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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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You go to **Community** on the Web to ask a fellow member  
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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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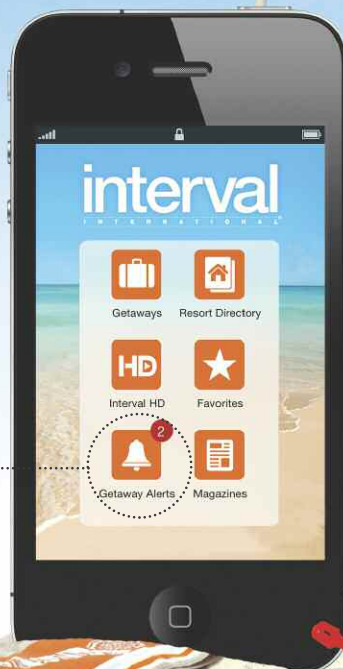


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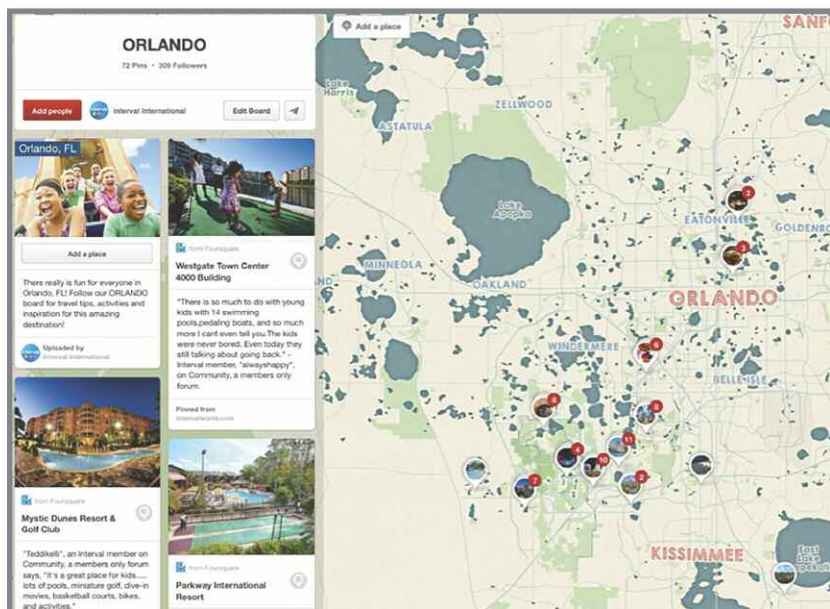


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We're big fans of print, but the digital version of this magazine offers the definitive travel-planning and booking experience. Sign in to IntervalWorld.com to read the latest edition. You can book Getaways and view exchange availability right from the magazine!

