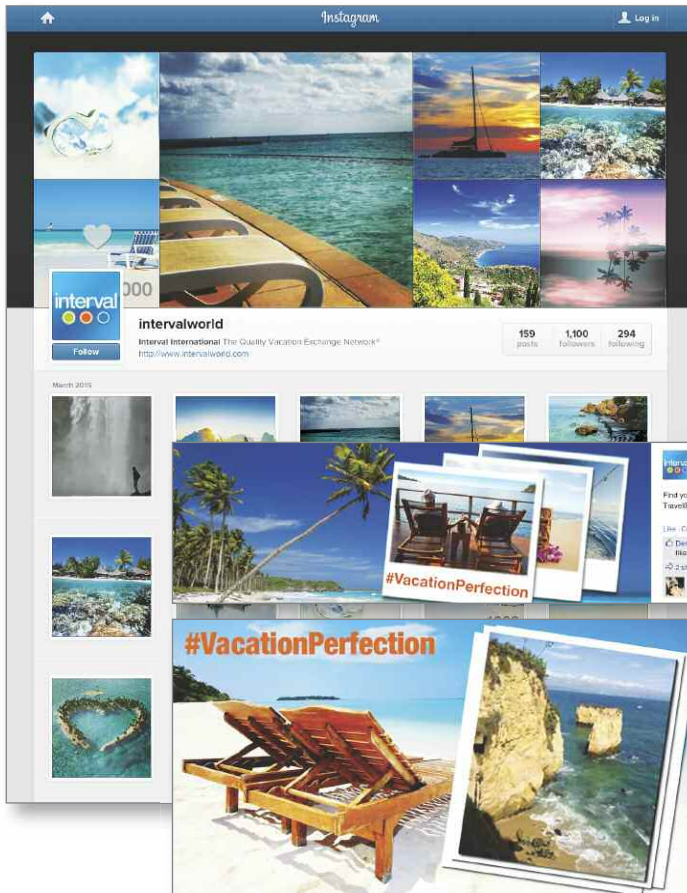


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And now it's easier than ever. Just post your pictures on social media — or check out your fellow Interval members' repost-worthy shots — with the **#VacationPerfection** hashtag. Your photo could be shared with the world on Interval's Facebook or Instagram pages!

Cruises, Enhanced

Have you searched for a cruise on IntervalWorld.com lately? It's full of exciting new enhancements, including interactive deck plans and tools that make it simple to book multiple cabins and compare up to four cruises at once. Also new: an array of cruise tours — which pair cruises with multiday land tours — ripe for the booking.



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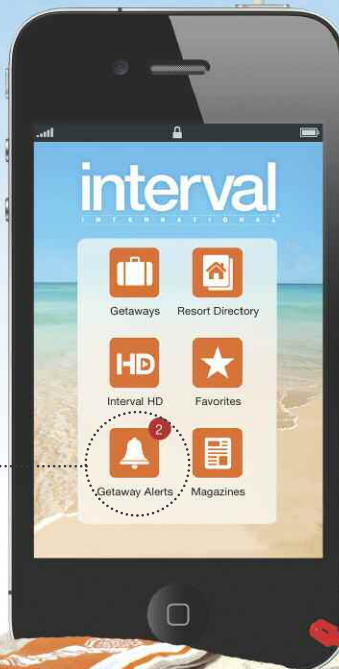


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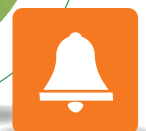
Simply input what would make up your perfect Getaway (date range, resorts, destination), set the alert, and if it becomes available, your mobile device will let you know!

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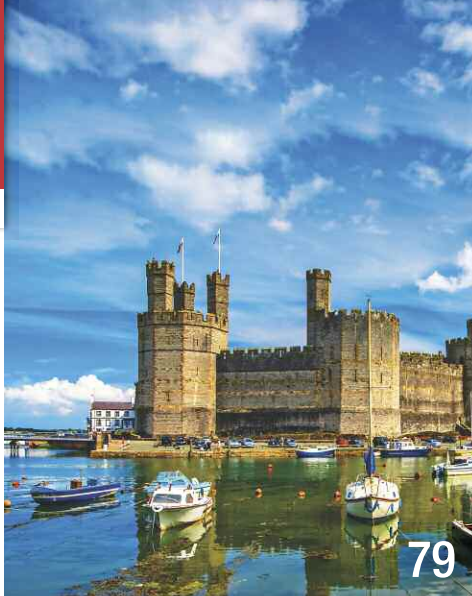
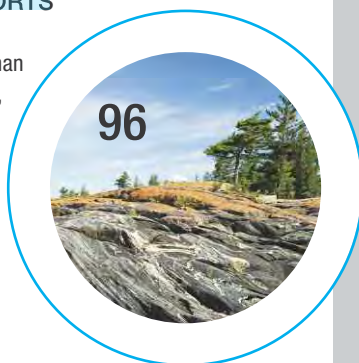
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these powerful
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be on your
way in no time!

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Depositing as early as possible also increases your trading power. When you deposit your week well in advance of when it begins, you gain priority over members who deposit a week with comparable trading power at a later date.



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PLACE A REQUEST. HERE'S WHY:

Know where you want to go? Whether you're a points- or weeks-based member, place a request and reap the rewards. The numbers don't lie: 97 percent of Interval exchange requests result in a confirmation.*

When you place a request, you're telling Interval where you want to go and when, and letting us find a match for you. Sounds good, right? Then, when we find a vacation exchange that fits your request, we'll let you know — and you can start packing.

But *when* you place a request matters, too. The earlier you get yours into the queue, the more time we have to find a match for you. Planning in advance really pays off!

*Source: Interval International's 2014 Buyers' Guide. In 2013, 925,751 exchanges were properly applied for and subsequently confirmed by Interval International. The confirmation rate on all exchange requests was 97 percent. This figure is a summary of the exchange requests entered with the exchange program, and does not indicate a member's probability of being confirmed to any specific choice or range of choices, since availability at individual locations may vary.

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VACATION-PLANNING FLEXIBILITY.**



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March 2015's winners are Donald and Shirley Maclachlan of Groveland, Massachusetts; April 2015's winners are John and Denise Taylor of Glendale, New York; and May 2015's winner is Lynda Crawford of Memphis, Tennessee.

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Cruise and Tour Exchange Q&A

These Interval Options favorites open up a world of vacation possibilities. Just follow the helpful tips at right and try a new experience on for size!

Q. What are cruise and tour exchanges?

A. These amazing benefits give Interval Gold® and Interval Platinum® members the added flexibility of exchanging their resort week or points toward the purchase of an exciting cruise or tour vacation.

Q. Where can I go?

A. You can set sail on itineraries around the world with Carnival Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean International, Disney Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line, and other top companies. And tour vacations are available on practically every continent — visit a region in Europe, go on an African safari, or experience mystical Machu Picchu in Peru.

Q. How do I book?

A. You can make a cruise exchange by accessing the Cruise Exchange link under the Exchange tab at IntervalWorld.com, or by calling 888.335.9366. If you're interested in a tour exchange, call this number and an Interval Options advisor will happily assist you.

Q. Can I travel after my resort week's check-in date?

A. Yes! Just be sure your cruise or tour exchange is booked at least 90 days prior to your unit's occupancy date.

Q. Can I use my deposited week?

A. To make a cruise or tour exchange, use Request First. You'll keep your week or points until your exchange is confirmed.

Cruise and tour exchanges require the payment of the Interval Options transaction fee and a supplemental fee based on the value of the week or points relinquished and the vacation selected. See Interval Options Terms and Conditions for details.



"Interval's prices were amazing compared to several other websites. Booked and ready to sail!" — [gbc0328](#)

"I did an exchange for a cruise through Interval and actually saved considerably over the lowest rate I saw online." — [boloc3](#)

"I have exchanged 3 times for a cruise ... I love it!" — [geminiVB](#)

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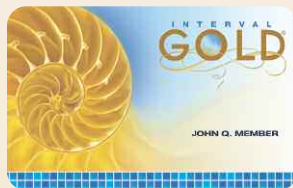
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Key Largo, Florida
Star Ship

When it comes to old-school maritime panache, a ride on the **African Queen** is pretty sweet. Listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, the boat was originally constructed to transport cargo and travelers, but shot to stardom in 1951's namesake film, when Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn used it to navigate treacherous waters and an awkward partnership during WWI. The classic steamship has since been restored, and now plies the canals of Key Largo on 90-minute sightseeing excursions and two-hour dinner outings — crocodiles and enemy battleships not included.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee
It's Crafty!

Souvenir hunting is always good in Gatlinburg and neighboring Pigeon Forge, but during the annual **Craftsmen's Fair**, shopping is especially illuminating. For this year's event, October 8 through 25, more than 180 artisans are scheduled to set up booths in the Gatlinburg Convention Center. So the selection will be, in a word, abundant. But what really distinguishes this festival is that in addition to selling their wares, many of the craftspeople provide a behind-the-scenes demonstration about how their pieces are made. Daily live country and bluegrass music rounds out this southeastern celebration of creativity.

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Blue Ribbon Attraction

Brookgreen Gardens is much more than a botanical wonderland of blooming black-eyed Susans, chrysanthemums, and spider lilies. There's a zoo here, too, and plenty of historical programs. And from August 8 to November 1, the popular Murrells Inlet attraction will be home to the **National Sculpture Society 82nd Annual Awards Exhibition**. In all, 15 formal prizes are given out, but the juried display — a collection of figures imagined by both well-established sculptors and those you'll be hearing from in the future — is an equally rewarding experience for all who witness it.

GETAWAY TO **Gatlinburg** Weekly rates for a studio starting at: **\$597**

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San Diego, California

The Doctor Is In

Whether you prefer your green eggs and ham with a goat or on a boat, associate with the Sneetches on their beaches, or just enjoy the adventures of Cindy Lou Who, it's hard to deny the unadulterated joy Dr. Seuss inspires. And now through December 31, you can rediscover that pure delight at the San Diego History Center's **Ingenious! The World of Dr. Seuss** exhibit, where engaging displays and family-oriented activities highlight his fantastical art.

Branson, Missouri

Four of a Kind

On December 4, 1956, four musicians showed up at Memphis, Tennessee's Sun Records studio. Their names were Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley. By all accounts, the result was one of the most legendary jam sessions of all time. It's also the inspiration for the musical **Million Dollar Quartet**, a production that includes a multitude of hits, from "Blue Suede Shoes" to "Great Balls of Fire" to "I Walk the Line." This can't-miss show is scheduled to play Branson's Welk Resort Theatre June through December.

GETAWAY TO The San Diego Area

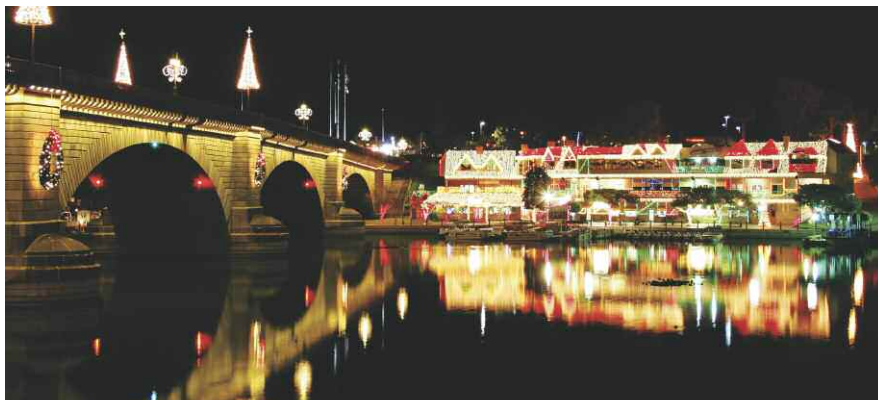
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Lake Havasu, Arizona

Light up Your Vacation

With average high temperatures still hitting the 60s in December, it can be a little difficult to get into the holiday spirit in Lake Havasu. That is, until you witness the 500,000 or so twinkling bulbs that illuminate the city's London Bridge and adjacent trees and structures. It's all part of the **20th Annual Festival of Lights** that runs nightly November 27, 2015, to January 1, 2016, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. And on Friday and Saturday evenings, you may even bump into Santa Claus — he likes to soak up some of that warm weather before heading to the North Pole.



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spotlight Orlando



Nature Meets Culture

Loch Haven Park is an artsy oasis in Orlando, offering numerous cultural pursuits in a relaxing outdoor setting. View contemporary American graphics at the Orlando Museum of Art (above), discover planetary curiosities at the Orlando Science Center, or catch a performance by the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. You'll also find The Mennello Museum of American Art, the Orlando Ballet, and the Orlando Repertory Theatre here. Be sure to set aside some time to stroll the park's grounds, bordered by three lakes, and meet The Mayor: a live oak tree that's among the largest in Florida.

See You at the Springs

The folks at Walt Disney World are dreaming big with **Disney Springs**, a new complex inspired by the Sunshine State's turn-of-the-century waterfront towns and natural beauty. Rolling out in phases as part of a multiyear makeover, Disney Springs is set to replace Downtown Disney in 2016. Welcoming visitors with a new gateway and water tower, its four interconnected neighborhoods — Town Center, The Landing, West Side, and Marketplace — will boast more than 150 entertainment, dining, and shopping options (double that of Downtown Disney), surrounded by beautiful lakefront and bubbling springs.

The Horror of It All

For 25 years, Universal Orlando has been scaring the wits out of parkgoers during its annual **Halloween Horror Nights** event. And to celebrate this milestone anniversary, the 2015 edition — which runs select nights from September 1 through November 1 — is sure to be the biggest ever. Those who dare enter will encounter haunted houses, multiple scare zones, and live shows. Top Hollywood gore fests such as *An American Werewolf in London*, *Halloween*, and *The Walking Dead* have made appearances over the past few years, so expect the crème de la crème of creepy. This is not for the faint of heart!

To buy theme park tickets, go to IntervalWorld.com.



O-Town Eats

Located in a historic country store near Orlando in downtown Gotha, **Yellow Dog Eats** delivers a scrumptious spectrum of original creations, proving you can wander slightly off the beaten path and be greatly rewarded.



THE SETTING: The Dog is as much about its ambiance as its food. A fun and intimate air permeates the establishment. Tables proudly wear the scars from the pens of past diners, trinkets line the shelves, and art adorns the walls — including a portrait of the pooch that gave the place its name. There's also a lush outdoor garden with plenty of tables with umbrellas, string lights, and a VW minivan.

THE MENU: The restaurant is the brainchild of Culinary Institute of America alum Fish Morgan, so you're in good hands here. Nosh on out-of-the-

ordinary sandwiches (including pulled pork that is smoked on premises), barbecue plates, vegetarian dishes, and Scooby Snacks (sides such as Greek orzo salad and homemade coleslaw). Daily specials, rotating draft beers, and a well-rounded wine menu complete the lineup.

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Maui
Pumpkins in Paradise

Beginning September 27, Maui's **Kula Country Farms** — a fourth generation, family-operated farm on the Upcountry hills of Kula — opens its pumpkin patch to the public. When not searching for the perfect specimen, plenty of other activities will keep you busy: There's a seven-hole minigolf course, a corn maze to wander through, bocce ball to play, grazing horses to admire, and food to purchase for a picnic. Or just sit back and enjoy the breathtaking panoramas that stretch all the way to the ocean. The pumpkin patch is open Tuesday to Sunday through October.



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Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
Batten Down the Hatches

Get ready to walk the plank! OK, not really, but when **Pirates Week** comes to Grand Cayman — November 12 – 22 — you might lose yourself in the fun and think it's a possibility, especially during the mock pirate invasion, which takes place on the first Saturday of the festival. The 11-day celebration is chock-full of things to do, kicking off with a steel pan competition and Street Dance and Food Festival. In the following days, you'll be treated to a parade, fireworks displays, kids' activities, plenty of food, and much more.

Riviera Nayarit

Birds of a Feather

Though they *are* lovely, there's more to coastal Mexico than just beaches. There are plenty of activities to while the days away inland, including an eight-hour **birding tour with Ecotours de Mexico**. With stops in three areas (the Sierra del Vallejo State Biosphere Reserve, San Pancho, and Sayulita), you'll have the opportunity to spot any of the approximately 350 species of birds native to the region, in three different habitat types: tropical forest, dry forest, and the shore. Tours depart Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and include breakfast and snacks.



Riviera Maya

Steam the Stress Away

A trip to Riviera Maya isn't complete without at least one Mayan-based excursion. The ruins are an obvious (and recommended) choice, but there's another way to truly experience authentic Mayan tradition today: taking part in the **temascal** at **Xcaret Park**. After the welcome and fire-circle ceremony, you'll enter a temascal (a hut that creates an herbal steam bath using heated volcanic rocks doused with water, said to help cleanse the mind). The ritual is topped off by a much-needed cool-down dip in the property's river pool. How's that for relaxing?

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A DAY IN THE DR

When the *Carnival Victory* pulls into Amber Cove in October 2015, it'll mark the first time in nearly 30 years that a cruise ship has ported in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. But it won't be the last: 37 other Carnival itineraries will include stops at the all-new cruise center during 2015 – 2016. And if all goes according to plan, this will continue to be a highlight of many more Caribbean cruises well into the future. In port, Carnival will offer an extensive shore excursion selection featuring a variety of pursuits, from four-wheel-drive, cross-country safaris to coffee plantation tours to horseback riding along a beach.



LEGO LOVERS

If MSC builds it, passengers will come. But what's being built? Lego-themed playrooms, that's what! On top of already providing the popular building toys on its other ships, the new creative dojo, which will debut on *MSC Armonia*, will have even more games, toys, and imaginative outlets for children of all ages. Some of the offerings include a Lego vertical wall, brick-building challenges, and a special Lego Experience Day, during which participants receive a keepsake Lego Master Builder diploma. There will even be a Lego sailor character on hand for the fun.



SIRENA SETS SAIL

Continuing its penchant for smaller ships, Oceania Cruises' newest addition promises to be an intimate affair, while still delivering the luxurious onboard experience the line is renowned for. *Sirena* (which means mermaid in Spanish) will debut in summer 2016 and carry just 684 passengers, ensuring guests will receive impeccable, personalized service (along with plenty of elbow room). Some of the ship's highlights include Oceania's popular restaurants Polo Grill and Toscana, along with two more recent additions: Baristas coffee bar and the made-to-order grill at Terrace Café. The award-winning Canyon Ranch SpaClub, a variety of entertainment options, and exciting itineraries featuring new ports of call round out the offerings.



THINKING CAPS ON

See new places; learn new things; return home smarter. That's the idea behind Princess Cruises' new Discovery at Sea program. Through Princess' partnership with Discovery Communications, and popular networks such as Animal Planet, Discovery Channel, TLC, and Science Channel, guests will enjoy a bevy of entertaining, and educational, activities. Show off your knowledge of toothy critters at a Shark Week trivia challenge. Seek out constellations and listen to star-inspired folklore during the Discovery Under the Stars program. There will even be themed shore excursions, TLC culinary classes, and *MythBusters* science experiments.



MOUSE CALLS

In early 2016, select Disney Cruise Line sailings will call on two Caribbean islands that Captain Mickey has never sailed to before — enchanting Martinique and alluring Tortola. The French island of Martinique will be included on seven-night escapes in January aboard the *Disney Wonder*, which will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and also make stops in Antigua, Barbados, Grenada, and St. Kitts. From January through April, the *Disney Fantasy* and *Disney Magic* will make a series of weeklong sailings out of Port Canaveral that will take guests to Castaway Cay, St. Thomas, and the British Virgin Island of Tortola. Sign us up for both!



THE PERFECT VIEW

Turns out you don't have to be Superman to look through walls. Well, at least not if you're onboard Royal Caribbean's *Anthem of the Seas*. Thanks to the wonders of technology and human ingenuity, the ship now has virtual balconies — high-definition, 80-inch-tall screens that play live scenery from outside the ship — in its inside cabins. Also available in select staterooms on *Navigator of the Seas*, this awesome sensory supplement doesn't end with your eyes. You'll even hear the crashing of waves, howling winds, and the cries of seagulls. So much for the stigma of an inside cabin!



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SHIP: *Norwegian Escape*
 DEBUT DATE: Fall 2015
 ITINERARY: Caribbean
 LENGTH: 1,069 feet
 WEIGHT: 164,600 tons
 CAPACITY: 4,248 passengers

THE ULTIMATE *Escape*



Norwegian Cruise Line's newest ship is a triumphant blend of modern amenities, stylish design, and fun-filled functionality.

Who's It For?

Fans of sister ships *Norwegian Breakaway* and *Norwegian Getaway*. Returning are all of the popular features found on the aforementioned vessels, such as The Waterfront, the stunning open-air dining and entertainment promenade, along with some new experiences and public spaces you won't find anywhere else.

What's For Dinner?

New to the cruising scene, but certainly no stranger among Parrotheads, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville at Sea delivers the same tropical-paradise ambiance, music, and eats as its land-based locations. Three main dining rooms — The Manhattan Room (which features live music and dancing with your meal), Savor, and Taste — offer daily menu items along with the classics. And if you just want a pint of cold beer and some pub grub, O'Sheehan's Neighborhood Bar & Grill is the place to pull up a stool.

How To Spend The Days At Sea?

Beat the heat at the Aqua Park, which boasts a variety of waterslides and rides. Soak for a spell at Spice H2O, a watery retreat just for

adults, or tackle the Ropes Course high above the ship's top deck. Play a round of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles-themed minigolf with your children, and take them to the Splash Academy. At night, chase Lady Luck at the casino in 678 Ocean Place, take in a Broadway-style production, or start a barhopping adventure at the new home of Miami's legendary Tobacco Road.

How To Spend The Days In Port?

Miami, Florida: Enjoy a slow-paced day complete with a mellow lagoon and delightful tropical setting at Matheson Hammock Park.

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Tortola, British Virgin Islands: Lounge on exquisite Cane Garden Bay Beach, or go to nearby Virgin Gorda and swim in the otherworldly grottos at The Baths.