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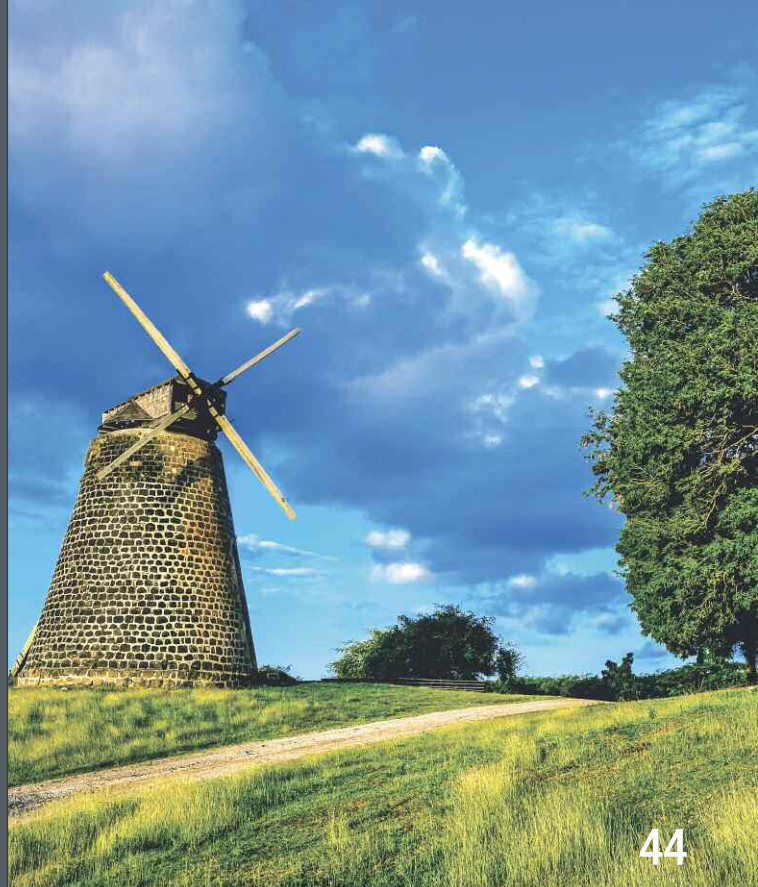
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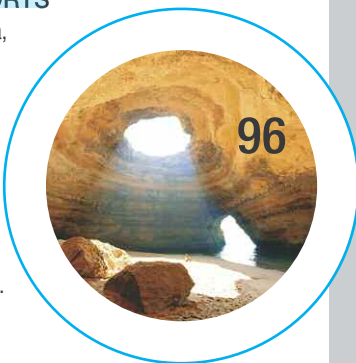
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**Where:** Exchange tab



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## GETAWAYS VS. REGULAR HOTEL STAYS: YOU MAKE THE CALL

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exciting Getaways on  
page 79, and many more at  
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\*Hotel prices are for a stay from May 2 through 9, 2015, as stated on Hotels.com on October 22, 2014. Getaway prices are for a stay from May 2 through 9, 2015, as stated on [IntervalWorld.com](http://IntervalWorld.com) on October 22, 2014.



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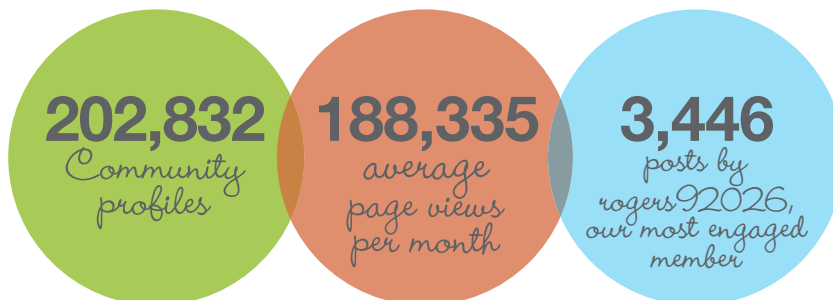
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\*\*Facilities vary by airport lounge.



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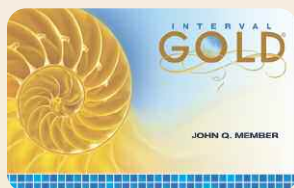
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## Berkshires, Massachusetts

### Dance Fever

The Berkshires area of western Massachusetts is renowned for its natural beauty and outdoor activities such as hiking and fishing. But the area is equally celebrated for its cultural offerings: The Norman Rockwell Museum and the Tanglewood summer music festival probably come to mind, especially if you're from the Northeast. Perhaps lesser-known is the **Jacob's Pillow Festival**, the longest-running international dance gathering in the country. The 2015 event, which runs from June 14 through August 24, offers a bevy of innovative and vibrant productions. Ballet highlights include the classic *Cinderella* and Jessica Lang's *The Wanderer*. Other performances include the tap-centric *The Blues Project* and Martha Graham Dance Company's modernist stylings. You don't need to bring your old Capezio's to enjoy these shows — just your love of dance!

## Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

### Eat, Drink, Be Merry

Myrtle Beach is one of the South's quintessential coastal destinations, offering an abundance of family-friendly attractions from kitschy minigolf courses and Ripley's Aquarium to the sandy strands that put the area on the map. But the area is also a foodie's paradise, boasting 1,700 eateries. To experience the local culinary scene in all of its glory, pay a visit at the beginning of June for the week-long **Coastal Uncorked Food and Wine Festival**. Expect beer and wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, and farm-fresh treats. The beach can wait.