Nassau, Bahamas: Splash away at the Atlantis resort's 141-acre water park, where one of many amazing slides takes you through an enclosed transparent tube surrounded by waters teeming with live sharks.



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BY BETSY SHELDON

SOME LIKE IT Hot



Paprika

Big in: Hungary, Eastern Europe, Spain, North Africa
Substitute: Pimiento
Form: Powdered; commercial brands might contain other peppers, such as sweet bell and cayenne
Signature uses: Chicken paprikash, goulash, stroganoff; used for coloring rice dishes

Poblano

Big in: Mexico, U.S.
Substitute: Anaheim, New Mexico
Form: Fresh, roasted, dried (ancho)
Signature uses: Mole poblano, other sauces; stuffed with cheese or pork

New Mexico Green Chile

Big in: New Mexico, Southwest U.S.
Substitute: Jalapeño, poblano
Form: Fresh, chopped or whole; roasted; pureed
Signature uses: Chile sauce; *ristras* (strings of dried red chiles) are used as decoration

Jalapeño

Big in: Mexico, U.S.
Substitute: New Mexico, guajillo
Form: Fresh, chopped or whole; dried and smoked (chipotle)
Signature uses: Salsas; poppers stuffed with cheese

Serrano

Big in: Mexico
Substitute: Jalapeño
Form: Fresh
Signature uses: Salsas and pickling

HOW DO YOUR FAVORITE CHILES STACK UP ON THE SCOVILLE SCALE?

The Scoville Heat Unit Index measures the spiciness of chile varieties. Because of factors ranging from growing conditions to preparation technique, the scale is imprecise, but here are commonly given ratings for some popular peppers.



Traveling chile aficionados find equal parts pleasure and pain in fiery world cuisines.

Mistake number one: Spooning a generous glob of the mystery sauce onto my noodles without sampling it first. The result? A sensation akin to tongue taser, triggering tears and sweat as I grabbed for my water. That was mistake number two — water only fanned the flames. My knowing friend shoved his Singha toward me, and Thailand's national beer seemed to calm the fire ignited by the bird's eye chile sauce. It was then that I understood why there was a box of tissues at every table in the Bangkok restaurant.

Chiles originated in Mexico, but we can credit colonial explorers for spreading these spicy peppers throughout the world. Today, they are as much at home in the temperate-clime cuisines of Hungary and Italy as in subtropical Jamaica. Chiles play well with a rainbow of ingredients, enhancing signature tastes while exhibiting their own personality. Whether jerk chicken, Indian vindaloo, or Tabasco-spiked New Orleans crawfish étouffée, those dishes that register on the Scoville scale are proof that there is a thin line between pleasure and pain.

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Cayenne

Big in: Mexico, U.S., Korea, China, Italy, India
Substitute: Tabasco
Form: Dried and powdered, or flaked with seeds
Signature uses: Salsas, Italian *arrabbiata* sauce, Indian *vindaloo*, liquid diets, health cleanses



Tabasco

Big in: Louisiana
Substitute: Cayenne
Form: Fresh; liquid in Tabasco sauce
Signature uses: Condiment, creole sauces, barbecue, bloody mary mix



Bird's eye

Big in: Thailand, Vietnam, India
Substitute: Scotch bonnet, habanero
Form: Fresh, chopped, cooked, dried
Signature uses: Thai and Indian curries and salads; stir-fries, fish sauce



Habanero

Big in: Mexico
Substitute: Scotch bonnet
Form: Fresh, chopped, cooked
Signature uses: Salsas, sauces, chili, marinades



Scotch bonnet

Big in: Jamaica, Caribbean, West Africa
Substitute: Habanero
Form: Fresh or dried
Signature uses: Jerk chicken, salsas, hot sauces; pairs well with fruit

30,000 – 70,000

100,000 – 350,000

850,000 – 2,200,000

Cayenne

Tabasco

Pequin

Bird's eye
(sometimes called
Thai chile)

Habanero

Scotch bonnet

Piri piri

Ghost pepper

Naga viper

Trinidad moruga
scorpion

Carolina reaper



CHILES RELLENOS

This Mexican favorite is typically made with poblanos, but you can also use New Mexico green chiles or Anaheims.

- 12 large whole poblano chiles
- 1 pound crumbled *queso fresco* or shredded Monterey Jack
- 3 eggs, large
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- High-heat cooking oil for frying
- 1 cup flour

Roast the whole peppers, either directly on a gas burner or under the broiler, turning until every side is blackened evenly. Place in a sealed plastic bag for about 10 minutes, or until cool enough to handle. Take out of the bag and remove the charred skin.

Make one slice lengthwise and carefully remove seeds and veins, leaving the stem attached. Fill halfway with cheese, close, and set aside.

For the batter, separate egg yolks from the whites, and place whites in a mixing bowl. Add salt and baking powder, then whip until stiff peaks form. Mix in yolks to create a soft, fluffy mixture.

Heat one-half inch of oil in a heavy-bottomed frying pan until it ripples. Dredge each pepper in the flour until coated, dip in the egg mixture, and place in pan. Turn until all sides are browned. Remove and drain on paper towel. Top with salsa or chile sauce. Serves 6.

TOM YUM SOUP

The list of ingredients for Thailand's treasured soup may look intimidating, but most can be found in your grocery's international section or in Asian specialty food shops. The recipe is surprisingly easy.

- 4 cups water or broth (chicken or vegetable)
- 2 stalks lemongrass
- 1-inch piece fresh galangal or ginger, peeled and chopped
- 3 Kaffir lime leaves
- 2 limes, juiced
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 5 medium mushrooms, sliced
- 2 bird's eye chiles (or a milder chile to taste)
- 2 tablespoons chile paste (optional)
- 1 pound chicken or shrimp (cooked) or tofu

- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 handful cilantro, torn

Heat liquid to a boil. Bruise the stalks of lemongrass with the side of a knife and add to the pot, along with the galangal and Kaffir lime leaves, and simmer for 15 minutes. Strain out the lemongrass, galangal, and lime leaves. Add lime juice, fish sauce, mushrooms, chiles, chile paste, and protein. Simmer 15 minutes. Add green onions and cilantro, stir, and serve. Serves 4.

NEW MEXICO GREEN CHILE SAUCE

For the most authentic result, look for New Mexico Hatch chiles. In a pinch, go for poblano — or jalapeño if you want more kick.

- 2 cups green chiles
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup tomato, chopped (fresh or canned)
- 3/4 teaspoon cumin
- Salt to taste

Roast and skin the chiles as in the chiles rellenos recipe (above). Remove seeds, chop, and set aside. Heat the oil in a skillet or Dutch oven, and saute the onion until transparent. Add garlic and cook a minute. Add flour, stirring for about 2 minutes. Slowly add the stock, stirring until smooth. Add the chiles, tomatoes, cumin, and salt. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add stock to reach desired consistency. Produces approximately 3 cups of chile sauce.

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Around the World in Chiles

Take Mexico, for example. Working with a veritable A-list — the approachable poblano, the flirtatious jalapeño, and the outrageous habanero, to name a few — the birthplace of chiles serves up favorites from cayenne-spiced chocolate to complex *mole* sauces. The versatile chile is a beloved regular at any meal, freshly chopped in salsa, powdered on mango slices, stuffed with cheese, or smoked and simmered into aromatic stews.

Chiles are hot throughout the southwestern U.S., of course. But New Mexico's love affair with its own New Mexico chile — a mildly hot pepper — has led to the official state question: "Red or green?" Here, *chile* is a sauce made from either unripe green chiles or dried red chiles. "Christmas" is the answer if you can't choose between the two.

Thailand loves its peppers, too. Notorious for some of the hottest dishes on the planet, the country embraces its long, thin bird's eyes, and generously adds them to soups, salads, and curries.

Feel the Burn

It's the compound capsaicin that triggers the burn you get from a bite of blackened fish or a salsa-laden burrito. Concentrated in

the pepper's membrane, seeds, and veins, capsaicin reacts with the mouth's soft tissue, sending signals to the brain that something hot has entered the body. The heart rate rises, perspiration is generated, and chemicals are released.

Among those chemicals are endorphins, the feel-good substances also triggered by meditation, laughter, and physical exercise, which can result in stress reduction and even euphoria. No wonder we go back for more.

But when you get too much of a good thing, the best antidote is cold milk. The casein in dairy products neutralizes the capsaicin and eases the burning. Although not nearly as effective as milk, other antidotes include alcoholic beverages, starchy foods such as rice, and sugar water.

Too Hot to Handle

Those who've cooked with chiles know that the oils from fresh, chopped peppers can burn the skin. And woe is the cook who makes the mistake of rubbing his or her eyes after cutting up a handful of jalapeños! The best advice is to wear latex or rubber gloves when handling peppers. If it's too late, cold milk is a soothing soak for the skin. ■



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Car Talk

Paving the Way for a Successful Road Trip

Long-distance car travel has improved a lot in the last decade or so. Interstates are clustered with more lodgings, restaurants, and gas stations than ever. The navigator is no longer a person who sits up front with maps spread across the dashboard, but rather a disembodied voice directing your route. And the kids aren't limited to reading comics and counting license plates. Instead, they're playing electronic games or plugging into their personal DVD players to watch the latest animated movie.

Advances in roadside services, navigation, and in-car entertainment aside, road travel remains an adventure, especially for families

embarking on a vacation. And whether you're making a two-hour trip or a day's journey, proper preparation can mean the difference between an enjoyable ride — and a nightmare of a drive.

Getting ready for a drive-to vacation requires a little forethought, but the effort is well worth it.

Planning Your Route

Going from here to there may be simpler than ever, with navigation systems and apps to guide you, and even steer you away from road construction and traffic congestion. But still, it pays to familiarize your-



“For the back of the car, I have two large Rubbermaid storage containers. I find that almost all of our food, snack, laundry items fit in them. It makes it really easy to load the car and to unload it at our destination.” — [rogers92026](#)

“With regards to a checklist ... I have several of them — a standard one for things we always need to pack or take care of at home before we leave, and then extended ones based on the type of vacation (i.e., drive/fly, hiking/beach/etc.)” — [zipporah8](#)

self with the recommended route ahead of time, and to consider your priorities: Do you want to get to your destination as fast as possible? Or would you prefer the most scenic way, even if it means a longer trip? Also, it's wise to pack printed directions and a map, just in case of any technical problems.

Getting Your Car Road-Ready

Ensuring that your vehicle can get you to your destination efficiently and safely is the most important aspect of preparing for your drive. Nothing can dampen enthusiasm like an overnight stop while your brakes are being repaired, or a long drive through the desert — without air conditioning.

Shortly before your trip, take the car in for a tuneup: Fill and rotate the tires as needed — keep in mind you may need to adjust the air pressure depending upon the weight of the load. Change the oil. Check fluids. Make sure everything is working, including headlights, windshield wipers, turn signals, and the defogger.

Preparing for Trouble

Don't let a car emergency derail your journey. In addition to keeping your road-service membership up to date, be prepared in case of

a breakdown: Pack jumper cables, a flashlight, and a warning light or reflective hazard triangles. Make sure your spare tire is in the trunk — and in usable condition. (Now might also be a good time to learn how to change a tire, if you don't already know.) Take a car charger to keep your cell phone juiced so you can call emergency assistance if necessary.

Making It Fun

There are lots of ways to assure a pleasant journey and eliminate the “Are we there yet?” refrain from the back seat.

Stock up on (or download) passenger pastimes: music, movies, audiobooks, podcasts, and games — electronic and otherwise.

Plan for plenty of comfort stops. Walk around a bit when filling up the tank. And although it's wise to pack snacks, there's value in stopping for a sit-down meal in a restaurant from time to time.

Schedule fun breaks, too. Take the exit and see that famous cave advertised on billboards for the past 100 miles. Visit that Civil War battlefield or odd museum. Even a round of putt-putt golf can provide diversion and a pick-me-up.

Driving breaks are particularly important for the driver. Stop for a 15-minute power nap if the caffeine isn't keeping you alert. ■

ROAD TRIP ESSENTIALS

The Basics

- Confirmation notice and other information about your vacation exchange or Getaway
- Route directions, including navigation systems *and* maps and route printouts
- Important phone numbers, including emergency road service
- Hotel reservations if you've scheduled an overnight along the way
- Vehicle documents as required by law, and other important travel materials, such as passports if you're crossing an international border

Emergency Items

- Flashlight
- Jumper cables
- First-aid kit
- Thermal blanket (for cold-weather travel)
- Spare tire
- Tire iron and jack
- Warning light, hazard triangles, or flares

Just in Case

- Chargers for phones, games, and other electronic devices
- Prepaid phone card (you may find yourself in an area where you can't get cell service)
- Extra set of car keys
- Change for toll roads (or check whether your electronic toll payment system will work for the roads you'll be taking)

Creature Comforts

- Water and other beverages
- Snacks with a minimal mess factor: apples, bananas, dried fruit, carrot sticks, pretzels, and popcorn
- Wet wipes or paper towels for cleaning up
- Electronic entertainment: games and DVDs (for the passengers), and audio books, music, and podcasts
- Other entertainment: books, car games, crossword puzzles, and children's coloring books
- Pillows and blankets

For Your Destination

Be sure essentials such as suitcases, sunglasses, medications, even cash and credit cards are accounted for before you pull out of the driveway. Also, consider items you absolutely must have to make your vacation accommodations your home away from home. This might be anything from childproofing gear and a night-light to your can't-start-the-day-without-it espresso maker.

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Yet there's a whole other side to traveling that you may be missing out on; one that's not so much about where in the world you are, but rather what type of experience you seek. So consider the all-inclusive resort. Far from being relegated to cheesy mambo classes a la *Dirty Dancing* or imbibing cheap liquor beneath unrelenting sun, the all-inclusive resort has undergone an evolution worthy of further consideration — particularly if you've never considered yourself the all-inclusive type.

TOP: Le Blanc Spa Resort's lobby bar is one of five on property, including two swim-up bars. **MIDDLE:** Superior culinary standards are a defining element of the all-inclusive experience at Azul Sensatori Mexico, a Gourmet Inclusive Hotel, as evidenced in its artfully arranged beef tenderloin (left) and Le Chique carrot dessert (right). **BOTTOM LEFT:** Bodyboard or surf two lanes of simulated waves at Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort's FlowRider. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Spacious suites at the adults-only, beachfront Hyatt Zilara Cancún afford picturesque views of the Caribbean Sea.

All-Inclusive, Defined

What exactly is an all-inclusive resort? In a nutshell, it's a property that includes added amenities, services, and/or food and drinks with your stay via an all-inclusive package. Packages vary by property; most include all of your meals, snacks, and drinks (usually alcoholic beverages), as well as many on-site activities.

Identifying all-inclusives is easy: Just look for the  in the online or printed *Resort Directory*. You can also find an Index to All-Inclusive Resorts in the Directory.

Leave Your Cash Behind

One of the key perks of all-inclusives: With nearly everything paid for upfront, you can get money off the brain, and focus on enjoying the moment rather than racking up charges. Think of it like you would a cruise — with drinks included!

The vast majority of the added bells and whistles all-inclusives offer are covered by a per-person, per-day fee paid directly to the resort. Prices vary and are determined by the resort. Each property bases its supplemental package price on a number of factors, including how many restaurants are on the property, the type of food and beverages served, and the assortment of available activities. Many resorts require the purchase of the all-inclusive package for the entire stay; at others, you may be able to pay the all-inclusive supplement for less than a full week, or it may be optional altogether. Note that the all-inclusive fee is in addition to the exchange or Getaway fee that you pay Interval.

And if you're traveling with children, based on their ages, their all-inclusive fees are often discounted — sometimes by more than 50 percent. At some resorts, there might be no charge for the youngest of travelers (3 and under, for example).

To find out an all-inclusive fee, call the Member-Services Center at 800.INTERVAL for mandatory all-inclusives, or contact the resort if the all-inclusive fee is optional. If you're booking online, fee information will be available before you confirm your exchange or Getaway.

It's All On-Site

Staying at an all-inclusive resort is an experience in itself. It's so much more than a place to sleep and leave your luggage; the array of amenities can be astounding. Many properties are destinations in themselves, from beachfront access and an array of pools to numerous restaurants, expansive spas, water sports, and dedicated spaces for kids and teens. You don't even have to leave the property to have a full vacation experience, whether you're seeking activity-filled adventure or hours on end to truly relax.

And if you want to do some exploring beyond the grounds, the resorts can often make that easy for you, too, via expert advice or arranged excursions. Love to learn while you travel? Take a guided day-trip to visit ancient ruins or local historic sights. Looking to set sail? Book a sunset cruise or snorkeling adventure.

Anything but Cookie-Cutter

Whether your tastes tend toward only-the-best or more middle-of-the-road, whether you're traveling with active youngsters or seeking kid-free downtime, there's an all-inclusive resort for you in Interval's network. Just as there's a range in price level, there's an even bigger selection of resort types and the unforgettable experiences they offer.

Plenty of properties have robust activity programs for little ones and casual, kid-friendly dining options.

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ABOVE: The kid- and teen-focused offerings at Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort far surpass the bare basics: from crafts, playgrounds, and a teen gaming lounge, to a toddler playroom and movie theater, young guests will be anything but bored.
TOP: One of seven pools on the 2,000-plus-guest-room Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort's expansive, amenity-packed grounds.

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*Locations of resorts with required all-inclusive plans at press time

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Hotspots



Divi Carina Bay All Inclusive Beach Resort & Casino | DSC

Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Test your luck with blackjack, poker, roulette, and other diversions at Divi Carina Bay, home to the only casino on the island of St. Croix. To dial it down a notch, just head outside: Situated on a serene and secluded stretch of sand, the resort features two freshwater pools, a driving range, guided snorkeling, a spa, and four restaurants with bars.

Grand Oasis Palm Resort & Spa | GAP

Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Ideally located in Cancún's Hotel Zone within walking distance to shopping and tourist attractions, Grand Oasis Palm Resort & Spa offers exceptional variety. Guests have access to 10 bars and 10 restaurants; paddle boarding, kayaking, and surfing at the on-site marina; planned activities throughout the day; a kids' club with its own buffet; and nightly live entertainment.



Sivory Punta Cana Boutique Hotel | SY1

Punta Cana, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic

An adults-only luxury property, the intimate, 55-suite Sivory Punta Cana Boutique Hotel features an impressive infinity pool, restorative spa complete with meditation gardens, three restaurants, two bars, a cigar lounge, and a wine cellar that's garnered the *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. To make the ultimate grand entrance, opt for a helicopter transfer from the airport to the resort's sands, complete with Champagne upon arrival.



Moon Palace Jamaica Grande | MPJ

Ocho Rios, St. Ann, Jamaica

Situated on 17 acres of private shoreline in Ocho Rios, Moon Palace Jamaica Grande is the product of a brand-new multimillion-dollar transformation. Brimming with modern amenities, the resort boasts five swimming pools, multiple restaurants, a FlowRider wave simulator, teen lounge, kids' club, nightclub, spa, and a gourmet food corridor that's part farmers market and part cafe.



Image rendering

Paradise FOUND



As the airport shuttle approaches the grounds of Le Blanc Spa Resort, I feel a growing sense of awe. Nestled between the Nichupté Lagoon and the Caribbean Sea on an exquisite stretch of beach, the AAA Five Diamond, all-inclusive, adults-only property is known for its chic design, high level of service (the employee-guest ratio is reportedly almost one-to-one), 19-room spa, four white-linen restaurants, and multiple pools. Modern, flowing lines highlight the property's architecture, and soft accent lights play off an airy, off-white lobby with diaphanous drapes that separate the check-in and waiting areas. My wife, Kat, and I are given sweet coconut milk and introduced to our butler, Israel. From arranging dining reservations and outings to the Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá and Tulum to perfectly preparing bubble baths, each of Le Blanc's butlers — there's one for every guest floor — attends to the needs and desires of visitors.

Israel welcomes us and shows us to our room, a corner suite with two sliding doors overlooking the stunning turquoise sea below. The 260 rooms throughout Le Blanc's triangular tower feature a host of fabulous comforts, including two-person jetted tubs; mirrors with embedded televisions; Bulgari amenities; dual side-by-side showers with multiple nozzles; a replenishing minibar full of water, sodas, snacks, and beer; and a pull-out bar featuring pre-

mium liquors including Johnnie Walker Black Label. Combine that with unlimited, full-menu room service and the swoon-worthy views of the water and beach below from our sixth-story balcony perch, and once settled in, we decide this would be one of the best vacations of our lives — even if we never left the room.

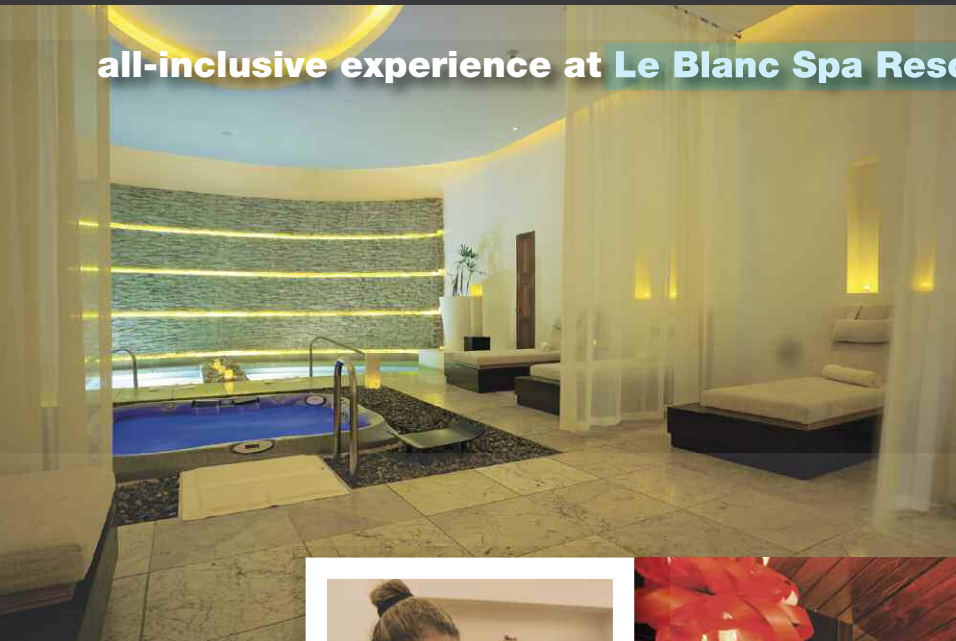
"This is how rock stars live," Kat muses, as a gentle ocean breeze plays with the curtains in front of our open balcony door. "I'm almost afraid to get used to this. Almost."