## Poconos, Pennsylvania

### Pit Stop

That roar you hear bouncing off the mountains just might be coming from something with four wheels rather than four legs. **The Pocono Raceway** comes alive each summer for three amazing races:

- The Pocono 400: This annual NASCAR event is held from June 5 to 7
- The Pennsylvania 400: July 31 to August 2
- The Pocono IndyCar 500: August 22 to 23

Car racing not your thing? There's also a pair of fairs worthy of your attention. This year, the **Carbon County Fair** runs from August 3 to 8, and is packed with rides, entertainment, and food. And from August 23 to 29, the **West End Fair** has farm animals, a midway with classic carnival rides, and homemade delicacies.

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## Breckenridge, Colorado Mountains of Fun

Some of the same Breckenridge mountainsides that visitors swoosh, carve, and bump down during the winter months transform into an all-ages **Summer Fun Park** from mid-June through August when the snow's all gone. Take a scenic chairlift ride, navigate a massive human maze, pan for souvenir gemstones, and get in a round of high-altitude minigolf, among other fairly low-key endeavors. And if you do miss the downhill thrills (but not the spills) of ski season, no problem. Zipping down the Gold Runner Coaster and alpine SuperSlide will certainly get your adrenaline pumping.

## Las Vegas, Nevada Git-R-Dunn

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## Napa, California Public Offering

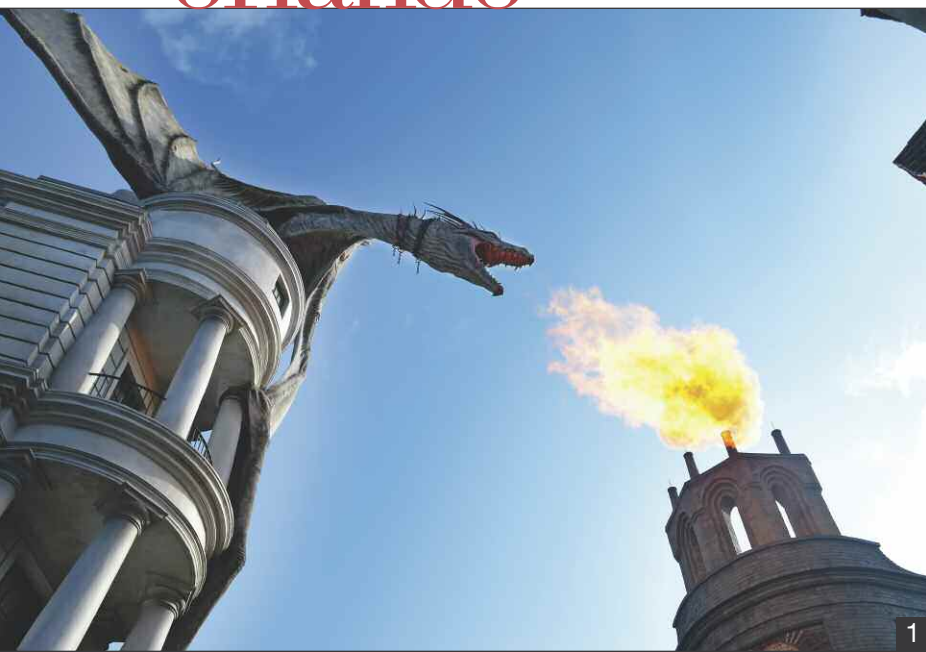
Part of the appeal of a trip to Wine Country is gallivanting around the Northern California countryside in search of your (new) favorite purveyors of food and drink. Sometimes, though, it's equally nice to not have to search at all. With that in mind, stop in to **Napa's Oxbow Public Market**, a 40,000-square-foot, one-stop collection of multiple artisan eateries and local food vendors. Choose from an assortment of top-shelf tacos — the duck, spinach, and goat cheese concoction, perhaps — or a baby spinach and corn edamame salad at C Casa, or stock up on charcuterie for your resort at the Fatted Calf — or, you know, discover your own new favorite.