True, at first we were a little uncomfortable with being treated like royalty at every turn, but we quickly adjust. This is, after all, why we keep returning to all-inclusive vacations: For an upfront price, we don't touch our wallets for the rest of the week. Every drink, meal, amenity, and courtesy is included, with no extra expectation of tipping or additional payment. It's obvious Le Blanc takes excellent care of its staff, and that they enjoy meeting people from all over the world. Israel gets a kick out of helping me with my less-than-perfect Spanish. He and all of the staff speak excellent English.

Soon we melt into the unstructured rhythm of living the life all-inclusive at Le Blanc. Our biggest decisions include which room scent to select for the day (vanilla or sandalwood) and whether to go with a lavender- or chamomile-scented pillow for the evening.

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all-inclusive experience at Le Blanc Spa Resort in Cancún, Mexico.



CLOCKWISE FROM FACING PAGE: Le Blanc's infinity pool overlooks the Caribbean Sea. The 29,000-square-foot spa boasts a complete treatment menu. The resort's triangular nine-story tower. BlancOrient serves an enticing selection of Pan-Asian cuisine. Guests can select from seven massage types.



We float about the property, enjoying perfectly made mojitos and other drinks from Le Blanc's five bars. And when we're hungry, we're spoiled for choice with Le Blanc's excellent restaurants.

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, BlancInternational offers a bounty of enticing fare, such as steak, seafood, sushi, salads, pastas, cheese, fruit, and desserts that cater to Le Blanc's diverse, sophisticated international clientele. Other evening options include BlancItalia and BlancOrient, which seem to vie for the title of best cuisine on property. The only restaurant we need reservations for is Lumiere, where we savor a French-fusion, seven-course tasting dinner that includes escargot, seared scallops, and filet mignon.

Another must-experience is Le Blanc's signature spa, and Kat nobly volunteers. Treatments do cost extra, but we received a resort credit at check-in that we can use. With options ranging from hydrotherapy and facials to deep-tissue and Mayan four-hands massage, selecting her treatment is a tough call — considerably more difficult than the room-scent decision. She disappears for hours into the tranquil, candle-lit space, and avails herself of the sauna, relaxation room, and hot tub before and after her Swedish-inspired serenity massage.

As our week progresses, we come to discover that Le Blanc is

far more than just eating, drinking, and lazing. The warm, clear Caribbean Sea begs for swimming and body surfing. Kat takes advantage of the fully equipped gym and yoga classes while I explore off-property at the Museo Maya de Cancún (at the suggestion of Israel), where I learn about the Yucatán Peninsula's first inhabitants. We later discuss our day lounging in the infinity pool overlooking the sea, never far from the swim-up bar. Fully relaxed, we begin to muse about a return visit to Cancún with our parents and kids, who they've been watching while we bliss out in paradise. While Le Blanc is perfect for us this week, there are many other all-inclusive resorts in the area that cater to a wide variety of clientele, from other high-end properties to mid-range — yet equally amenity-filled — family-friendly resorts. But for right now, we're enjoying our timeless week at Le Blanc like newlyweds, and can't imagine being anywhere else. ■

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The Life Le Blanc

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DOWN UNDER IN ROATÁN

By Steve Larese

With endless local flavor and water pursuits galore, this Caribbean diving hotspot is paradise onshore and offshore.

S

ea fans wave as I glide along the coral-encrusted outcrop, mesmerized by the life teeming in this warm (84°F!), gin-clear water. Sergeant majors school by, their yellow and black stripes

reminding me of bumblebees buzzing about in some colorful garden. A seemingly bored puffer fish is undisturbed as a bright-blue parrotfish and several horse-eye jacks dart past. Suddenly, our dive master, Mal Forrest, points excitedly over my shoulder, and I turn to see an enormous eagle ray pass right over my head, eclipsing the sun as it elegantly soars past us. I'm ecstatic, and even more so when a green sea turtle follows in its wake.

I'm scuba diving with Sun Divers on my first morning in Roatán, Honduras, and I've already seen what has filled a week during other trips. The Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest in the

world, rims this Caribbean island north of the Honduran mainland, making it a world-renowned diving destination. Dive flags and shops dot the 30-mile-long coast, making it abundantly clear that much of the action here is offshore and underwater.

The hour of diving goes by all too fast, and with my tank at 700 pounds per square inch, it's time to make our three-minute safety stop and head back to the boat. Surfacing, I feel like a kid being called in from recess, but there's plenty I want to explore out of the water, too. My wife, Kat, isn't a diver, but has been having an equally fantastic time relaxing and reading on the Half Moon Bay beach in the West End. I meet her there, and we get \$5 plates of excellent grilled jerk chicken and plantains before setting off to explore this part of the island.

The colorful West End is considered to be the happening part of the island, where bars cater to Jimmy Buffet lovers and divers

The picturesque village of Punta Gorda is a must-see.
INSET: The lionfish is the star of the menu at Lionfish Louie's restaurant.



Mitchell loves the grouper-tasting lionfish so much, he opened his restaurant in 2014, and serves ceviche, enchiladas, fish and chips, and other appetizers and entrees using only locally caught lionfish.

Swimming Through History

The next day, after having witnessed a 6-foot-long moray eel swim past me during my dive with Bananarama Dive Shop, we set off to explore West Bay, a small community on Roatán's western tip, next to the West End. West Bay is quieter and doesn't have as many shops, but the beach here is long and wide. A 10-minute water taxi ride takes you back and forth between West End and West Bay for \$3, so it's easy to visit even if you don't have a car. Kat takes the morning to unwind with an aromatherapy massage at Serenity Day Spa, then we stroll the beach and watch artist Gladys Agustin paint intricate African-Caribbean style portraits at her beach booth before heading out to Monterroso's Bay Islands Underwater Museum at Sandy Bay, where we literally swim through Roatán's history. (Since my visit, the museum has moved to Las Palmas, on the south side of the island.)

The Mayas had a presence here, but it was the Paya people who greeted Christopher Columbus when he stepped ashore on Roatán in 1509. During the 1600s, English pirates, including Blackbeard and John Coxen (for which the island's largest town, Coxen Hole, is named), used Roatán as a base for attacking Spanish ships. We snorkel through the clear, sunlit water to find replica statues from the Mayan and Paya cultures no more than 10 feet beneath the surface. And at the end of the tour, we get a real treat: the ribs of a real Spanish galleon teeming with fish. It's a great way for nondivers to experience the beauty of the reef and even wreck dive.

alike. Shops sell beach clothes, locally made jewelry, and wood carvings, and residents still talk about how happy they are that the main road was paved a few years ago.

We stop in at the nonprofit Roatán Marine Park to learn about the reef and what's being done to safeguard it. In 2010, Roatán's coast was designated a protected marine park by the Honduran government and, due to its conservation efforts, the reef's health is improving despite the invasive lionfish population, which has been decimating native species. Fortunately, Kat and I soon learn that the lionfish may be trouble for other aquatic creatures, but for us humans, they are delicious.

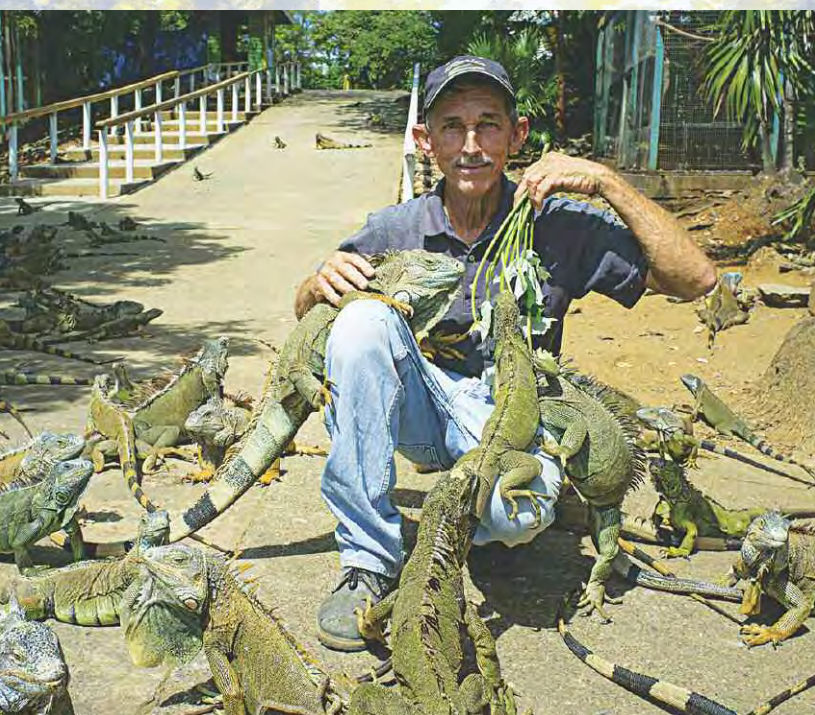
For dinner, we head to Lionfish Louie's, a beach restaurant located near the center of the island at the Havana Beach Club on Big Bight.

"It tastes like walleye," says Jack Mitchell, owner of the eatery, of the lionfish. "It's a white meat that doesn't taste fishy at all."

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LEFT: An eagle ray glides smoothly through the placid waters of Roatán.
BELOW: Sherman Arch in his iguana park.



ON THE MAINLAND

La Ceiba

What: It's the ecotourism and entertainment capital of Honduras. It's most famous for its San Isidro festival, which draws hundreds of thousands of tourists, as well as its white-sand beaches. La Ceiba is surrounded by nature preserves, including Pico Bonito National Park, one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. The nearby Cangrejal River offers exciting Class II, III, and IV white-water rafting.

Getting There: Safe Way Maritime Transportation offers ferry rides between Roatán and La Ceiba daily, with one-way trips taking about an hour and 10 minutes. Round-trip tickets start at \$64.

Don't Miss: Enjoy local seafood in a gorgeous setting at Itzama, a restaurant inside the park.

Eastward

So far we've been exploring Roatán's western half; the following day, we set out to explore the less-visited eastern half. Of course, there are plenty of excellent dive shops and sites here, too. After I head out for the morning with Barefoot Divers, exploring coral-encrusted slot canyons created by an earthquake, Kat and I set out to find Arch's Iguana & Marine Park at French Cay.

In 1980, after having watched the ecology of his home impacted, Sherman Arch forbade iguana hunting and egg collecting on his extensive property. Instead, he began feeding the reptiles. Their numbers rebounded, and soon tourists began making pilgrimages to his home to view hundreds of free-range iguanas.

On the day that Kat and I visit, scores of them sun themselves in his driveway, as docile as house cats — that is until Arch produces a clump of leaves for feeding; then they come running, climbing over one another to get to the food.

Impressed with Arch's conservation efforts, we set off for Punta Gorda, a village settled by the Garifuna in 1797. The Garifuna are an

African-Caribbean people who were marooned on Roatán by the British after uprisings in the Lesser Antilles. They went on to establish a village, and their culture and language thrive to this day. We stop at Ruthie's Garifuna Cuisine and order fried fish as locals slam dominoes down on the table next to us. Ruthie brings us a whole fried fish, caught that day, and we watch children play in the water as wooden fishing canoes come in with bigger fish to fry.

Well-fed and back in the car, we drive as pavement soon gives way to a dirt road. Eventually, we see a sign for Marble Hill Farms, and turn not knowing what to expect. We find, seemingly hidden in the jungle, a gourmet kitchen serving wood-oven pizza, with stunning views from a two-story watchtower called the Crow's Nest. We sample jams, including key lime, pineapple, papaya, cinnamon, and island plum, made from the on-property 24-acre orchard. We could spend all day just taking in the sweeping panoramic scene of jungle and sea, but there's still road to travel. Bouncing along again, we drive through the small village of Diamond Rock as the sky begins to turn pink with sundown. Just as we think we should turn around and

Dive In

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Artist Gladys Agustin adds even more color to the beach on Roatán's West End.

beat the darkness, we see a boardwalk leading to a small building surrounded by calm sea.

La Sirena at Camp Bay is the last bar on the island before you run out of road at the undeveloped Saint Helene Marine Park. Owner Jimmy Andrade and his wife, Carmen, welcome us and set down two cold Salva Vida beers. The water laps between the slats on the floor below us.

We walk out on the dock and sip our beers as the Caribbean stars begin to shine, and soon the Milky Way stretches above us. Kat and I discuss our plans for tomorrow — there are beaches to choose from and dives to take. But soon we grow silent, just taking in the Roatán night at the end of the road on this slice of Caribbean paradise. ■

New Mexico-based travel writer and photographer Steve Lares is still thinking about the incredible diving in Roatán.

fastFACTS

RESORT DIRECTORY:

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CLIMATE: The average high temperature is 88°F in September, 84°F in October, and 82°F in November.

CURRENCY: U.S. dollars or Honduran lempira

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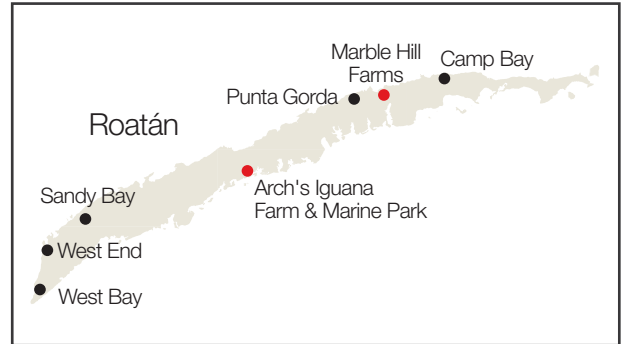
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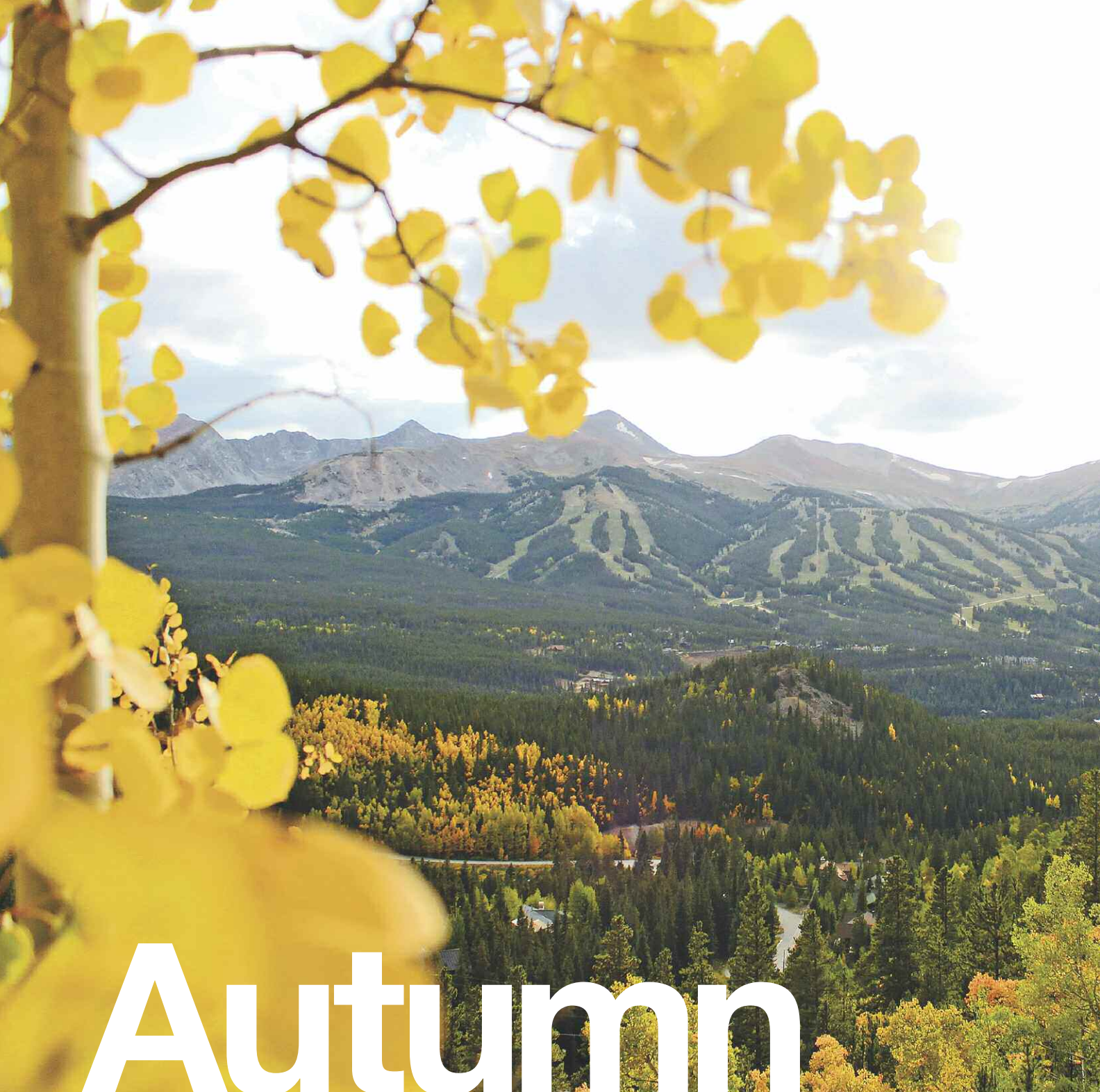
Copán Ruins Archaeological Park

What: Close to Honduras' border with Guatemala, the ruins are a can't-miss for archeology buffs. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is called the Paris of the Mayan World, and is one of its largest and best-preserved capital cities. Mayan carvings and hieroglyphic text cover this site, which flourished from the fifth to ninth centuries. Visitors can view the remains of the Acropolis — the royal center of Copán, an impressive tunnel system, ceremonial ball court, plazas surrounded by sculptures, and many freestanding portraits carved into stone called stelae. The Hieroglyphic Stairway, which contains a carved history of the Mayan rulers of Copán, is renowned for its quality, and has yet to be fully deciphered. Visit the on-site museum for more backstory. Accredited guides will cost about \$30 and are well worth it. Entrance to the park is \$15.



Getting There: To reach Copán from Roatán, take a quick puddle jumper flight into San Pedro Sula; from there, it's a three-hour bus ride to the ruins.

Don't Miss: Be sure to explore the small village of Copán Ruinas itself, which can be easily walked, and boasts numerous shops and restaurants for a real taste of Honduras.

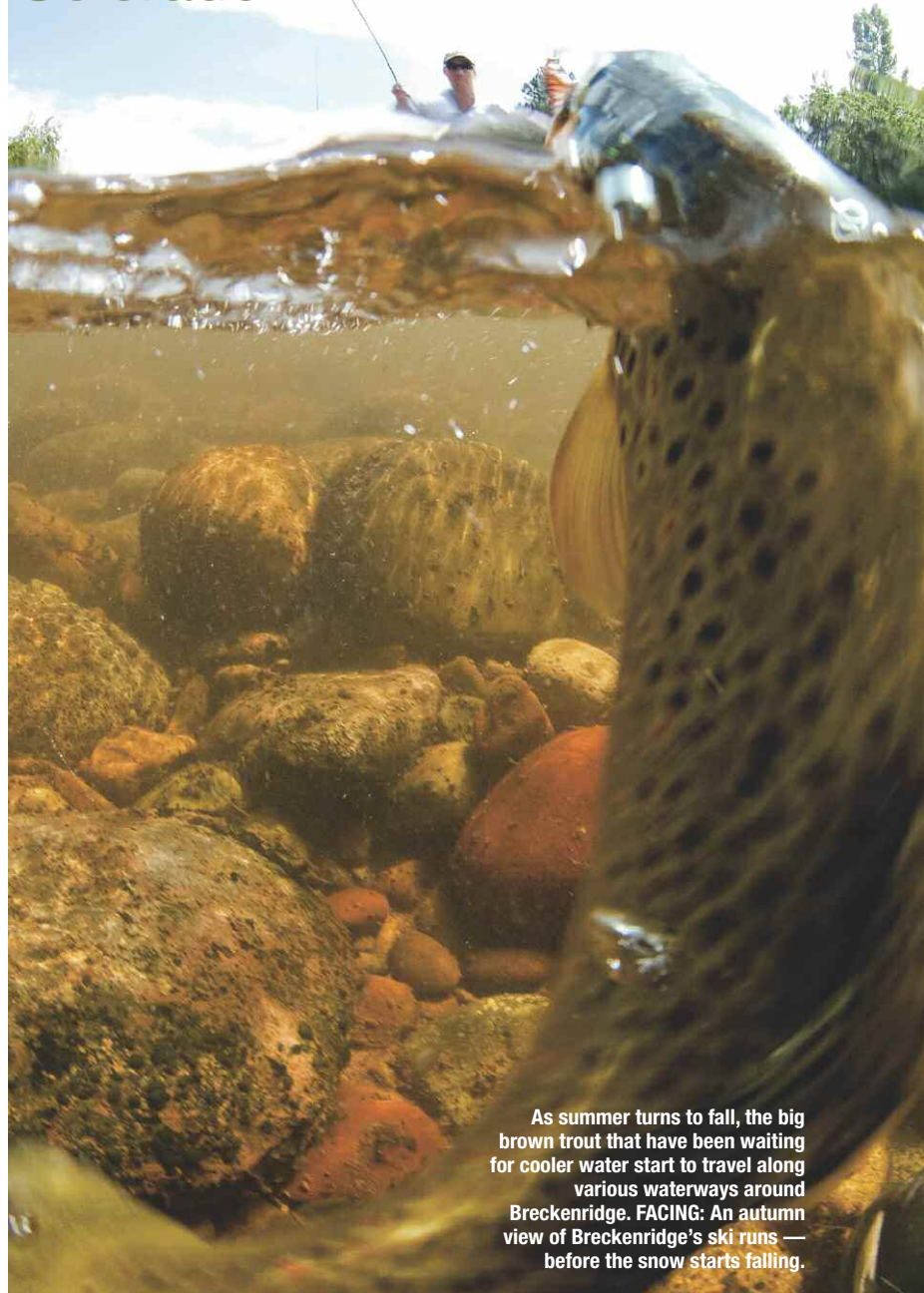


Autumn At Altitude

Jessie Unruh/Gobreck

It's not ski season and it's not summertime, but with plenty to do and even more to eat, there's a great chance you'll fall for **Breckenridge, Colorado.**

By Lon Winters



As summer turns to fall, the big brown trout that have been waiting for cooler water start to travel along various waterways around Breckenridge. **FACING:** An autumn view of Breckenridge's ski runs — before the snow starts falling.