# spotlight Orlando

## Insider Info

**Diagon Alley**, the newest addition to Universal Orlando's Wizarding World of Harry Potter, opened to huge fanfare in summer 2014. Upon entering, fans can witness a fire-breathing dragon atop Gringotts bank, brave the multidimensional thrill ride Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts, enjoy pub food and Butterbeer at the Leaky Cauldron, and shop for robes, Quidditch gear, and wands. Yet possibly even more impressive than the park's large-scale, exceedingly authentic interpretation of the Harry Potter books and movies is the high level of attention to detail, witnessed only by the keenest of observers. Here are some highlights worth keeping your eyes peeled for.



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1. Look up and behold the dragon perched atop Gringotts. Wait patiently for its fearsome growl, and fire spewing from its mouth.
2. Check in at the Knight Bus for a stimulating chat with Dre Head, a Jamaican-accented shrunken head.
3. Stand before the snake in the Magical Menagerie's window and listen closely — it will speak to you first in Parseltongue, then in English.
4. Watch the second-story window at 12 Grimmauld Place. Every few minutes, Kreacher the house elf peers out from behind a curtain.



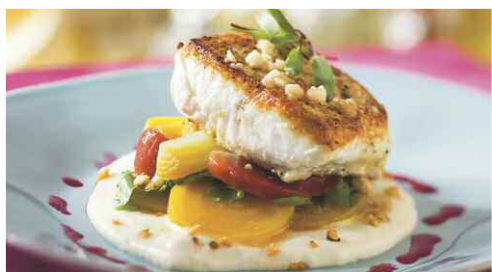
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## African Experience

Can't manage an expedition to Africa? You can still get a taste of the continent with a visit to Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom and its all-new **Africa Marketplace**, scheduled to open this spring. Located in the park's Harambe section, Africa Marketplace includes more shopping; Harambe Marketplace, a fast-service dining spot; and a new pathway between the Africa and Asia areas. Walk up to one of the casual eatery's multiple windows, place an order for African-inspired cuisine, and enjoy your meal beneath shady trees. Then peruse themed wares at the market and take a ride on the adjacent Kilimanjaro Safaris.



## O-Town Eats

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Seas Lagoon by day, and a dazzling fireworks show over Cinderella Castle with piped-in sound by night.

**THE MENU:** Inspired by the fresh, international cuisine of California, the fine-dining menu — which changes seasonally — includes inventive flatbreads, sushi, charcuterie, cheeses, salads, a range of seafood and meat entrees, and

plenty of delectable desserts. For a perennial favorite, order the handmade Sonoma goat cheese ravioli.

**THE PARTICULARS:** California Grill is open nightly for dinner from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended, and can be made up to 180 days in advance: Call 407.939.3463 or go to [disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining](http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/dining).

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# hawaii

## Big Island Running Hawaii

Not that you need a reason to escape to paradise, but here's one anyway: Challenge yourself to a race amid lush surroundings on the Big Island's Kohala Coast. On June 28, more than 2,000 runners are expected to participate in the **Kona Marathon's** range of races, including a quarter marathon, 5K, half marathon, and full marathon. There's also a health-and-fitness fair to check out on June 27 and the Aloha Keiki run for children, complete with goodie bags, circus performers, and face painting, on June 20.

## Maui Island Dining

The wine and cuisine of Hawaii will take center stage June 11 to 14 during the **2015 Kapalua Wine and Food Festival**. Enjoy sophisticated fine dining and drinking with a distinctly Hawaiian flavor, taking full advantage of the farm-fresh ingredients grown on Maui. The intimate event offers attendees the opportunity to mingle with winemakers, master sommeliers, and chefs, and take part in a range of cooking demonstrations, winemakers' dinners, evening galas, and food-and-wine pairings.



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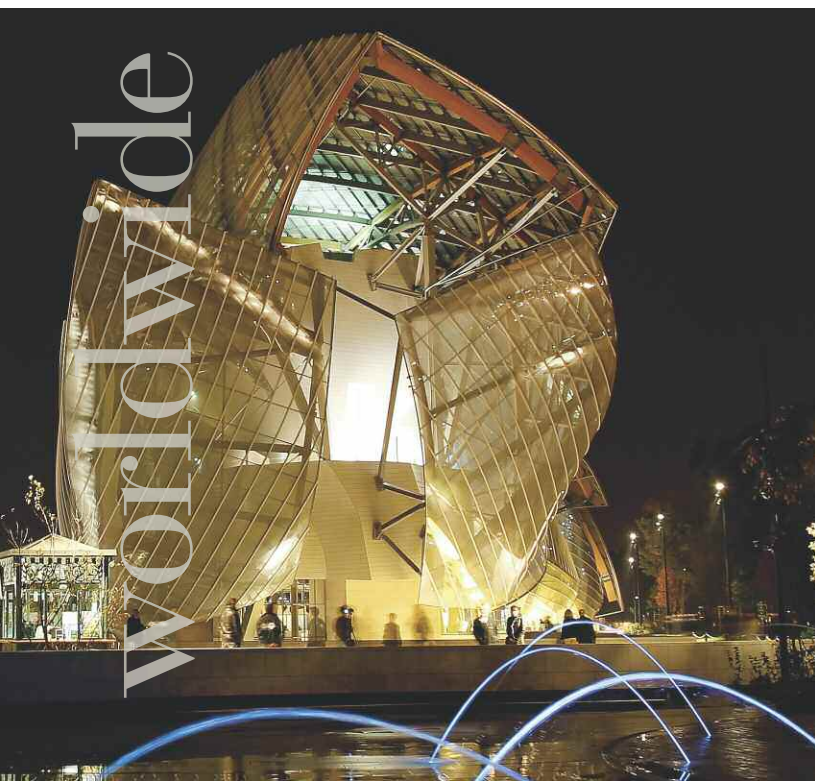
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# worldwide



## Paris, France

### Bigger (And More Artistic) Than a Handbag

Few places on earth epitomize art appreciation like France. It's befitting, then, that Paris' much-anticipated **Louis Vuitton Foundation** finally opened to the public in October 2014. The brainchild of Canadian-American Frank Gehry, this building's groundbreaking architecture alone makes it well worth a visit. And within its glass and concrete panels (or "sails" and "icebergs" as the architect himself fondly describes them), this huge museum and cultural center houses a concert hall and numerous compelling contemporary art exhibitions (all of which are listed at [fondationlouisvuitton.fr/en](http://fondationlouisvuitton.fr/en)), by artists as varied as Ellsworth Kelly, Olafur Eliasson, Thomas Schütte, and Christian Boltanski.

Kapalua Wine and Food Festival; Justin Lorget/Corbis; Cabo Sky Tours

## Cancún

### Tamale Throwdown

Simply put, a **Can Cook in Cancún** class is one of the most unique travel experiences you can have in Mexico. These intimate affairs, which take place right in chef Claudia's home, will ensure that your guacamole, chicken soup, or Mexico City-style tamales will be the hit of your next neighborhood dinner party. Menus vary, so you'll learn to cook a variety of authentic dishes before sampling them (the best part!) with your classmates. Sessions cost \$115 per person, and are typically offered on Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation from your resort can be arranged.



## Cabo San Lucas

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Fred Grandy (Gopher, the chief purser), Ted Lange (Isaac, the bartender), Bernie Kopell (Doc, the ship's doctor), Lauren Tewes (Julie, the cruise director), and Jill Whelan (Vicki, the captain's daughter) recently reunited for the ship's christening, kicking off Princess' golden anniversary festivities. And that's only the beginning: All Princess passengers will be treated to special anniversary experiences throughout 2015.



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- **Rascal Flatts** in Cozumel, Mexico, May 5, 6, and 7
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**In Good  
Taste**

BY BETSY SHELDON

# Small Plates on Tap

**Much more than a series of tasty tidbits, the tradition of Spanish tapas is about a style of eating, and enjoying conversation over good food and drink.**



I first discovered tapas at a Chicago restaurant called Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba, and quickly fell in love with what I saw as a low-risk dining style: Ordering tapas permitted me to sample a variety of unfamiliar tastes in petite portions. The small dishes stacked up as we ordered rounds of savory delights just as we ordered rounds of drinks, giving me bites of at least a dozen different classic Spanish favorites.