Let's be honest: Fall routinely gets short shrift when it comes to discussing the seasonal joys of North America's most popular ski towns. And reports from Breckenridge, Colorado, typically aren't much different. Wintertime here is praised for its average annual snowfall of nearly 30 feet. The summer months are hailed as the season when warm days are filled with endless outdoor activities. And spring ... well, people love spring because after a few months of all that powder, even the most hardcore skiers and snowboarders are ready for some bright, sunny days. Then there's fall, when the go-to highlight is the fact that the weather is beginning to cool down again, which means it's about time for another 30 feet of snow.

The secret reality, though, is that for many travelers, fall is an ideal time to visit high country.

Most school-age children return to classes by September, and the aforementioned hardcore skiers and snowboarders won't be showing up for another few weeks. (The ski resort usually opens mid- to late November.) In other words, aside from a weekend festival or two, crowds are scarce.

Things to do, however, are not. Fall in Breckenridge is like a mountain-town sampler platter. Sure, some of the local businesses may be taking time off, and no, you probably won't get to carve or schuss the 2,908 acres of ski and snowboard terrain, but that just gives you more time to check out all the other activities and attractions that are available in and around this old mining community. Or, if you prefer, the quieter scene affords ample opportunity to do not much at all. Find a park bench and finish one of the novels from your summer-reading list. Go for a walk. Sit by a stream.

Surprised at those mellow outdoor suggestions? That's another regional secret. September and October weather remains relatively pleasant. Average daily highs are in the mid-60s and low 50s respectively. It cools down another 10 degrees in November, but as long as the Colorado sun is shining (as it usually is), it always feels warmer.

So don't worry that fall is Breckenridge's somewhat forgotten season. You'll have no trouble filling your days with as much or as little recreation as you'd like. Read on for a few ideas about how to spend your time.

Go Fish

Mountain biking and road cycling are popular throughout the region. Routes range from the flat, wide 6.5-mile Tiger Road to the Dyersville mining settlement ride, which is a 16-mile loop with an elevation gain of 1,600 feet. There's also the Blue River Recreation Path, which provides miles of paved pedaling between Breckenridge and Frisco. The hiking, of course, is also fantastic. And as long as you don't mind crossing a snowfield or two at higher elevations, it can be done well into fall.

One activity you might not automatically consider, but certainly should, is fly-fishing. "The fish are active year-round, so we can fish every month of the year," says Jackson Streit of Breckenridge-based Mountain Angler outfitters. "And actually, fall is a time when the big brown trout start moving up the rivers to spawn. So while some of these big fish may have been sitting in deep holes all summer, now they're on the move, and we can find them in places where you normally wouldn't be able to."

Mountain Angler offers a variety of guided fishing trips, including half- and full-day walking excursions. For prime conditions in September and October, Streit suggests a float-fishing trip on the Colorado River. "It's also nice because it's at a lower altitude than here in Breckenridge, so while we may have a high in the mid-40s here in town, where

we're going, it might be in the mid-60s," he says. "That's really the magic time of year."

There are plenty of other magical spots, too. About 30 minutes south of Breckenridge in the South Park area, near Fairplay, large brown trout that have worked their way up from the Spinney Mountain Reservoir can be found in abundance, says Streit. Heading in the opposite direction about 20 minutes north of Breckenridge, another bustling population of brown trout can be found in Lake Dillon. "We get a good run out of there," he says. "You'd definitely have a chance to catch a 20-plus-inch brown that time of year."

High-Altitude Shopping

If your idea of landing a prize catch requires more wandering from store to store and (much) less wading along the banks of a flowing stream, make haste for Breckenridge's Main Street. Park near either the north or south end, and simply start walking — and gawking. There are more than 200 shops concentrated in this downtown district, an assortment that's utterly impossible to comprehend until you're actually strolling past all of them.

Looking for regional souvenirs? You'll find all sorts of T-shirts and trinkets emblazoned with witty phrases about Colorado's altitude alongside hats and other paraphernalia with the state flag at numerous gift stores. Or you could choose a fine-art print depicting one of the nearby 14ers (mountains that top out above 14,000 feet high), an aspen grove, or Main Street itself, from most any of the local galleries.

Don't really know what you're looking for? Yep, there are plenty of those shops, too: handcrafted clothing, jewelry, toys, sports gear — the list goes on and on.

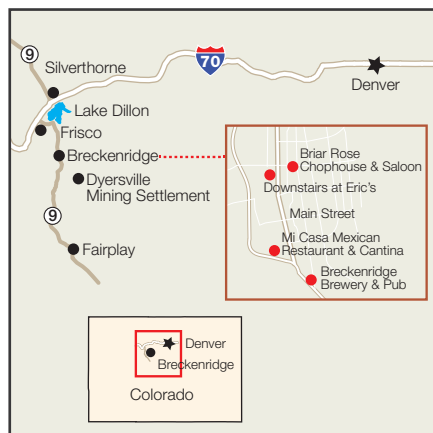
With so many places to swipe your credit card right in the heart of Breckenridge, it's almost out of the question to think of going elsewhere to get your shopping fix. It should be noted, however, that just 14 miles up the road, the Outlets At Silverthorne offers some pretty tempting discounts on name brands, including Aeropostale, Ann Taylor, Coach, Columbia, Gap, Guess, and Nike.

There's a Samsonite Company Store, too, in case you need an extra suitcase to get all your treasures home.

Serious Sustenance

As many ways as there are to spend your days in Breckenridge — shopping Main Street, fly casting for 20-inch brown trout, or buried in that book on the park bench — there are even more choices when it comes to fueling up for your adventures. Food options range from soups and sandwiches to sushi and steaks, and seemingly everything in between.

Try Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant & Cantina for tasty specialty tacos and burritos.





ABOVE: With some 200 stores along and around Main Street, shopping here is a serious undertaking. **TOP:** Breckenridge's historic buildings and colorful foliage receive a fall dusting of snow. **RIGHT:** Brilliant, golden aspen trees are a Colorado high-country highlight. **BELOW:** Mi Casa serves authentic — and delicious — Mexican cuisine right in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

Go for the Gold One dazzling scene that's only on display during fall is the annual changing of the colors in Colorado's mountainside forests. Come September, grove after grove of aspen trees begin to erupt with suddenly brilliant golden leaves (seemingly overnight in some cases), while the occasional cottonwood stand adds a few pockets of contrasting reds and oranges. Driving over Boreas Pass Road, which ascends to about 11,400 feet, is typically considered the best fall foliage route, but it's also just the beginning. Add Hoosier Pass for a longer loop, or head over to French Gulch and the B&B Mines Trailhead for a scenic walk among countless aspens.



Rocky Mountain High

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The Briar Rose menu features plenty of options, but you'll never go wrong with the bone-in buffalo ribeye. **BOTTOM:** Breckenridge Brewery always has an assortment of locally crafted brews on tap.

As for that high-end meal, Lipka says two dishes stand out: "The elk medallions and bone-in buffalo ribeye (shown at left) are easily my favorites," he says.

Fall is an extra-special time to dine at the Briar Rose. Each year, typically beginning in October, a seasonal prix fixe dinner is offered as part of the Breckenridge Restaurant Association's Dining Passport program, says Lipka, followed by two-for-one entrees in November.

"You know, the town slows down a little, but we don't close," Lipka says. "It's nice for the locals, and *great* for the visitors."

Oh, and in response to the question you're no doubt longing to ask: Yes, says Lipka, both

the elk and bone-in buffalo are available as two-for-one dinner options. Which, honestly, is almost reason enough by itself to make a fall trip to Breckenridge. ■

Freelance writer Lon Winters has yet to reel in a 20-inch brown trout, but he's made up for it by devouring Briar Rose elk medallions on more than one off-season stop in Breckenridge.

For an extensive beer selection coupled with Buffalo wings, pizzas, hamburgers, and other pub fare, slide into a booth at Downstairs At Eric's, billed as "Breckenridge's favorite family sports bar." And definitely make time to visit the Breckenridge Brewery & Pub for their portobello mushroom sandwich and seasonal Autumn Ale.

For a nice night out, look no further than the Briar Rose Chophouse & Saloon. It's named after the Briar Rose silver mine and is located at the site of what once served as a boarding house for the men who originally worked there. "Our bar was built in 1883," says David Lipka, the restaurant's general manager. "There's a lot of history, and we do a great casual saloon atmosphere. For people who come in and want the high-end meal, we have white-tablecloth dining in our main room."



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RESORT DIRECTORY:

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CLIMATE: Fall is a season of change. Average September highs are around 64°F. By November, it's dropped to about 40°F. No matter the month, it will cool down dramatically after sunset.

DON'T MISS: Fighting the effects of high altitude by breathing air that's 90 percent oxygen at The O2 Lounge.

INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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RENTAL CAR:

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CONTACT: Mountain Angler, mountainangler.com; Outlets At Silverthorne, outletsatsilverthorne.com; Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, micasamexicanrestaurant.com; Downstairs At Eric's, downstairsaterics.com; Breckenridge Brewery & Pub, breckbrewpub.com; Briar Rose Chophouse & Saloon, briarrosechophouse.com; The O2 Lounge, theo2lounge.com

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Bright hues and balconies draped with bougainvillea characterize the colonial architecture of Old Town homes.



BY J.B. BISSELL

Sunset casts a noticeable calm over Cartagena's Old Town. The motorcyclists slow down and follow the rules of the road more diligently. The throngs of people shuffling to and fro on the sidewalks disperse. And many of the little cars that scurry along the narrow roadways like mice in a maze during daylight hours retreat to unseen nocturnal sanctuaries. This final detail is the most important, because at this point of the story I'm actually sitting in the street. At a rickety, unbalanced high-top table with my wife, Michelle, and a couple of cold Aguila beers.

The makeshift patio seating is courtesy of a handful of somewhat anonymous establishments — a pizza joint, a very casual steakhouse, a hole-in-the-wall bar, and a couple others — all opposite the Plaza Fernández de Madrid. We had been on our way to dinner at El Burlador de Sevilla, a popular, not-at-all-anonymous Spanish restaurant, but the sight of the tables set up on the street in this less-touristy part of town was simply too tempting to pass up. It was also made clear that by sitting at any of the tables, we'd be able to order food and drinks from *any* of the nearby eateries.

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“Oh, we have to check this out,” Michelle said.

I understand it doesn't sound like much. *Outdoor seating ... what's the big deal?* To be clear, though, the street in question is not some boulevard that's been permanently closed to traffic and transformed into a pedestrian-friendly walkway. Less than two hours before we sat down, we'd sauntered past the same spot and witnessed a taxi cut the corner so tight that the rear tire screeched against the same curb that Alfredo, a big gentleman with glasses and a penchant for horizontally striped polo shirts, has to step off to bring us another round of Aguila.

I admit that the first few times I saw headlights approaching the intersection, I girded myself, ready to grab Michelle and dive full Hollywood-style for the sidewalk. But then Alfredo sidled up to our table with a pint-size bottle of Aguardiente Antioqueño, three wide-rimmed shot glasses, and a bowl of limes. Aguardiente is regarded as the national liquor of Colombia. It's distilled from sugarcane and very light. Alfredo poured three servings, raised his glass, and said, “*Bienvenidos a Cartagena.*” I pulled out my wallet, but he stopped me. “*Gratis, amigo,*” he added.

Three things happened thanks to that spontaneous exchange: I stopped watching for headlights, we missed dinner, and, most importantly, we learned that the most rewarding way to experience Cartagena is to simply show up and see what happens.

Open-Ended Itinerary

Cartagena was founded in 1533. In 1586, work began on the military fortifications that transformed the settlement into a Spanish colonial stronghold. Today, that area is known as Old Town. Essentially, it's made up of three neighborhoods, two of which, El Centro and San Diego, remain almost completely encircled by the original walls — Las Murallas — and blend rather seamlessly into each other. The other is the up-and-coming, bohemian Getsemaní. The entire district is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

And there are historic highlights to be sure. The spired clock tower marks what used to be the primary entrance to the walled city. The Convent and Church of San Pedro Claver as well as the Church and Monastery of Santo Domingo are stunning. The Palacio de la Inquisición, once a palace and now a museum, offers a glimpse at the region's innovative — and sometimes brutal — beginnings. And the nearby Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas fortress is particularly fascinating.

All of these attractions should be on your formal itinerary, but so should wandering around El Centro and San Diego with no plan whatsoever, because that's when you might happen across your own Alfredo. (I've yet to see him mentioned in any guidebook.) To that end, we set out the next morning with just one item on our agenda: Get lost in Cartagena.

It didn't take long. Less than 10 minutes into our journey, Michelle stopped. “Weren't we just on Calle de la Moneda?” she asked. “Yes.”

“Did we turn a corner?”

“No.” We had crossed an intersection, but certainly hadn’t altered our path.

“Well, now we’re on Calle de la Cruz,” she said, and pointed to the sign.

Turns out, the street names change from block to block, even if you maintain your course. What’s convenient about a walled city, though, is that as long as you walk straight, you’ll eventually find a wall. Which is exactly what we did, and, like the night before, we couldn’t have planned it any better.

“This is amazing,” Michelle said. We had “navigated” to one of the end points of Las Murallas, where the wall overlooks Avenue Venezuela, the main thoroughfare into the Old Town. Even with all the historical attractions concentrated in this part of Cartagena, it’s very much a working sector of the city, so at 8:30 in the morning, the masses are commuting into El Centro and San Diego. As Michelle noted, “There are scooters and buses and taxis galore.”

So many vacation destinations are measured in terms of tranquility. Noted for providing the opportunity to escape the real world. That’s not Cartagena’s game. Here you’re thrust *into* the real world, among business people going to their offices, kids going to school, merchants pushing massive carts of fruit, and generous bartenders who keep a personal supply of aguardiente at the ready. And as Michelle said, it really can be amazing to feel a part of such a lively community, even if only for a few days.

A Walk On The Wall

We stood atop the city wall at the northernmost corner of Old Town. Here the bulwark thickens, and we discovered an exercise group making use of the wide, flat surface — with a prime, sun-facing position — for a morning yoga session. Directly below this section is Las Bóvedas, a collection of 23 narrow chambers that over the centuries have served as military storerooms and a dungeon, and are now occupied by various souvenir shops.

“Why don’t we just stay up here and start walking,” I suggested. So we headed south, stopping for photos in front of different lookouts and with a battery of cannons that are still in place. The wall doesn’t necessarily provide a bird’s-eye view of the city, but the elevated perspective is pretty tough to beat, especially from the long segment that hugs the coastline, creating a juxtaposed spectacle of wide open Caribbean Sea in one direction and bustling urban core to the other.

When we arrived at the end of Las Murallas, it was early afternoon, and time for some food. “I definitely want to try El Burlador de Sevilla tonight,” Michelle said. “Their paella is supposed to be very good. [It is.] Let’s just have some snacks now.”

Perfect. A midday snack in Cartagena often equals street food, and I’m a big fan. Fruit sellers roam the city throughout the day. And you can’t miss them: The women wear bright colors and balance big bowls of fresh produce on their heads (top right), and the gentlemen typically push carts with all the fixings for a quick smoothie. Other vendors can usually be found where locals tend to gather: parks,



ABOVE: For hundreds of years, the massive stone walls surrounding Cartagena protected the city’s strategic location on the Caribbean Sea. **TOP:** Colorfully dressed vendors balance large bowls of pineapple, bananas, and exotic fruits on their heads. **FACING:** A series of whimsical metal sculptures populates the plaza in front of the Church of San Pedro Claver.

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transportation hubs, and outside major stores.

I stood in line for grilled *chorizo* sausage on a stick and a cheese empanada while Michelle walked across the way and bought a fruit salad with bananas, pineapples, and about three other varieties we could neither recognize nor pronounce.

Food in hand, we started to mosey back through the heart of El Centro. Similar to the French Quarter in New Orleans, there's no block here that's not worth seeing at least once. Sure, they might not all have shops or attractions, but the architecture and ambiance alone is worth the walk. We made a point to occasionally change course — a left here, another left up there, then a right — in ways we knew weren't the "correct" direction, but we wanted to see as much as possible.

One moment we were marveling at a stretch of colonial buildings so bright, they seemed to have been painted their respective reds and blues and yellows just yesterday, and the next we were deep in a quiet residential district where green and pink bougainvillea climbed the houses' white walls.

Magical Reality

According to local lore, Gabriel García Márquez penned at least a portion of his *Love in the Time of Cholera* while sitting at some of

the same rickety tables Michelle and I discovered our first evening in town. Who knows. I'm a Márquez fan though, so I tend to believe it, just like I believe in the magical happenings of his novels and short stories. To call Cartagena itself magical is cliché at this point. Still, while I won't claim to have seen any ghosts or levitating maidens or old men with enormous wings during our week in town, I won't say any of that would have surprised me either.

After sunset on our final night, we headed toward Plaza Fernández de Madrid and the nameless restaurants and bar adjacent to it. Michelle wanted a pizza; I was in the mood for a steak. And we were both thirsty for an *Aguila*. (If you must know, we visited this specific stretch of sidewalk at least once every day.) But when we arrived, there was a car parked where "our" table should have been. We were heartbroken. Alfredo waved hello, and then recognized the problem. "*Un momento*," he said, and proceeded to the corner.

"Is he really doing what I think he's doing?" I said to Michelle.

A shrill whistle, followed by a rush of Spanish chatter, split the calm evening for a few seconds before a young man came jogging across the street. He nodded to us, and then pulled away in his car.

"Yes, he is," Michelle said, eyebrows raised watching the scene unfold.

Alfredo lifted our table out to the street and pulled up two chairs. The hallmark of Márquez's best writing is that, to his characters, the most extraordinary events that take place in the story are as normal as any other everyday occurrence. After Alfredo put our table down, he looked at us as if nothing out of the ordinary had just happened — and then he poured a round of *aguardiente*. It might not have been magic per se, but in all my years of traveling, I've yet to experience many moments more magical than that one. ■

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RESORT DIRECTORY:

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CLIMATE:

Cartagena's position on the Caribbean coast means consistently warm weather. Daytime temperatures typically range from 82°F to 86°F.

CURRENCY:

Colombian peso

DON'T MISS:

An evening ride through Old Town in a horse-drawn carriage.

TIPPING:

At many popular restaurants, 10% is included

with the bill. Give a little extra for good service. When it's not automatically included, leaving the change — or 10% — is very much appreciated.

INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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RENTAL CAR: Unnecessary unless you want to explore beyond the city on your own. Taxes are plentiful.

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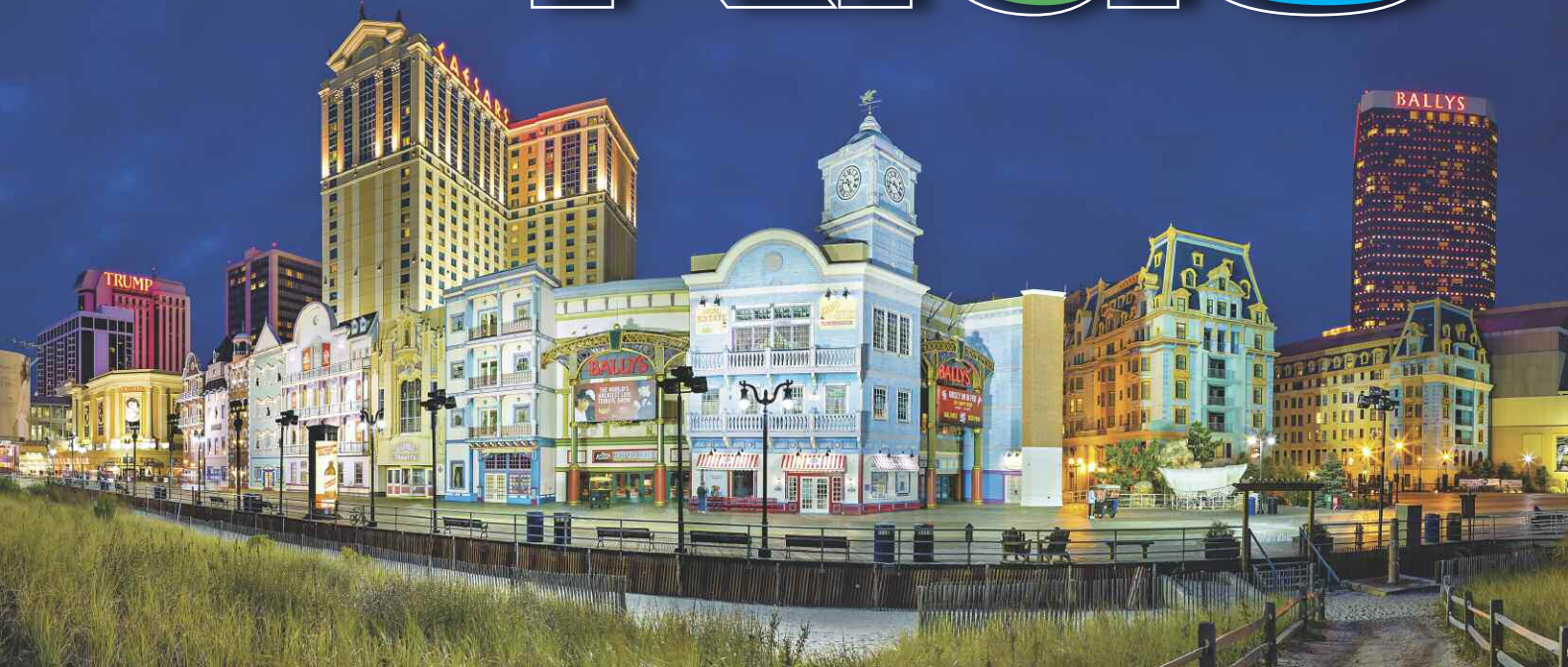
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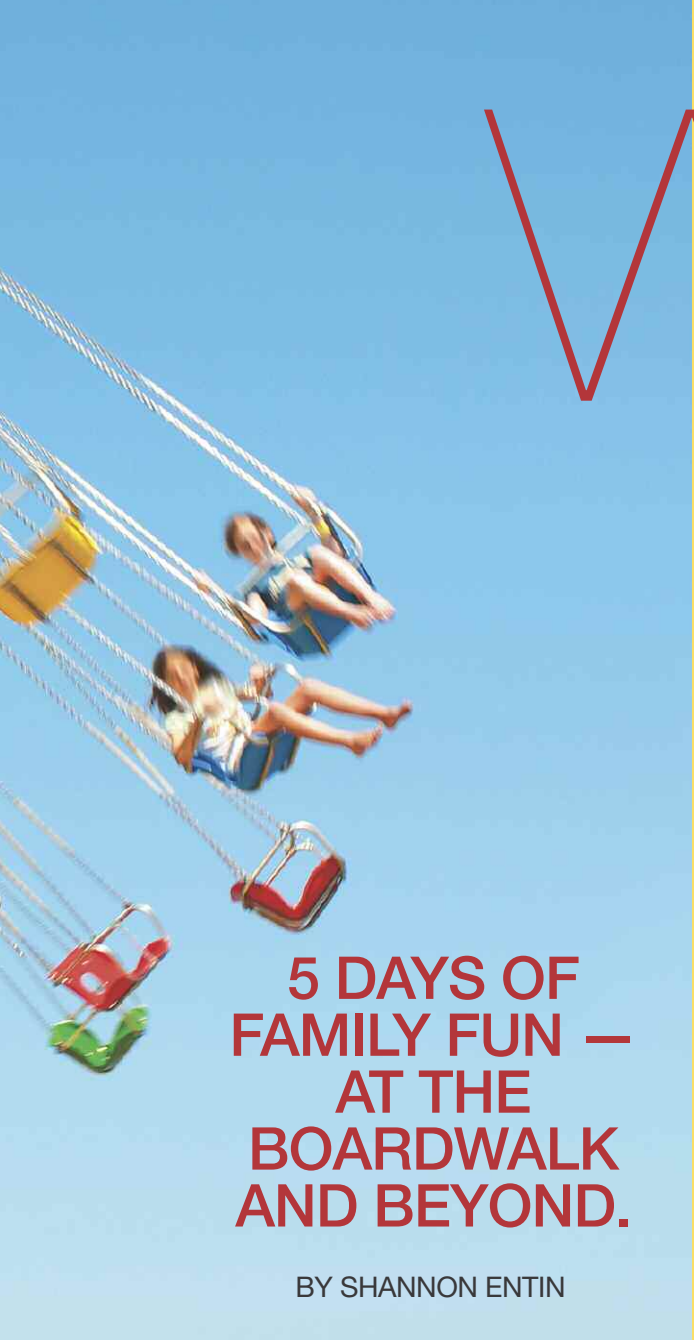
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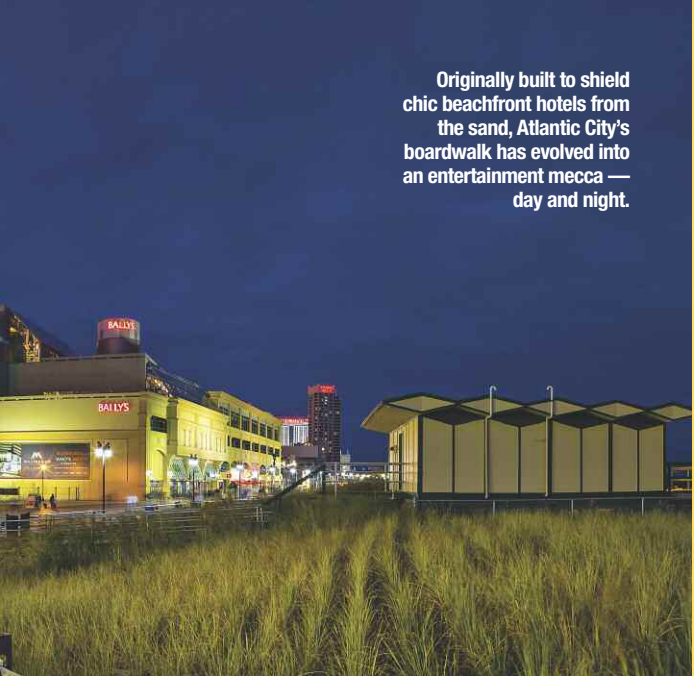




5 DAYS OF FAMILY FUN — AT THE BOARDWALK AND BEYOND.

BY SHANNON ENTIN

Originally built to shield chic beachfront hotels from the sand, Atlantic City's boardwalk has evolved into an entertainment mecca — day and night.



When you think of Atlantic City, New Jersey, family fun is probably not the first thing that pops into your mind. But when it comes to sand, Skee-Ball, and saltwater taffy, Atlantic City (affectionately known as AC) is one of the top locations to visit for a true Jersey Shore family experience. Whether you're looking for beach time, animal encounters, or exceptional dining and shopping, our five-day itinerary packs in excitement and leaves plenty of time for relaxation.

Day 1: The World's Most Famous Boardwalk

Begin your visit in the center of the action: the Atlantic City boardwalk. Built in 1870, America's first boardwalk is the best place to experience AC's vibe. Start at Steel Pier, which recently underwent a \$23 million renovation (open seasonally; check steelpier.com for hours). With rides ranging from the timeless double-decker carousel to the extreme SlingShot (shooting you 225 feet into the air in 1.5 seconds), there's something for everyone at this classic pier amusement park. Games are also available, but save your quarters for the Central Pier Arcade & Speedway, which offers all varieties of arcade games and a go-kart track. It's the perfect place for families to get a PG-rated casino experience, playing slot machines for tickets redeemable at the huge prize center.

Continuing up the boardwalk, duck into Haunted Tales or Ripley's Believe It or Not if you're into attractions that tend toward the creepy. Either can take under an hour and leave you with lasting — if not bizarre — memories. Next, put on your international spy hat and try Ripley's Laser Maze Challenge. Who hasn't always wanted to navigate a web of lasers, just like in the movies?

The boardwalk can be overstimulating, so be sure to take a walk on the beach. AC beaches are free to access, and there are multiple walkways connecting the boardwalk to the shore.

By now you're tired and hungry. Rest your feet and take a rolling chair — a classic AC experience where you are pushed in a wheeled cart up the wooden boardwalk — to Rainforest Cafe. It's literally a rain forest inside, complete with animatronic gorillas, exotic fish, and simulated thunder and lightning that strikes every few minutes. My 10-year-old daughter, Cassie, and I were seated right next to a large aquarium and made friends with a puffer fish, who seemed to stare at us through our entire meal.

Skip dessert at Rainforest Cafe, and cross the boardwalk to It'Sugar at The Pier Shops at Caesars, where your family will be in candy heaven. Once the kids are sugared up, take them to the second level of The Pier Shops for a round or two of GlowGolf — indoor minigolf in the dark — or head back out to the boardwalk for classic outdoor minigolf just a few steps away. Better yet, have dad or grandpa take them golfing while the other adults browse the shops. I loved Lush for its unique, all-natural bath and body products — I brought home a few sweet-smelling bath bombs.

End your day on the boardwalk with the free 3-D light and sound show projected onto the front of Boardwalk Hall (right next to the minigolf course). Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and running every half hour, the eight-and-a-half-minute show reflects the personality of Atlantic City through surround sound, theatrical lighting, and architectural video mapping.

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From Ocean Oddities to Reef Predators, the Atlantic City Aquarium's exhibits offer up-close access to an array of intriguing water dwellers. INSET: Sailings from Gardner's Basin take you to seek out bottlenose dolphins, which freely navigate New Jersey's coastal waters. BELOW: The sands of Sunset Beach in Cape May, New Jersey's southernmost point, draw beachcombers in search of Cape May Diamonds.





Day 2: Marine Merriment

Start your day at Gilchrist Restaurant in Historic Gardner's Basin, tucked away from the hubbub of the boardwalk, along Atlantic City's back bay. This unassuming waterfront eatery might not look like much on the outside, but the thin, crepe-like blueberry hotcakes are the talk of the town. Family-owned and in business since 1946, Gilchrist is well-known for its satisfying breakfasts and energetic service.

After breakfast, browse the eclectic boutiques in Crafters Village (open seasonally). You'll find dolls, jewelry, water-sports gear, an art gallery, and more. The tiny shops resemble backyard sheds — all part of the charm.

The Atlantic City Aquarium, also part of Gardner's Basin, lets you get up close and personal with stingrays, starfish, and tropical sharks in touch pools. This quaint spot might only take you an hour to tour, unless you have a daughter like mine who just can't pull herself away from her conversations with fish, rays, and lizards. She also thrilled at seeing baby sharks and shark eggs in the touch pool.

When you depart from the aquarium, grab a quick lunch at Back Bay Ale House, and get ready for more adventure out on the open sea. Atlantic City Cruises offers dolphin-watching cruises through mid-October, leaving from Gardner's Basin. You can also try parasailing, fish the calm waters of Atlantic City's back bay in a pontoon boat, and book a deep-sea fishing excursion and bring back your own catch of the day.

Day 3: Elephants, Fries, and Diamonds — Oh My!

I have fond memories of my family's Sunday drives. Even on vacation, my dad would always take time to drive around and observe. Whether I realized it or not, I was taking in details about architecture, culture, food, nature, and history. I still love a meandering, scenic drive, and the Jersey Shore provides an outstanding opportunity with a trip along Ocean Drive. Connecting Atlantic City to Cape May — the southernmost tip of New Jersey — the drive takes you along the barrier islands on the Atlantic Ocean and offers spectacular views, iconic landmarks, and plenty of culinary delights.

Start out on Atlantic Avenue in Atlantic City, and make your way down to Margate to visit Lucy the Elephant. A New Jersey legend, Lucy is six stories high and a National Historic Landmark. A short tour teaches you about Lucy's history and grants access to the *howdah* (the platform atop her back) via a spiral staircase for glorious views of the ocean.

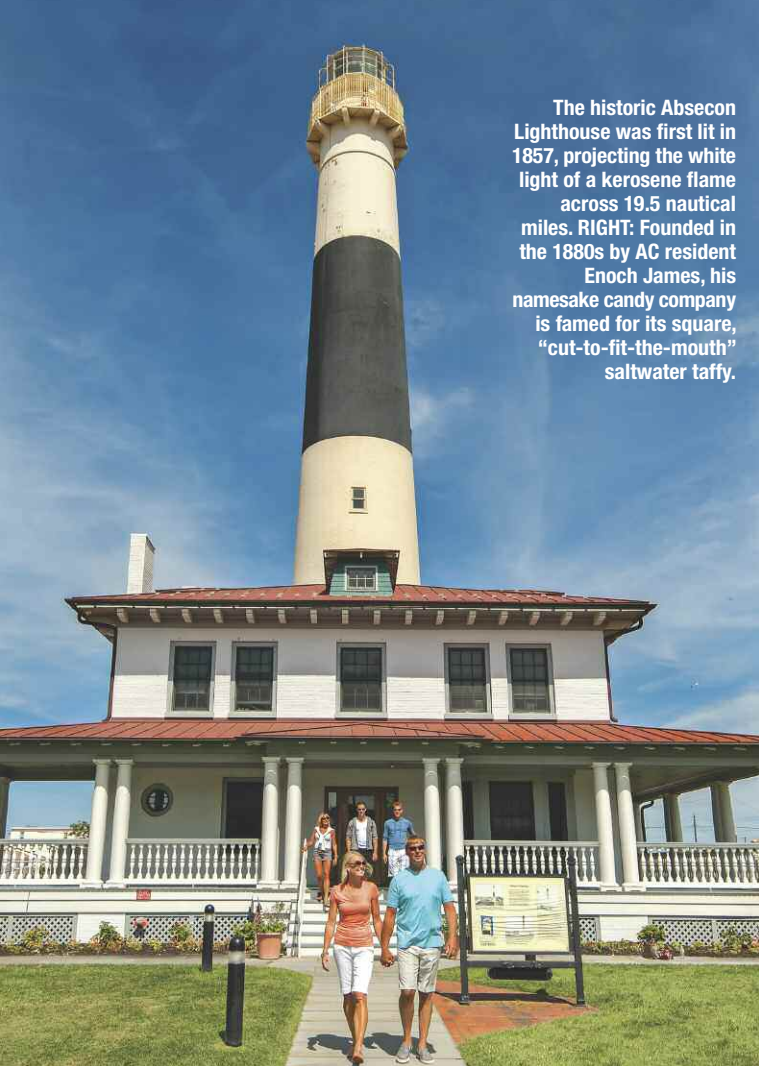
Philly Foray

No trip to the Atlantic City area would be complete without a diversion to the historic city of Philadelphia. Just over an hour's drive from Atlantic City, Philly welcomes shoppers, foodies, and history buffs alike with iconic attractions such as the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Reading Terminal Market, and The Franklin Institute.

Fans of the movie *Rocky* will find an impressive photo opp on the "Rocky Steps" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Bound up the stairs, and snap a pic of your best triumphant pose. If you're inspired to get even more exercise, Philly has a plethora of walking tours: ghost, food, cocktails, history, and even a Quintessential Rocky Tour of Philadelphia, during which you'll visit landmarks from the movie series.

Continuing south, you'll pass through Ocean City, Avalon, and Wildwood, marveling at the beautiful homes, boardwalks, amusements, and food, and passing over bridges offering stunning scenery. When you get hungry for a snack, I highly recommend a stop at Curley's Fries, located at Morey's Piers in Wildwood. You can watch the fries being made, and then buy yourself a bucket. Don't worry about finishing them — they are the best fries you'll ever taste. Curley's is on the Wildwood boardwalk — another Jersey Shore institution.

Hop back in the car, and complete your drive to Sunset Beach in Cape May. Enjoy dinner at The Grille, and let the kids dig on the beach for Cape May Diamonds — quartz crystals that the Kechemeché Indians believed possessed supernatural power to bring success and good fortune. Head back to AC via the Garden State Parkway, about a 50-minute drive.



The historic Absecon Lighthouse was first lit in 1857, projecting the white light of a kerosene flame across 19.5 nautical miles. RIGHT: Founded in the 1880s by AC resident Enoch James, his namesake candy company is famed for its square, “cut-to-fit-the-mouth” saltwater taffy.



Day 4: In Miss America's Shoes

The Absecon Lighthouse is the tallest lighthouse in New Jersey, yet dwarfed by the nearby casino hotels. Still, experiencing this little piece of history protected among the high-rises is worth the 228-step climb. You'll learn about shipwrecks and tidewater in the replicated 1925 Keeper's House and history museum. The view from the top is beautiful, and the gift shop is simply adorable.

Next, head downtown. The Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel's self-guided Road to the Crown Walking Tour highlights the history of the Miss America pageant, first held in AC in 1921. The tour begins in the Sheraton lobby with Miss America dresses, a historical video, and memorabilia on display. Continue upstairs to the Shoe Bar, which showcases contestants' shoes from previous pageants, then outside and down the block to the Miss America Rose Walk through the Tanger Outlets. The Rose Walk tells the story of the Miss America pageant through commemorative bronze plaques, and it continues right down to the boardwalk. On your way, get a little shopping in at the outlets, which includes stores such as Coach, Crocs, Old Navy, Carter's, Aerosoles, and Skechers.

Just a block from the Tanger Outlets is The Noyes Arts Garage Stockton College. Visitors can watch artists at work in their studio spaces, creating with various mediums such as photography,

painting, pastels, basket weaving, and more. Admission is free, and you can ask the artists questions and purchase original artwork.

Continuing down to the boardwalk, you'll encounter a plethora of restaurants. Choose from prime beef at Morton's, fondue at The Melting Pot, and many more options. And don't forget to try some famous boardwalk taffy at James' Candy Company. In business since the 1880s, James' offers more than 30 flavors of its beloved candy in vintage-style packaging.

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RESORT DIRECTORY:

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CLIMATE: During the autumn months of September, October, and November, expect cool nights near the water and average highs ranging from 56°F to 77°F.

DON'T MISS: Order an overstuffed sandwich at the original 231 Arctic Avenue location of White House Subs.

INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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RENTAL CAR: Jitney shuttles, boardwalk pedicabs, and taxis make it easy to get around the city. For trips outside AC, rentals cars are plentiful at the airport.

CONTACT: Steel Pier, steelpier.com; Central Pier, centralpierarcade.com; Ripley's Believe It or Not, ripleys.com/atlanticcity; Rainforest Cafe,

rainforestcafe.com; The Pier Shops, thepiershopsatcaesars.com; Gardner's Basin, acaquarium.com/explore/; Lucy the Elephant, lucytheelephant.org; Curley's Fries, moreyspiers.com/eat/food/curleys-fries; Sunset Beach, sunsetbeachnj.com; Absecon Lighthouse, abseconlighthouse.org; Road to the Crown Walking Tour, sheratonatlanticcity.com/miss-america; Tanger Outlets, tangeroutlet.com/atlanticcity; The Noyes Arts Garage, artsgarageac.com; James' Candy Company, jamescandy.com; Cape May County Park & Zoo, cmczo.com

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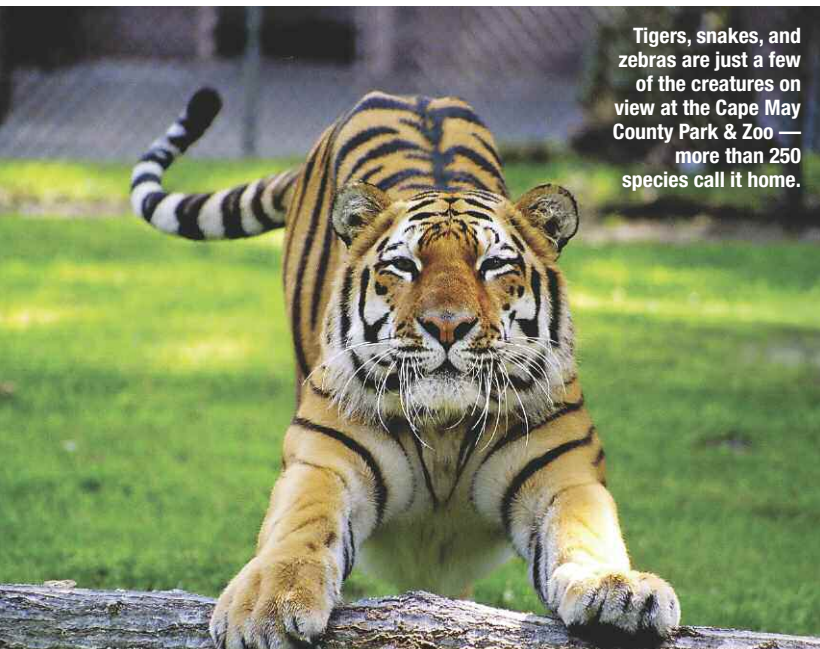
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Day 5: Picnic at the Zoo

When the kids have depleted your funds at the boardwalk, turn to the Cape May County Park & Zoo for an admission-free day of nature and relaxation. About 40 minutes from Atlantic City, this wonderful zoo is also a beautiful park.



Tigers, snakes, and zebras are just a few of the creatures on view at the Cape May County Park & Zoo — more than 250 species call it home.



Start out touring the zoo, observing more than 250 species of animals, and getting up close at the petting area. Peacocks who roam freely on the grounds are a huge draw, with children following them everywhere they go. Kids will also love the rock-climbing wall, carousel, and train ride through the park. There's a cafe on-site, but packing a lunch gives you the chance to enjoy the picturesque park, with its playground and picnic tables.

After lunch, there's more to explore on the grounds. Go fishing in the park's ponds, play a round of disc golf, or burn off some calories on wooded hiking trails. Whichever you choose, a day at the Cape May County Park & Zoo is the perfect way to wrap up your visit — with good, old-fashioned family togetherness. ■

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Las Vegas, Nevada

From celebrity chef-backed restaurants to over-the-top entertainment, excitement and innovation are Vegas' lifeblood.

What to do: Try something new! With the near-endless array of ever-changing offerings, choosing is the hard part. Sample an intriguing example of molecular gastronomy, experience the thrill of free-falling from inside a cushioned wind tunnel, drive three exotic cars on a 30-mile round-trip journey to Red Rock Canyon — or do all three.

Where to do it: Book well in advance to snag one of the eight coveted counter seats at *é* by José Andrés, where lucky diners are treated to a tasting menu of 20 or more dishes that changes daily.

To take the plunge, visit Vegas Indoor Skydiving. For an unforgettable driving experience in a high-performance car, start your journey at the World Class Driving Dream Garage.

Why go now: Yes, it's hot, but much of Vegas' enticements are indoors — sprawling casinos, shopping centers, you name it. And hanging out in the pool is a popular draw in itself.