A couple of decades later, I couldn't be happier that the tapas concept has been embraced throughout the U.S. And it remains — of course — a familiar choice in its birthplace, Spain.

### The Birth of the Tapa

Spanish tapas are a tradition like no other, with colorful — if mythical — origins. Once upon a time, it is said, Spanish publicans placed slices of bread atop cups of wine to keep out the flies. Or, depending on your source, it was a concerned king who commanded that no subject drink a glass of wine without consuming some food with it. And still another tale claims tapas are rooted in the practice of covering glasses of bad wine with strong cheese to mask the smell. The Spanish word *tapa* means “lid,” giving weight to the first or third story.

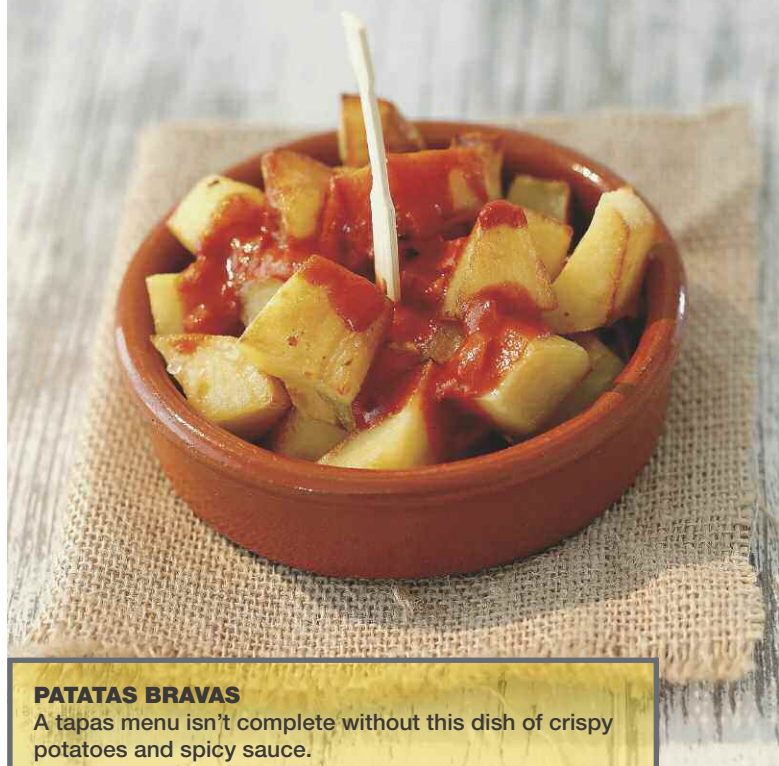
Whatever the origin, most importantly — and according to all the stories — a tapa never performs solo; it always accompanies a drink. What remains today is a custom that at its core translates to enjoying the company of friends with drinks and small bites of food.

### Tapas in Modern-Day Spain

In a country where most people don't eat dinner until 10:00 p.m. (or later!), tapas can serve as a tide-me-over through the evening. However, the practice of *tapeo* (going for tapas) is an activity all its own, in which partakers commonly flit from one establishment to another — a drink, a tapa or two, and time to move on to the next spot. Often eaten standing up at bustling *tascas* (taverns), tapas were traditionally served free with drink orders. Today, this practice is less common, although the southern city of Granada remains a free-tapas stronghold.

Tapas also appear on some restaurant menus, and diners can purchase a multicourse meal of mini repasts such as spicy *patatas bravas* (fried potatoes) and slices of dry-cured *serrano* ham. When eaten as a meal, tapas aren't served all at once, but rather in rounds — each diner ordering a tapa (or two), with plenty of sharing and sampling of one another's choices.

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#### PATATAS BRAVAS

A tapas menu isn't complete without this dish of crispy potatoes and spicy sauce.