Insider's tip: Start your day off with a filling hotcake breakfast at Du-par's Restaurant & Bakery.



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Poconos, Pennsylvania



Breathe in the fresh mountain air in this classic vacation destination. Its lakes, streams, and forests are the perfect setting for days spent in the great outdoors.

What to do: Embark on as many nature excursions as your visit allows. Explore on foot from miles of hiking trails, or head into the woods on horseback. Glide high above the treetops on a zip line, or go for a long bike ride. And if you love bird-watching, there are plenty of species to spot.

Where to do it: Dubbed the Niagara of Pennsylvania, Bushkill Falls is home to eight waterfalls and a network of trails and bridges. There is also a wildlife exhibit, paddleboats, picnic areas, and a maze. And keep your eyes peeled for wildlife: Sightings can range from rabbits and white-tail deer to black bears and raccoons.

Why go now: With temperatures at their warmest, it's the perfect season to experience the greener, *sans*-skis side of the Poconos. And there's no better time for some soaking-wet fun with the opening of two waterparks, including a retractable-roof park at Kalahari Resort at Pocono Mountain and the multilevel Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark.

Insider's tip: For a bit of local lore, take a tour of The Old Jail Museum, a 72-room stone structure with 27 cells and a basement used for solitary confinement until 1980. Learn the story of the Molly Maguires, seven Irish coal miners who were hung from the gallows in the 1870s, and witness the mysterious handprint of a prisoner that lingers to this day.



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Lanzarote
Spain, Canaries,
Tenerife
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The Gambia
Tunisia
Australia, South Australia
Thailand, Bangkok

Riviera Maya, Mexico



For an indulgent beach escape, turn to this gem of a destination on the Caribbean Sea. From fresh Mexican cuisine to inviting turquoise waters, everything you need to truly unwind is easily within reach.

What to do: Don a snorkel mask and get up close with marine life; more than 500 species abound, from sea turtles and manta rays to whale sharks and tropical fish. Onshore, explore an ancient Mayan walled fortress city, perfectly situated for sweeping ocean views and a walk along the beach.

Where to do it: For sea turtle encounters, snorkel off the beaches of Akumal. It's also a great spot to set out in search of whale sharks, the largest fish in the sea: tours departing from Akumal whisk visitors to the waters north of Isla Mujeres, offering a chance to swim beside these distinctive creatures. To walk amid a onetime Mayan stronghold, tour the waterfront ruins at Tulum. Its

oft-photographed Castillo, a temple pyramid, is perched on a cliff, overlooking the Caribbean.

Why go now: The summer months are the best time to intermingle with whale sharks, which congregate in a 7-mile space at the intersection of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, to feast on plankton. It's also nesting season for resident turtles, best experienced on a tour of a turtle camp during which you can spy them laying eggs, or release a hatchling yourself.

Insider's tip: Head to Playa del Carmen's La Coronela for fresh-cooked Mexican cuisine, from fajitas and burritos to guacamole. The coconut shrimp garners rave reviews.



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Activities Galore

HELEN WANG

CATSKILLS, NEW YORK

Following a fun-filled weeklong exchange to New York's Catskill Mountains, Helen Wang happily gave in to her two sons' pleas for a return trip. "We had a blast again during this time's visit as we expected!" Helen says. The family of four took full advantage of the wide range of activities offered on-site: "Every day, we enjoyed bowling, pool games, ping-pong, bocce, and shuffleboard games together," she says. The kids dove headfirst into bumper boats, bowling, and kayaking, while mom enjoyed Zumba classes and dancing the cha-cha with her husband. Venturing to nearby attractions, the family learned about the history behind the Woodstock music festival at the Museum at Bethel Woods and visited a nearby farm, where they gathered eggs and fed chickens and goats. "Overall, we had a great time," Helen says. "We recommend this resort to every family who is looking to spend quality family time together."

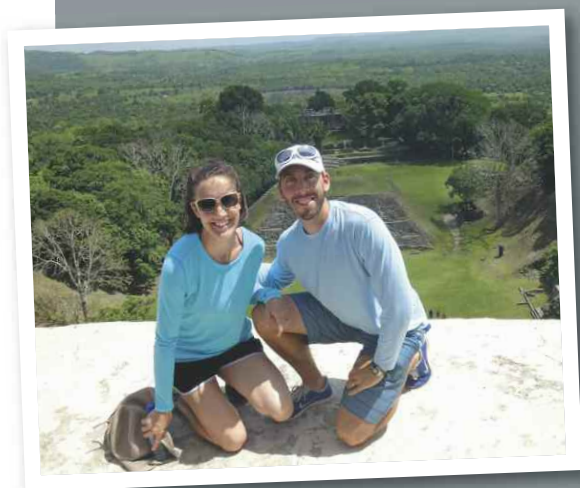


Anniversary Escape

MADELEINE BAYARD AND JARED KLOSE

BELIZE

Having admired a beachside Interval resort in Belize for years, Madeleine Bayard and Jared Klose thought it would be challenging to secure an exchange to the property. But as their 10th anniversary approached, they decided to give it a try. Lo and behold, they got their exchange — on the exact week of their anniversary. Leaving their 1- and 4-year-olds with their grandparents (also Interval members), the couple was able to take their first vacation alone since their children were born. Together they explored the ruins of Xunantunich, went cave tubing and kayaking, and dined on a pier. They also enjoyed running on the beach, practicing yoga, and viewing an array of wildlife amid Belize's famously clear waters. And their resort didn't disappoint either. It "exceeded our expectations, with three pools, two swim-up bars, friendly and helpful staff, excellent excursions and guides, and a large property with great views from every room," Madeleine says.



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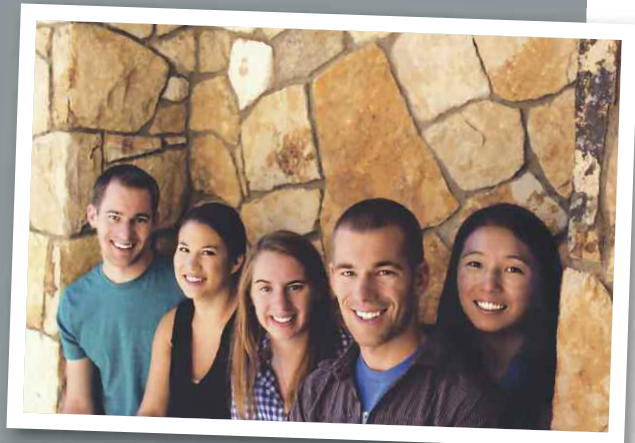
— Mark and Karen Thuli

Exploring the Rockies

MARK AND KAREN THULI

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

With three busy adult children in three different time zones — two sons in the U.S. Air Force and a daughter at the U.S. Air Force Academy — the Thuli family jumped at the chance to vacation together in the fresh mountain air. “Family time has always been priceless for our family,” say Mark and Karen Thuli. “When we saw a break in our daughter’s schedule, we immediately went to Interval International and booked an exchange to Breckenridge, Colorado.” The couple’s two sons and their wives made plans to join them as well, and the group of seven was off. The family relished taking in Rocky Mountain views on hikes, riding mountain bikes, relaxing at the resort’s pool, and making their favorite meals in their unit’s well-equipped kitchen. “We always enjoy the opportunity to get away together and discover new places,” Mark and Karen say. “Thank you for helping us explore this wonderful country!”



Navigating the Boot

ANNETTE AND DAN PIMM

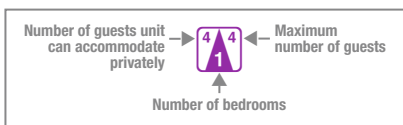
CENTRAL ITALY

In celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, longtime Interval members Annette and Dan Pimm found the perfect setting in the medieval Italian village of Soriano nel Cimino. With two weeks to explore at their leisure, Annette and Dan made the most of Soriano’s location in Central Italy, using it as their home base from which they visited Rome, Vatican City, Civitavecchia, Orte, Viterbo, Florence, Assisi, Perugia, and Tuscany. “The food, the wine, the countrysides, the towns and cities steeped in rich history were all breathtaking,” Dan says. And “the staff at [our resort in Soriano nel Cimino] made us feel like the most important people in the world.” The most memorable event of their vacation was on the day of their 25th anniversary, Dan says, when the pair renewed their vows in the same Collodi, Italy, church his great-grandfather was baptized in. They had such a fantastic trip, he says, they’re already planning a return trip.

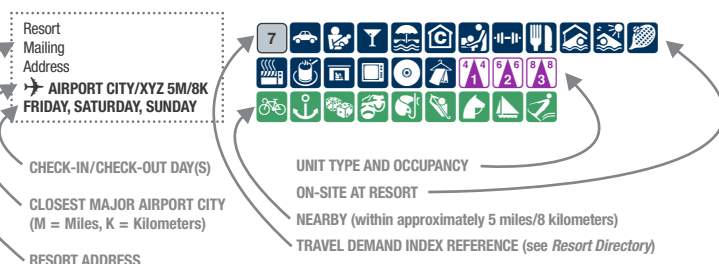


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Resort Example



This text identifies the unique attributes of each resort. You'll find a brief description that may include information about the resort's environment, location, amenities, facilities, and area attractions located on-site or near the resort. Each feature is designed to help you select a resort that will provide the vacation experience you're looking for.



Guide To Symbols

On-site (Blue square) Nearby (Green square) Unit Type and Occupancy (Purple square)

	Babysitting Referral		Golf		Skiing (Downhill)		Pets Allowed		00 Travel Demand Index Chart Number
	Bar/Cocktail Lounge		Grocery or Convenience Store		Swimming Pool (Indoors)		Lock-Off		Wheelchair Accessible
	Beach		Horseback Riding		Swimming Pool (Outdoors)				
	Bicycle Trails		Lake		Tennis				
	Boat Marina/Launching		Playground		Waterskiing		2 2 Hotel Room (Usually no cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		6 8 Three Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
	Car Rentals		Racquetball		Whirlpool Spa or Hot Tub		2 2 Efficiency/Studio (Usually with cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		8 10 Four Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
	Casino Gambling		Restaurant		Air Conditioning (In Units)		2 4 One Bedroom Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		
	Clubhouse		Sailing/Rentals		Cooking Facilities (In Units)		4 6 Two Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		
	Day Spa		Sauna or Steam Room		DVD or VCR (In Units)				
	Entertainment (Live)		Scuba Diving		Fireplace (In Units)				
	Exercise Room (Equipped)		Skating (Ice)		Television (In Units)				
	Fishing		Skiing (Cross-Country)		Laundry Facilities				

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Many new member resorts have a limited number of vacation units available to the exchange system. Resorts shown as "UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION" are currently in various stages of construction or are in the process of making improvements in accommodations or facilities. No amenities symbols are shown for these resorts.

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PIER 7 CONDOMINIUMS • PSQ
 SOUTH YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS • 508.398.7777
pier7condominiums.com

Pier 7 Condominiums is located in South Yarmouth, in the heart of Cape Cod. Accommodations are studios and one-bedroom suites with a wet bar and a large refrigerator. Amenities on-site include an indoor swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, playground, barbecue grill, and picnic area. Nearby are beaches, golfing, biking, kayaking, and whale-watching. The resort offers seasonal passes for beaches in the town of Yarmouth.

711 Main Street
 South Yarmouth, MA 02664
 → BOSTON/BOS 78M/125K
 SATURDAY



SEVEN SEAS RESORT • SEZ
 DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA • 386.257.1180
sevenseasdaytona.com

Seven Seas Resort is located about 30 paces from the beach. The resort features an oceanside deck and pool where guests can spend the day enjoying the Florida sunshine. Beach towels are provided. Families can barbecue on the gas grills adjacent to the outdoor pool. Other amenities on-site include a game room with a billiards table.

2433 South Atlantic Avenue
 Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32188
 → DAYTONA BEACH/DAB 8M/13K
 SATURDAY



VACATION INTERNATIONALE – BEACHCOMBER RESORT • BCM
 OCEAN SHORES, WASHINGTON • 360.289.2710
viresorts.com

Vacation Internationale – Beachcomber Resort is located downtown within an easy walk of Ocean Shores' 6-mile expanse of sandy beach, restaurants, shops, and activities. Go beachcombing for treasures, dig for razor clams, fly a kite, and build sandcastles. Gallop on horseback along the foamy shoreline, explore the west coast's tallest lighthouse, and take a mellow evening stroll gazing at the stars. Area events are legendary, from kite challenges, sand sculpting, and kayak competitions to quilt shows and annual jazz and Irish music festivals.

813 Ocean Shores Boulevard N.W.
 Ocean Shores, WA 98569
 → SEATTLE/SEA 120M/192K
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
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VACATION INTERNATIONALE – PINNACLE LODGE • PNG
 SUN PEAKS, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA • 250.578.7136
viresorts.com

This resort offers an excellent ski-in, ski-out location at the base of Mount Morrisey, in the Thompson Okanagan region of British Columbia. In winter, there are acres of skiable terrain on three separate mountains, as well as snowboarding, snowshoeing, and tubing. Stroll the European-style village lined with shops and restaurants and tour area wineries (there are more than 100 to choose from). After a day of adventures, guests are welcomed home with afternoon tea. Retreat to your cozy accommodations to sit by the fireplace and watch the sunset from your balcony.

2503 Eagle Court
 Sun Peaks, British Columbia V0E 5N0
 Canada
 → KELOWNA/YLW 160M/256K
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 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
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VACATION INTERNATIONALE – ST. IVES ON SHUSWAP • SIH

ST. IVES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA • 250.955.2525
viresorts.com

Peace and quiet reign at this rustic out-of-the-way resort overlooking the north shore of sunny Shuswap Lake. Accommodations are one-, two-, and three-bedroom condominiums, some with views of the lake. Amenities on-site include a private dock, a clubhouse, and game room. In the Thompson-Okanagan region of beautiful British Columbia, you will find fun at the world-famous Adam River salmon run, and on an extensive series of trails for hiking, biking, horse-back riding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and even geocaching.

2770 Southwind Road
St. Ives, British Columbia V0E 1M9
Canada
✈️ KELOWNA/YLW 175M/280K
SATURDAY

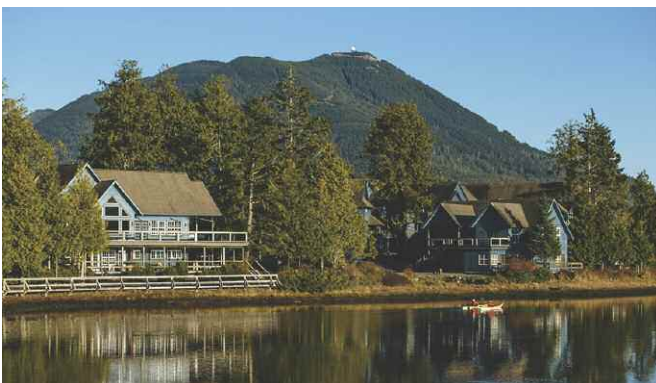


VACATION INTERNATIONALE – ROYAL VICTORIA SUITES • RVT

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA • 250.477.7500
viresorts.com

This resort is located in the heart of Victoria, just a five-minute walk from the Royal British Museum and Crystal Gardens. Accommodations are condominiums in an architecturally recreated landmark building with vaulted ceilings, fireplaces, and hardwood and brick, creating a warm ambiance. The city boasts of quaint Old World charm and tradition, and has a dry, moderate climate with half the rainfall of Vancouver or Seattle. Sip tea in the Empress formal tearoom, discover Vancouver Island by bike or horse-drawn carriage, visit the beautiful Butchart Gardens, and explore Chinatown.

1413 Government Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1Z1
Canada
✈️ VICTORIA/YYJ 16M/26K
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
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CLUB INTRAWEST – UCLUELET • CIU

UCLUELET, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA • 250.726.2557
clubinrawest.com

Club Intrawest – Ucluelet is located within the Water's Edge Resort, which is situated on the west coast of Vancouver Island, overlooking Ucluelet Harbour. Accommodations are one- and two-bedroom vacation homes designed in a beach-cottage style, facing either the inlet or marina. Enjoy a pristine wilderness with abundant wildlife and myriad activities and adventures. The resort is the perfect starting point from which to explore the natural beauty of the Ucluelet and Tofino regions, and is just minutes away from the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

1971 Harbour Crescent
Ucluelet, British Columbia V0R 3A0
Canada
✈️ VICTORIA/YYJ 194M/310K
SUNDAY



DIVI VILLAGE GOLF & BEACH RESORT • DVV

ORANJESTAD, ARUBA, DUTCH CARIBBEAN • 919.419.3484 • 800.367.3484
diviresorts.com

Located directly across from Eagle Beach and surrounded by the stunning Links at Divi Aruba golf course, Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort is stacked full of on-site family-friendly amenities. The resort's four freshwater pools offer everything from kid-tested waterslides to quiet adult areas and a swim-up bar. With activities and amenities including beachside rock climbing, lighted tennis courts, a spa, a modern fitness center, four restaurants, and a sports bar, the property has something to offer everyone.

J.E. Irawsquin Boulevard 93
Oranjestad, Aruba, Dutch Caribbean
✈️ ARUBA/AUA 5M/8K
SUNDAY





DIVI FLAMINGO BEACH RESORT & CASINO • CBF
 BONAIRE, DUTCH CARIBBEAN • 919.419.3484 • 800.367.3484
diviresorts.com

The waterfront Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino is home to Divi Dive Bonaire, a PADI Five Star and SSI dive operation, which offers daily diving boat tours departing from its dock to the reefs, as well as equipment, certification, and guides. Guests can snorkel directly from the resort's shores. The property offers two restaurants and an on-site casino. Nearby attractions include the Donkey Sanctuary Bonaire and Butterfly Garden Bonaire, and nightlife within walking distance.

J.A. Abraham Boulevard 40
 Kralendijk, Bonaire
 Dutch Caribbean
 ✈️ BONAIRE/BON 2M/3K
 SATURDAY



DIVI LITTLE BAY BEACH RESORT • LBY & LBA
 PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN, DUTCH CARIBBEAN
 919.419.3484 • 721.542.2333
diviresorts.com

Located on a private peninsula between two crystal-clear bays, this resort offers white sandy beaches, proximity to popular sights, and plenty of resort amenities. Explore the island's half-French, half-Dutch culture, and see why St. Maarten is known as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean. At the resort, enjoy water sports, tennis, or a spa treatment, or read a book by one of three beautiful pools. Also on offer are three fabulous restaurants, beachside dining, and a lively atmosphere every night.

Little Bay, P.O. Box 61
 Philipsburg, St. Maarten
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morritts.com

The resort is located in the laid-back cultural district of East End on Grand Cayman. Accommodations are fully equipped and air conditioned. Guest enjoy the utmost privacy within a property that offers leisure opportunities such as scuba diving, planned activities, and nightly entertainment. Swim in crystalline waters, and relax, unwind, and laze in the sun on golden-sand beaches.

2289 Queens Highway
 Grand Cayman KY1-1106
 Cayman Islands
 → GRAND CAYMAN/GCM
 25M/40K
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ACOYA PRIVATE RESIDENCE CLUB • ACY
 WILLEMSTAD, CURAÇAO, DUTCH CARIBBEAN • 599.9.788.2800
acoyacuracao.com

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Dr. Hugenholzweg z/n
 Willemstad, Curaçao
 Dutch Caribbean
 → CURAÇAO/CUR 8M/13K
 SATURDAY



GRAND OASIS PALM RESORT & SPA • GAP
 CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO • 998.8817000 • 1800.0162747
oasishoteles.net

Grand Oasis Palm Resort & Spa is located on Kukulkán Boulevard in the Cancún Hotel Zone. Relax on a 650-foot stretch of beach lapped by the gentle waves of the Caribbean Sea, rejuvenate with health and beauty treatments at the spa (fees apply), and dine at six specialty restaurants. Other amenities on-site include a kids' club, children's swimming pool, and Wi-Fi. The property is situated close to tourist attractions such as the El Rey ruins. This is an all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

Kukulcán Boulevard Km. 4.5
 Zona Hotelera
 Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500
 Mexico
 → CANCÚN/CUN 19M/30K
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
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GRAND OASIS SENS • GOY
 CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO • 998.8915000 • 1800.0162747
oasishoteles.net

Grand Oasis Sens offers a secluded location amid Cancún's Hotel Zone. On-site are amenities including Kin Ha Spa, with a selection of treatments, and an infinity pool with a swim-up bar and fantastic views over the lagoon. Guests enjoy partying at Kinky Bar and gastronomic options such as an international buffet, a sushi bar, a Brazilian-style steakhouse, and a dining-in-the-dark experience at Black Hole. Also available are concierge services, high-speed Internet, and free parking. This is an adults-only all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

Kukulcán Boulevard Km. 19.5
 Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500
 Mexico
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SUN PALACE • SPY

An All-Inclusive Palace Resort
 CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO
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palaceresorts.com

Located in the Cancún Hotel Zone, Sun Palace offers a laid-back ambiance and friendly service. Relax with a cocktail at the swim-up bar in the pool, listen to the sound of the waves from your beachfront lounge, take a stroll along white-sand beaches, and then enjoy a romantic dinner. This is an adults-only all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

Kukulcán Boulevard Km. 20
 Zona Hotelera
 Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500
 Mexico
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MOON PALACE GOLF & SPA RESORT – GRAND • MPG

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This family-oriented resort features palm-shaded pools and spectacular ocean views. Here, traditional Mexican hospitality meets world-class elegance. With 13 exceptional dining venues, guests can enjoy a different cuisine nightly. On-site amenities include a playground for children and upscale entertainment and nightlife. This is an all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

Ctra. Cancún-Chetumal Km. 340
 Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500
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Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort – Villas is located just a few miles from downtown Cancún. Amenities on-site include a 27-hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course, an upscale spa with 39 treatment rooms, a FlowRider surf machine, Wired teens lounge, Noir nightclub, and premium spirits at venues such as Sky Bar. This is an all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

Ctra. Cancún-Chetumal Km. 340
 Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500
 Mexico
 ✈️ CANCÚN/CUN 4M/6K
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Playacar Palace is an upscale oceanfront resort situated on a white-sand beach. Accommodations are modern rooms and suites, and most offer balconies with breathtaking views of the Caribbean and Cozumel. They are equipped with wireless Internet and dispensers featuring top-shelf spirits. This is an all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan, payable to the resort.