- 4 large, waxy potatoes (Yukon gold)
- Oil for frying
- Salt
- 1/2 onion, minced
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon smoked Spanish paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground thyme
- 3/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Boil potatoes until just cooked, rinse, and let cool before peeling and cutting into 1-inch cubes. Heat 1 inch of oil to medium-high in a deep, heavy-bottomed skillet and carefully add potato cubes, frying until crispy and browned. Drain on a paper towel-lined plate, season with salt, and set aside.

For the sauce (*salsa brava*), sauté the onion in 1 tablespoon of oil from potatoes until translucent. Add garlic and sauté until just brown. Remove from heat and add paprika, cayenne pepper, and thyme, blending well. Stir in tomato sauce and mayonnaise, and add salt to taste.

Spoon sauce over potatoes just before serving. Makes six to eight servings.



#### SANGRIA

Nothing says fiesta like a pitcher of sangria, yet there are countless variations on this Spanish classic. Substitute and interchange fruit, liquor, or even white for red wine.

- 1 bottle red wine
- 1 orange, sliced in rounds
- 1 lemon, sliced in rounds
- 1 lime, sliced in rounds
- 1 apple, diced
- 1/4 cup sugar or to taste
- 1/4 cup rum
- 1 liter ginger ale or seltzer water

Mix wine, fruit, sugar, and rum in a large pitcher and allow to infuse for an hour or more. Add the soda just before serving for maximum sparkle. Makes about 10 servings.





### **CHORIZO A LA SIDRA**

A link of cured Spanish chorizo (sausage) — dry, red, and spiced with paprika — comes ready to eat. But cooking it in hard cider (sidra) lends depth. Serve with the reduced liquid, to be sopped up with bread.

- 1 large cured Spanish chorizo
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup hard apple cider
- 1 loaf crusty bread

Cut the chorizo into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Heat oil on medium and add sausage, browning on both sides. Add cider to the skillet and heat to a boil. Turn down heat and

simmer for about 15 minutes. Serve while still warm. Approximately three slices of chorizo with bread makes a generous tapa.



### **BACALAO CROQUETTES**

While bacalao (salt cod) requires an overnight soak to draw out the salt, the recipe is otherwise fairly straightforward. Serve with a quick aioli.

- 1 pound salt cod
- 1 cup milk
- 2 medium potatoes, cooked, peeled, and mashed
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more for frying
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup fine bread crumbs
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 4 medium garlic cloves, peeled and mashed to a paste

Approximately 24 hours before preparing the dish, rinse cod of excess salt and cut into small pieces. Place in a bowl and cover with water, changing water two times during the 24-hour period.

Drain, rinse, and pat cod dry. Simmer cod in a saucepan with the milk for 10

minutes. Remove from liquid and break into small flakes, pulling out bones. Mix fish with the mashed potatoes. Add and mix the following in this order: green onions, parsley, and nutmeg; one beaten egg; and olive oil. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Beat another egg in a shallow bowl, and place flour and bread crumbs in separate bowls. Heat a deep, heavy-bottomed skillet with 1/2 inch of oil. While oil is heating to medium-high, remove mixture from refrigerator and roll into small, pingpong-sized balls. Dip each in flour, then beaten egg, and roll in bread crumbs. Place carefully into the hot oil, frying until golden brown. Remove and drain on a paper towel-lined plate.

For the aioli, whisk mayonnaise with the garlic paste until well blended. Add salt to taste. Makes four to six servings.



### **PA AMB TOMÀQUET**

Gustatory magic happens when bread, garlic, and tomatoes — some of the most basic tapas ingredients — come together.

- 1 baguette, approximately 12 inches long
- 3 large garlic cloves, halved
- 3 – 4 small, ripe tomatoes, halved
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Coarse salt
- Pepper

Preheat the broiler. Cut baguette into 12 slices and place on a baking sheet. Toast under the broiler until golden

brown. While bread is still warm, rub garlic halves over the surface. (Each half can be used for two slices of bread.) Then rub tomato halves over surface, leaving seeds and pulp on the bread. Discard any leftover cloves and tomato skins. Drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Makes four servings of three slices per person.