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 RAGUSA, SICILY, ITALY • 0932.826003/11
kamarina.it

Located on the island of Sicily, in southern Italy, Residence Kamarina is a seaside resort spreading across 14 acres and down to the sandy shores of the Mediterranean Sea. It is the ideal location for a family beach vacation. Accommodations are rustic apartments with a kitchenette. Amenities on-site include a pizzeria, bar, bocce court, 24-hour reception, and parking. The resort offers canoeing, paddle-boating, organized children's activities, group sports, and live shows in Italian from June to September. Area attractions include Ragusa, the Valley of Noto, Siracusa, Piazza Amerina, and Caltagione.

Località Randello SP 85 Km. 7 Ragusa (RG) 97017 Italy
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Located on Vulcano, the southernmost island in the Aeolian archipelago, this boutique resort is a short walk from the sea and faces the western bay. Accommodations are spacious rooms and apartments. The rooms are located by the pool, and are furnished in typical Mediterranean style with a veranda. The one- and two-bedroom apartments have a garden and terrace, kitchen area, and living room. On-site are amenities including the American Bar, a swimming pool, and private black-sand beach. Vulcano Island can be easily reached by ferry or hydrofoil from Sicily, Calabria, and Naples.

Porto di Ponente Vulcano Porto Messina (ME) 98050 Italy
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BRAN, BRASOV, ROMANIA • 0268.259.940

Select Holiday Mountain Club is located in the village of Bran, amid Romania's Carpathian Mountains. The alpine region offers a variety of activities year-round such as skiing, hiking, and mountain biking. Accommodations are spacious with modern decor. The property is near Transylvania's famed attraction, the centuries-old Bran Castle, a museum that was once home to Vlad Dracul (the legendary Count Dracula). Just 9 miles' drive from Brasov, the resort offers easy access to the Stone and Bucegi mountains, Moeciu, and the Rasnov fortress.

Cavaler Ioan de Puscariu no.113
Bran
Brasov 507025
Romania
✈️ BUCHAREST/OTP 110M/176K
SATURDAY



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QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND • 02.365.7755
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Bordering Lake Wakatipu, this all-season resort boasts breathtaking waterfront and mountain views, and is a 15-minute drive from the airport. Guests can stroll down to the lake and find a wealth of relaxing and invigorating pursuits. As the adventure capital of the Southern Hemisphere, Queenstown offers an impressive range of exciting activities, as well as golf courses and vineyards. The resort is a half hour's walk from the town center, and provides access to buses to the Cardrona ski fields, The Remarkables, Coronet Peak, Arrowtown, and Millbrook.

327-343 Frankton Road
Queenstown
New Zealand
✈️ QUEENSTOWN/ZQN 5M/8K
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ANANTARA VACATION CLUB BALI SEMINYAK • ABA
SEMINYAK, BALI, INDONESIA • 0361.737.908
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Anantara Vacation Club Bali Seminyak is a stylishly modern resort located only a 25-minute drive from Ngurah Rai International Airport. Guests can catch some rays on the beach or spend the day relaxing at the spa, then enjoy a meal at one of the on-site restaurants. Seminyak, one of the island's most sought-after destinations, offers a charming, laidback ambiance, as well as designer shops, gourmet restaurants and cafes, and chic bars. The unique experiences of exploring Bali's stunning beaches, rich artistic scenes, enchanting spiritual heartland, and traditional rural culture also await.

Jalan Drupadi No.28
80361 Seminyak, Bali
Indonesia
✈️ DENPASAR BALI/DPS 10M/16K
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
SUNDAY



ANANTARA VACATION CLUB PHUKET MAI KHAO • APT
THALANG, PHUKET, THAILAND • 076.337.200
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Located in northwest Phuket, this upscale resort offers a peaceful ambiance, yet is just a short drive from the southern area's bustling beaches. Bask in the sun on a lounge chair, sip a beverage at the pool's swim-up bar, and indulge in pure relaxation. Just a few minutes' walk away are the tranquil sands of Mai Khao, Phuket's longest beach. The green forest of Sirinath National Park fringes the resort, and is your gateway to a natural playground of sea caves, mangroves, coral reefs, and dazzling islands.

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Mai Khao
Thalang, Phuket
Thailand
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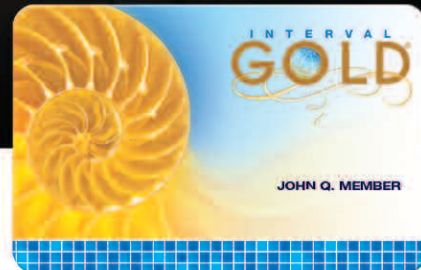
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This alluring retreat on Mexico's Pacific Coast is a beach-lover's paradise. Spend a fun-filled afternoon on the sand, in the water, and strolling the pier at lively Playa Los Muertos. For a memorable animal encounter, take a dip with dolphins or sea lions, easily arranged through Vallarta Adventures. Or if experiencing the local cuisine is more your speed, Vallarta Food Tours leads visitors on three-hour tasting tours, sampling fare at local restaurants and food stands you might otherwise unknowingly pass by.



FAMILY

	Daytona Beach Area, Florida	Poconos, Pennsylvania
WEEKLY RATE FROM	\$247	\$457
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$36	\$66
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	\$197	\$407
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	\$222	\$432
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	1-Bedroom, 4	Studio, 4
RENTAL CAR	\$184	\$300
CHILD'S PLAY	Cool off at the Daytona Lagoon waterpark, with 12 rides, a giant wave pool, and lazy river.	Race on go-karts, test your minigolf skills, and challenge your traveling companions to a round of laser tag at Costa's Family Fun Park.
FOR YOU	Take an afternoon tour of Lilian Place. Built in 1884, it's the oldest beachside home in Daytona Beach — and said to be haunted for the past 100 years.	Dine on sophisticated nouvelle and classic cuisine beneath a 40-foot vaulted wooden ceiling at The French Manor.



ATTRACTIONS

Gold Coast, Australia FROM \$337 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$49

Interval Platinum From **\$287** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$312** Per Week

Studio Accommodates Up To 2

Add A Rental Car For \$480

From idyllic beaches, to picturesque nature trails, to a bustling shopping and nightlife scene, there's something for everyone on Australia's Gold Coast. Spend a day relaxing alongside crashing waves, then try your luck at Broadbeach's Jupiters Casino. Or, if your ideal day is one spent engulfed in the serenity of rain forest trails, a trip to Springbrook National Park is a must: Take your pick of walking paths of varying difficulty levels, relax and picnic waterside, and look out for any of the more than 100 bird species to be found.



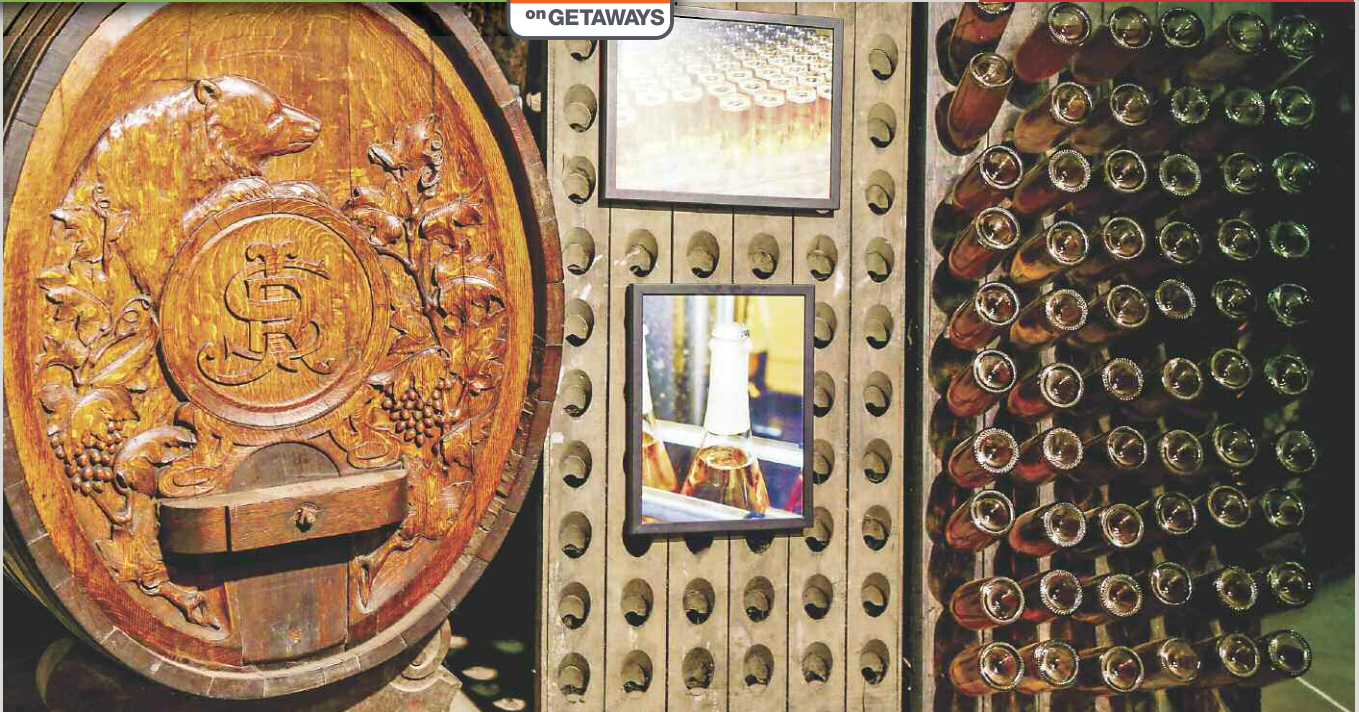
	Scottsdale, Arizona	Branson, Missouri	Williamsburg, Virginia
WEEKLY RATE FROM	\$297	\$337	\$257
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$43	\$49	\$37
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	\$247	\$287	\$207
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	\$272	\$312	\$232
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	1-Bedroom, 4	Studio, 2	Studio, 2
RENTAL CAR	\$207	\$330	\$163
MUST SEE	Take in a show at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, which features everything from musicals to comedy.	Experience kitsch at its finest with the town's own take on Mount Rushmore, featuring celebrities such as John Wayne and Marilyn Monroe.	Learn about life in Colonial Williamsburg during the Revolutionary War by engaging with costumed actors and hearing their stories.
MUST DO	Tee off at Troon North Golf Club. Scottsdale is a golf-lover's paradise, and two of the best courses are here.	View authentic memorabilia and reconstructions of passenger cabins at the Titanic Museum Attraction to get a taste of life on the ill-fated ship.	Peruse 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century antiques and decorative art at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art museums.

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Interval Gold From **\$874** Per Week

Studio Accommodates Up To 4

Add A Rental Car For \$348

With seemingly endless vineyard possibilities, embarking on a winery tour is a no-brainer. Opt for a stop at Schramsberg, which includes a tour of the property's caves. Then, for a unique view of Napa's endless rows of grapes, book a hot-air balloon ride with Napa Valley Balloons. When you aren't indulging in one of the area's many tasting rooms, see animals up close on an open-air jeep exploration through Safari West, Napa's 400-acre wildlife sanctuary.

	Las Vegas, Nevada	Vail, Colorado	Palm Desert, California
WEEKLY RATE FROM	\$317	\$307	\$227
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$46	\$44	\$33
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	\$267	\$257	\$177
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	\$292	\$282	\$202
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	Studio, 2	1-Bedroom, 4	Studio, 4
RENTAL CAR	\$253	\$372	\$314
EXPLORE	Book a helicopter ride with the Grand Canyon Tour Company for a bird's-eye view of the famed national park.	Head to Adventure Ridge and speed along a 1,200-foot zip line for a unique way to tour the Vail mountains.	Take a late-day jeep tour of the San Andreas Fault, then stick around for stunning stargazing, with Desert Adventures.
INDULGE	Splurge on certified Kobe beef steaks at Wynn's SW Steakhouse; be sure to ask for a table with a view of the Lake of Dreams.	Meet the artists and treat yourself to one of the unique jewelry creations at Karats Vail.	Stroll El Paseo, known as the Rodeo Drive of the Desert, and shop both unique boutiques and well-known designer shops.

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Puerto Rico FROM \$599 PER WEEK

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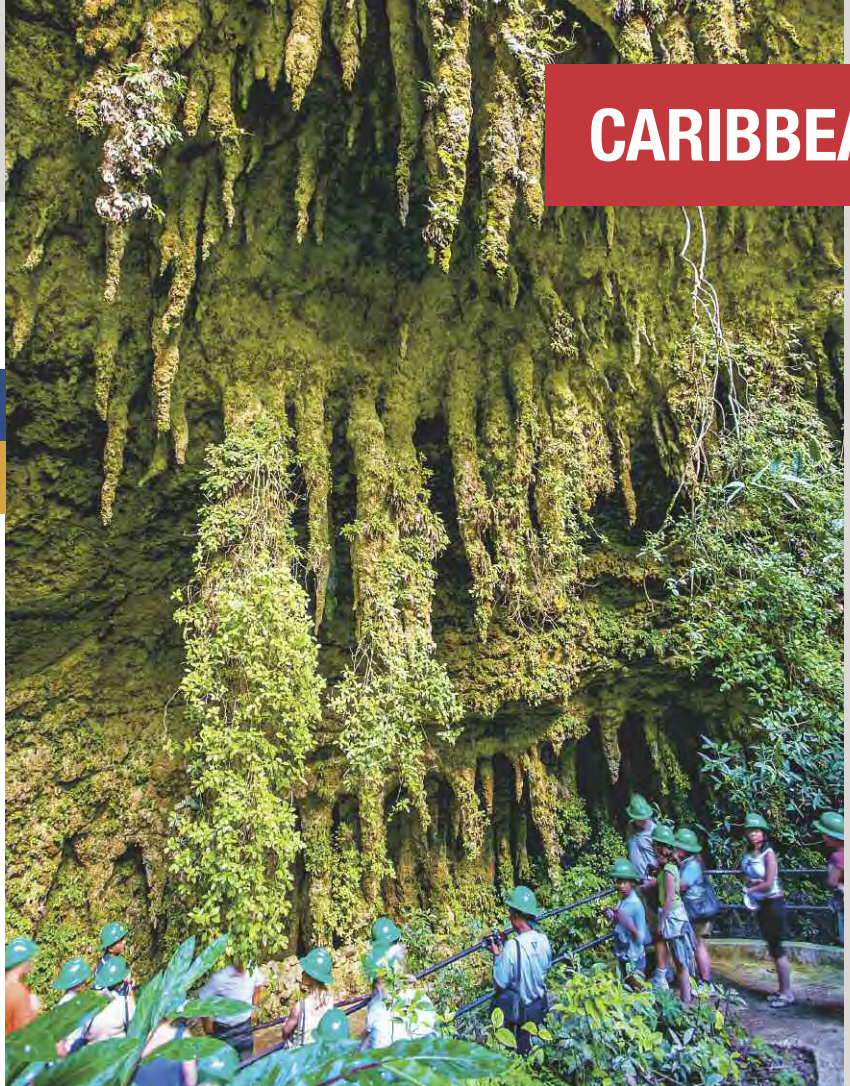
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Interval Gold From
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2-Bedroom Accommodates Up To 6

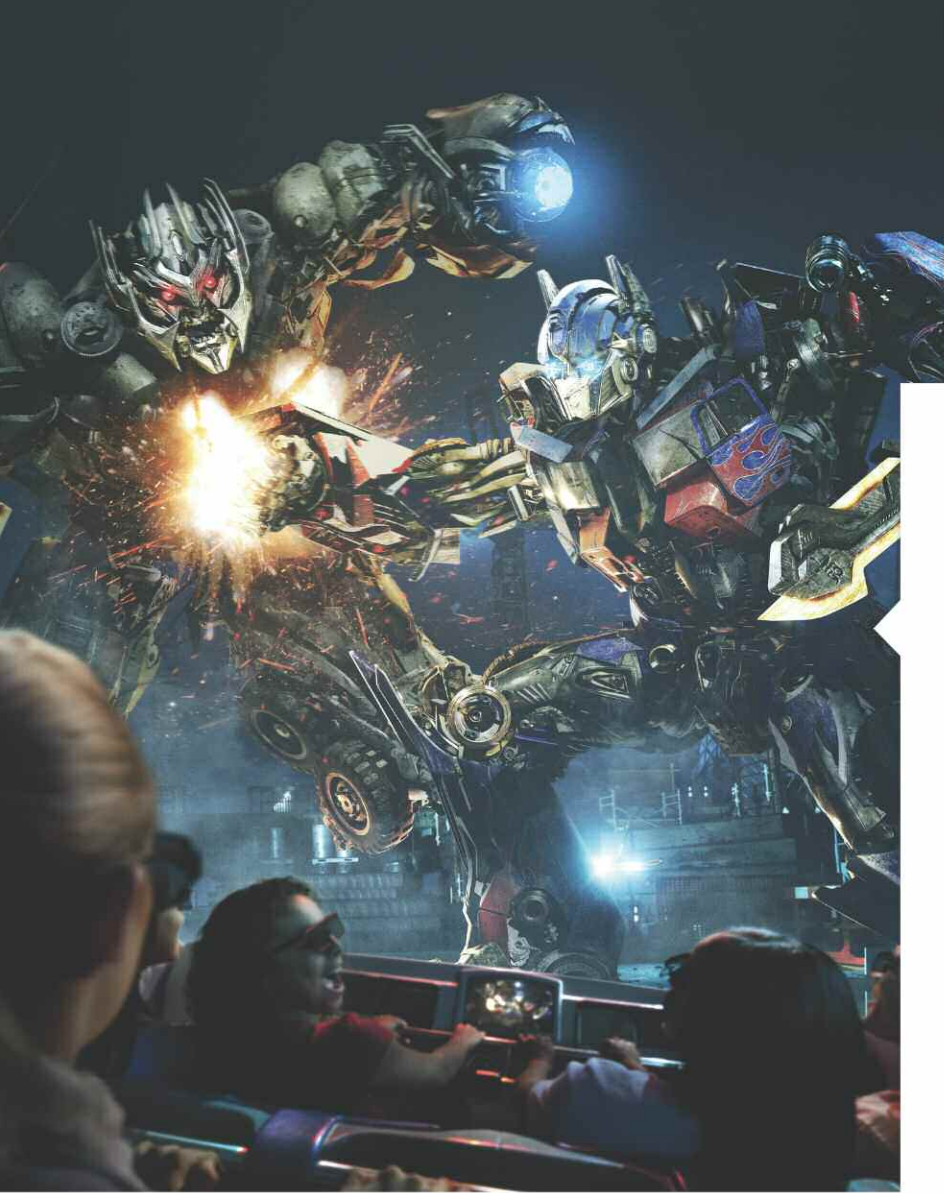
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Puerto Rico may be well-known for its white-sand beaches, but the island, rich in history and culture, has so much more to offer. View the beautiful lagoons, mangroves, and salt flats of the Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge, and learn how salt has been collected from the area for more than 1,000 years. Head to the beach and explore the caves pirates once used as hideouts — and possibly to conceal their plunders. Make the short trek east to Ponce and stop by Café Café Cocina Criolla Espresso Bar for a cup of freshly roasted coffee and the *mofongo* (a dish composed of mashed, fried, green plantains) stuffed with grouper.



	St. Lucia	Aruba	Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic*
WEEKLY RATE FROM	\$349	\$729	\$249
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$50	\$105	\$36
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	\$299	\$679	\$199
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	\$324	\$704	\$224
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	Studio, 2	Studio, 2	Studio, 2
RENTAL CAR	\$360	\$205	\$156
ACTIVE	Perfect your kite-surfing skills with lessons from The Reef Kite + Surf.	Explore inland's desert and rock formations via ATV through Action Tours Aruba.	Go cliff jumping at the Damajaqua Cascades, just west of Puerto Plata.
LAID-BACK	Book an excursion with Exodus Boat Charters, and while the day away fishing.	Take the family to Baby Beach, and enjoy shallow waters that allow you to wade far into the ocean.	Browse a collection of Dominican fossilized tree-sap at the Amber Museum — and purchase pieces to take home.

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DATES: October 10; November 7, 2015

SHIP: Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America*

ITINERARY: Honolulu, Oahu; Kahului, Maui (overnight); Hilo and Kona, Big Island; Nawiliwili, Kauai (overnight); Honolulu

BONUS: Buy-one-get-one-free admission to the Luau Kalamaku on Kauai (a \$99 value). Offer expires August 20, 2015.

See the highlights of the Hawaiian Islands — and only unpack once! Take a glass-bottom boat ride on Kona Bay; visit the world's most active volcano, Kilauea; and tour Pearl Harbor. Witness Waimea Canyon's natural beauty; party at an authentic luau; and go surfing. Onboard, the offerings are just as stupendous and exude the spirit of Polynesia. Stop by the Kuku Cultural Center and view artifacts that tell the tale of mankind's presence on the islands. Sip a mai tai at the Waikiki Bar. Or rejuvenate for the next port of call in the Mandara Spa. And when you're ready for some nightly entertainment, you can laugh off your funny bone at a comedy show in the Hollywood Theatre.



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	DATES	SHIP	ITINERARY	SHORE LEAVE
7-Night Alaska From \$729	September 20, 2015	 <i>Norwegian Pearl</i>	Seattle, Washington; Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay (cruising), and Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle	In Juneau, go on a thrilling sea kayak adventure past ice flows. And in Skagway, ride the White Pass railway across stunning mountains.
14-Night South America From \$1,299 <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Thanksgiving Sailing</div>	November 22, 2015	 <i>ms Zaandam</i>	Valparaiso (Santiago; embark), Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco, Chilean Fjords (cruising), Canal Sarmiento (cruising), Strait of Magellan (cruising), Punta Arenas, Cockburn Channel (cruising), Beagle Channel (cruising), and Glacier Alley (cruising), Chile; Ushuaia, Argentina; Cape Horn (cruising), Chile; Stanley, Falkland Islands; Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina (overnight; disembark)	Sculpted icebergs, soaring fjords, Andean peaks, and cascading waterfalls — your eyes will delight at the omnipresent natural beauty surrounding your journey. Top it all off by finishing your cruise in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, the birthplace of the tango.
15-Night Panama Canal From \$1,809*	December 5, 2015	 <i>Island Princess</i>	Fort Lauderdale, Florida (embark); Aruba; Cartagena, Colombia; Panama Canal (transit), Panama; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua; Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Los Angeles, California (disembark)	Soar above the lush Costa Rican rain forest canopy on a thrilling aerial tram. Then cruise along the Tárcoles River, home to one of the region's largest populations of crocodiles.

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FUN IN THE SUN



**6-Night Mexican Riviera
From \$398**

DATES: November 1; December 13, 2015

SHIP: Carnival Cruise Line's *Carnival Miracle*

ITINERARY: Long Beach (Los Angeles), California; Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Long Beach

Cruise the magical Mexican Riviera aboard the *Carnival Miracle*. Explore the streets of Puerto Vallarta, tour a tequila distillery, and climb to the treetops and go zip-lining through the canopy of a tropical forest. In Cabo San Lucas, there's no better way to spend the day than on the beach at Land's End, where the world-famous granite arch, El Arco, creates one of Mexico's most stunning natural photo ops. Back on the ship, the kids can entertain themselves at Hasbro, the Game Show — where super-sized versions of everyone's favorite board games come to life — while you rejuvenate in a hammock at the adults-only Serenity retreat.



Also

**7-Night Eastern Caribbean
From \$539**

DATES
September 13;
October 4,
2015



ITINERARY
Baltimore, Maryland; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; Half Moon Cay and Freeport, Bahamas; Baltimore

PLAYTIME
On Half Moon Cay, you'll have a private tropical island to call your own. Go snorkeling in the aptly named Stingray Cove, ride a horse on soft white sands along the turquoise sea, and enjoy a frozen libation in a lounge chair under a shady palm.

**5-Night Bermuda
From \$459**

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$163 per person are additional.

DATES
October 3, 17,
2015



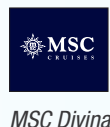
ITINERARY
Bayonne, New Jersey; King's Wharf, Bermuda; Bayonne

PLAYTIME
View an abundance of flora and fountains at the Conservatory Garden in New York's Central Park before you cruise. And in King's Wharf, visit the grounds of the Bermuda Botanical Gardens, filled with hibiscus, frangipani, and banyan trees.

**7-Night Eastern Caribbean
From \$709**

Holiday Sailing

DATES
December 19,
2015



ITINERARY
Miami, Florida; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Nassau, Bahamas; Miami

PLAYTIME
In Puerto Rico, visit El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rain forest located in a U.S. territory. Or if the sparkling blue waters beckon, take a kayak tour through a saltwater lagoon, or snorkel past colorful fish on a coral reef.



FAMILY

7-Night Western Caribbean From \$819

**Thanksgiving
Sailing**

DATE: November 22, 2015

SHIP: Royal Caribbean International's *Freedom of the Seas*




ITINERARY: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida; Labadee, Hispaniola; Falmouth, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Cozumel, Mexico; Port Canaveral

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$131 per person are additional.

Whether you're traveling with youngsters or a multigenerational group, there's something for everyone aboard Royal Caribbean International's *Freedom of the Seas*. Kids can rub elbows with Shrek and friends at the DreamWorks Experience. Teens can hang 10 on the FlowRider surfing simulator, and adults can browse colorful works of art at the Britto Gallery. And that's just a sampling of the onboard offerings — you'll also be visiting some of the Caribbean's most popular destinations! On Grand Cayman, lounge on the sands of world-famous Seven Mile Beach and snorkel with friendly rays at Stingray City. And from Falmouth, venture south into Jamaica's interior to Appleton Estate, which has been producing rum for more than 260 years.



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	DATES	SHIP	ITINERARY	GOOD TIMES
4-Night Bahamas From \$656	November 30, 2015	 <i>Disney Dream</i>	Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida; Nassau and Castaway Cay, Bahamas; Port Canaveral	Powdery sands are abundant in Nassau, which offers tranquil strands galore. Check out Caves Beach, with its shade-providing caverns on the north shore, or stunning Cabbage Beach on Paradise Island.
5-Night Western Caribbean From \$750	October 4; November 15; December 13, 2015	 <i>Disney Magic</i>	Miami, Florida; Cozumel, Mexico; Castaway Cay, Bahamas; Miami	In Mexico, combine a day of exhilarating fun with ancient explorations at the Xcaret eco-archeological park, where you can float in crystal-clear waters, view traditional performances, wander among tropical foliage, and learn about the indigenous Maya culture.
3-Night Bahamas From \$169	September 11; October 2; November 13, 2015	 <i>Carnival Ecstasy</i>	Miami, Florida; Nassau, Bahamas; Miami	Visit Nassau's famed Straw Market and peruse the collection of stalls selling a wide array of handmade goods and services, from conch-shell jewelry and straw hats and bags to hair braiding.

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE



SIGHTSEEING

12-Night New Zealand and Australia From \$1,083

DATE: November 14, 2015

SHIP: Celebrity Cruises' *Celebrity Solstice*

ITINERARY: Auckland (embark), Bay of Islands, Tauranga, Wellington, Akaroa, Dunedin, Dusky Sound (cruising), Doubtful Sound (cruising), and Milford Sound (cruising), New Zealand; Hobart, Tasmania; Sydney, Australia (disembark)

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$130 per person are additional.

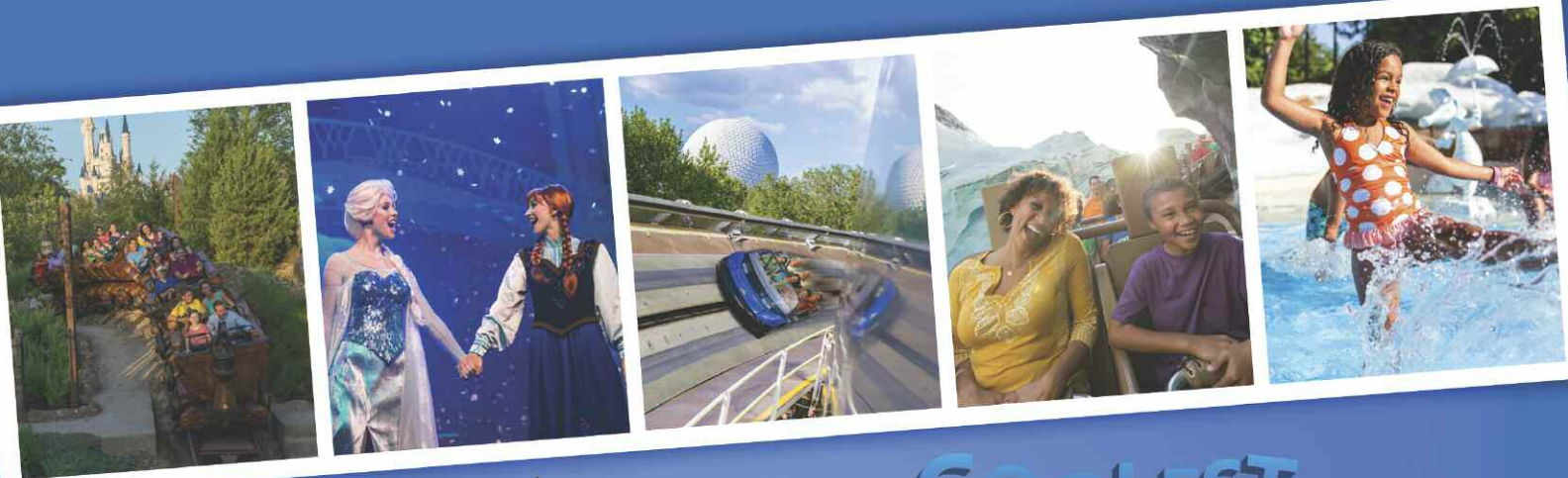
Get ready for the ultimate Down Under cruise aboard the ship that started a cruising revolution, the *Celebrity Solstice*. See Auckland from land and water on an amphibious Duck Tour. Visit actual sets from the epic *Lord of the Rings* movie series. Climb to the top of Mount Victoria for sweeping views across Wellington and its magnificent harbor. Meet some of the region's most iconic wildlife, such as koalas, wombats, and Tasmanian devils, at the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary in Hobart. And in Sydney, you'll have one of the great cities in the Southern Hemisphere to explore. Don't forget to snap an obligatory selfie in front of the stunning opera house!



Also

	DATES	SHIP	ITINERARY	EXPLORATIONS
<p>8-Night Romantic Danube From \$2,356</p>	<p>May 1, 2016</p>	<p>VIKING CRUISES <i>Viking Longship Atla</i></p>	<p>Budapest, Hungary (embark); Vienna and Melk, Austria; Passau, Regensburg, Main-Danube Canal, and Nuremberg, Germany (disembark)</p>	<p>View some of the most delightful scenery and riverside hamlets in Central Europe from the ship's multistory glass atrium, dine on delicious local culinary creations next to panoramic windows, and soak it all in from your private balcony with a cocktail in hand.</p>
<p>7-Night Eastern Mediterranean From \$785</p>	<p>September 26; October 24, 2015</p>	<p>Royal Caribbean INTERNATIONAL <i>Splendour of the Seas</i></p>	<p>Venice, Italy; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey; Santorini and Katakolon (Olympia), Greece; Venice</p>	<p>Sign up for an excursion to the stunning Roman ruins at Ephesus, tour the House of Virgin Mary church, and visit the remains of the Temple of Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World).</p>
<p>8-Night Western Mediterranean From \$1,999</p>	<p>October 5, 2015</p>	<p>OCEANIA CRUISES® <i>Your World. Your Way.™</i> <i>Riviera</i></p>	<p>Piraeus (Athens; embark), Greece; Taormina (Sicily), Sorrento/Capri, Civitavecchia (Rome), and Livorno (Florence and Pisa), Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Marseille (Provence), France; Barcelona, Spain (disembark)</p>	<p>In Monaco, Europe's smallest sovereignty after Vatican City, tour the art- and artifact-filled State Apartments of Monaco's royal family, stroll the Rue Princess Caroline pedestrian mall, and stop into a cafe for a sweet <i>fougasse</i> pastry.</p>

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THE BEST OF

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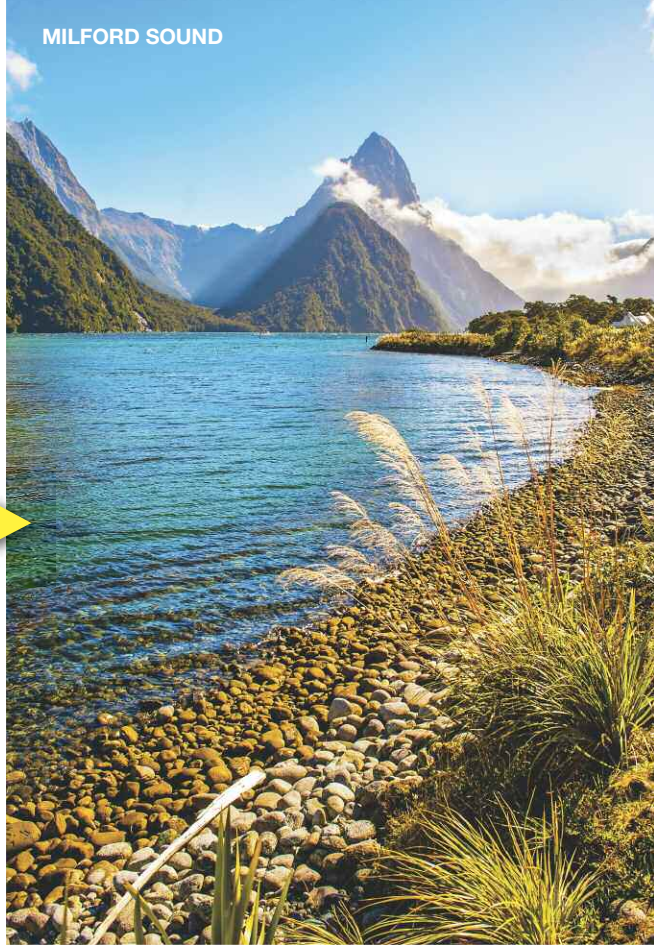
THE BEST OF

- Witness the natural beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, Mount Cook, and Milford Sound
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- Encounter koalas, wallabies, and other native wildlife

THE DRILL DOWN

- Learn to throw a boomerang or play the didgeridoo at an aboriginal cultural park
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THE BEST OF

- See Rome's storied ancient sights, from the Roman Forum to the Colosseum
- Admire Botticelli and Michelangelo's artistic masterpieces at Florence's Uffizi Gallery
- Embark on a gondola ride along the waterways of Venice

THE DRILL DOWN

- Revel in the romance of Rome by night
- Embark on an off-the-beaten-path bike tour of Florence
- Explore the backstreets of Venice, stretching from St. Mark's Square to the Rialto Bridge



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VALID SEPTEMBER 2015 – MARCH 2016

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THE BEST OF

- Tour Lima's key historical sites, including the Government Palace and San Francisco Monastery
- Marvel at the 350-ton stones of the Sacsayhuamán Incan ruins
- Delve into the mysteries of ancient Machu Picchu

THE DRILL DOWN

- Pay tribute to Mother Earth in a ceremony performed by a shaman
- Shop for alpaca sweaters and jewelry at a mountain-village market
- Enjoy a show starring majestic Peruvian paso horses

SAN FRANCISCO MONASTERY



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VALID SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2015

From \$1,849 per person

ITINERARY: Cape Town and Hluhluwe, South Africa; Swaziland; Hazyview and Johannesburg, South Africa

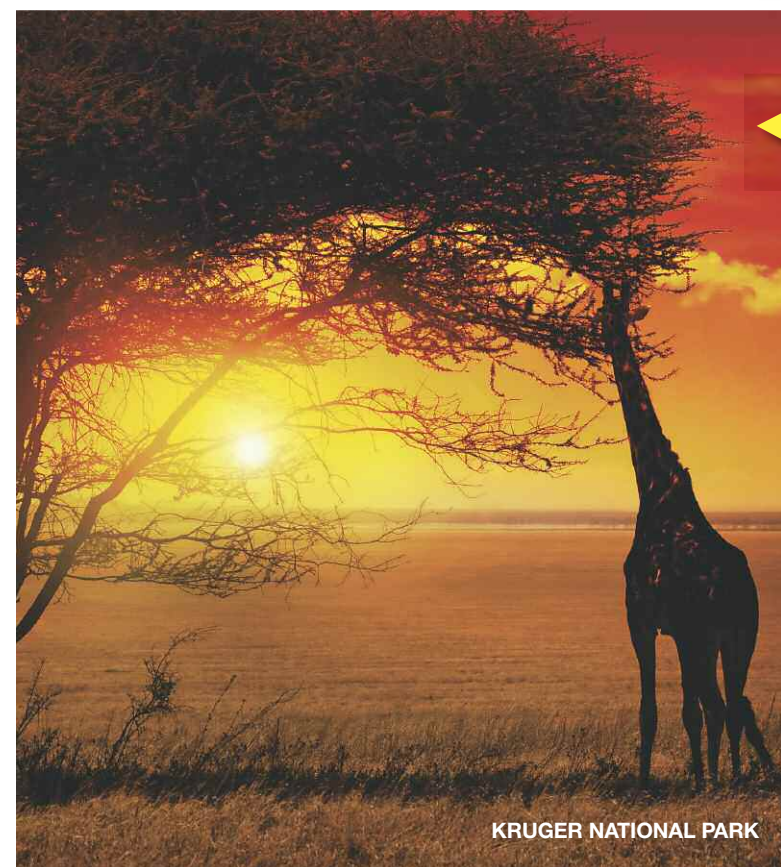
WHAT'S INCLUDED: 10 nights of accommodations, 10 breakfasts, one lunch, five dinners, hotel portage, transfers, sightseeing in an air-conditioned motor coach, game drives, an English-speaking tour manager, and entrance fees

THE BEST OF

- Experience cosmopolitan Cape Town and iconic Table Mountain
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THE DRILL DOWN

- Discover the Cape Peninsula's fynbos floral kingdom and penguin colony
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- This U.S. National Historic Site is situated on seven acres centered on the waterfront, and includes five 18th- and 19th-century buildings that testify to the island's Danish roots. Named for a king, the surrounding town reflects a blend of influences — from European architecture and arcaded sidewalks to buildings in Caribbean pastels.
- As a teenager, 18th-century American statesman Alexander Hamilton lived here and worked as a clerk for an import-export merchant. It was during this period that the impoverished boy's talents were recognized, and the business owner was moved to fund Hamilton's education in the American colonies.
- The African influence in this community is strong, as you're likely to see if you're here during a celebration. Colorfully costumed stilts-walking characters known as *mocko jumbies* are an integral part of this island's parades and festivities, originating from the cultural lore brought over by slaves.

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SOME PLACES YOU NEVER WANT TO LEAVE



LA TRANQUILA
Punta de Mita, Mexico

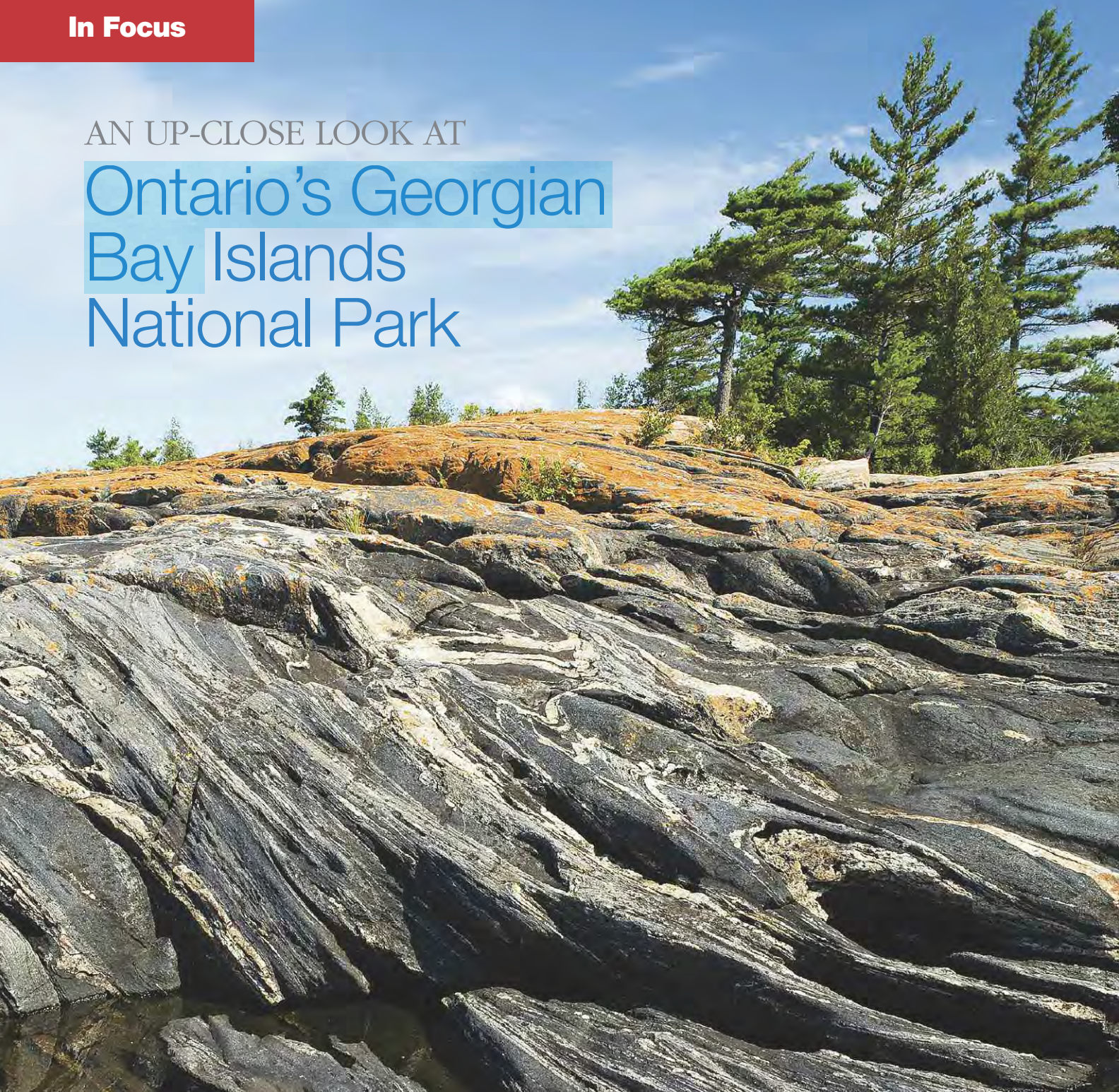


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Ontario's Georgian Bay Islands National Park



Situated along the southeastern edge of its namesake body of water, Georgian Bay Islands National Park comprises 63 separate landmasses. Some aren't much more than uninhabitable outcroppings barely peaking above the waves. Others, though, with their wind-weary pine forests, dreamy rock formations, and tranquil sand beaches, offer what seems like a full continent's worth of unspoiled natural splendor. Beausoleil Island, the largest — and one of the most popular — of the preserve's destinations, is one of those, and is easily accessible via the *DayTripper* ferry from Honey Harbour on Ontario's mainland. Once there, scenic hikes and panoramic bike rides are the principal activities, especially from late September through early October when the landscape is highlighted by a grand display of the turning fall foliage.

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