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## Tapas Take the World by Storm

Establishments throughout the world now boast tapas menus, which may feature items as non-Spanish as chicken nuggets and fried mozzarella. Plenty — thankfully — still serve classics, with ingredients such as marcona almonds, chorizo, anchovies, peppers, and olives. There's generous use of olive oil, garlic, paprika, and sometimes even a pinch of pricey saffron.

Tapas recipes tend to be simple and straightforward: a few slivers of cheese spread with quince paste, or toasted bread smeared with ripe tomato. And often, they reflect regional origins, such as Catalan *sofrito* and aioli sauces, skewered *pintxos* from the Basque region, and salty olives from Andalucía.

Happily, many of the definitive Spanish ingredients are found in even the most mainstream U.S. supermarkets, which means gourmards can easily create their own tapas gatherings. Here, we offer a handful of recipes to consider. But do note that, above all, what really makes a tapa is the spirit in which it is served and received. Says José Andrés, award-winning Spanish chef, in his book, *Tapas: A Taste of Spain in America*, "With tapas, the eating and sharing are just as important as the food you're serving." ■

## SMALL PLATES AROUND THE WORLD

Spain isn't the only country with a small-bite tradition. The concept translates into many culinary cultures. Here are a few:

- Country:** ITALY  
**Name:** antipasto  
**How:** on a platter served before the main course  
**What:** cured meats such as pepperoni and prosciutto, mozzarella and provolone cheeses, olives, pepperoncini, and pickled vegetables
- Country:** INDIA  
**Name:** *thali*  
**How:** portions in small bowls on a round tray, including all courses, from bread to dessert  
**What:** dal (lentils), rice, puri (bread), chickpeas, curried vegetables, chutneys, yogurt; often vegetarian, but may include chicken or lamb
- Country:** GREECE, LEBANON, AND OTHER MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES  
**Name:** meze  
**How:** small plates served together as appetizers with drinks or preceding the main meal  
**What:** hummus, stuffed grape leaves, olives, baba ghanoush, tabbouleh salad, falafel, kibbe
- Country:** CHINA  
**Name:** dim sum  
**How:** served in dim sum restaurants and ordered in rounds from rolling carts  
**What:** steamed buns, pot stickers, dumplings, and spring rolls featuring pork, chicken, or seafood

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BY BETSY SHELDON

# In the Bag

## What to pack to turn your timeshare unit into your home away from home.

Staying in a furnished resort can make the job of packing for vacation oh-so easy. You know that homelike accommodations mean more spacious lodging and a place to wash your clothes. It means there are bowls in the cupboard for cereal and a fridge for the milk.

But still, making your timeshare unit a little more like *your* home may require a few extra items in the suitcase. If you can't imagine waking up to coffee without foam, bring your milk frother. If your toddler will only go to bed if the clock is ticktocking away, pack the Mickey Mouse alarm.

The extras you bring may vary, depending on whether you're taking a romantic escape, a nuclear-family affair, or a multigenerational vacation. Although the items you choose to take with you are specific to your preferences, here are a few suggestions that are bound to enhance your comfort and one-of-a-kind experience. ■



### COUPLES' RETREATS

For a romantic touch, flowers say it all. But rather than resorting to the coffee press or plastic water pitcher to contain them, a **foldable flower vase** packs nicely and makes a cozy statement.

More than likely, your unit has some means of listening to music. But to ensure that your favorite tunes are there to set the mood — whether for a couples massage or a candlelight dinner on your balcony — be sure your **MP3 player and speakers** are in your bag.



You don't have to limit yourself to wine in a box. Pop a small but serviceable **corkscrew** in your checked luggage, or glove box if you're driving. You'll be ready for any toastworthy moment that may come along, whether a woodland picnic or fireworks on the beach.

### Members' Must-Haves

"Clothesline or wire to hang suits from along with clothespins to prevent them being whipped away." — **Krell** "I have one nice nonstick pan that I take everywhere I go." — **newswriter**



## TRIPS ARE FOR KIDS



For youngsters who might find sleeping in a strange room a little scary, a familiar **night-light** could be soothing and make for easy maneuvering during middle-of-the-night awakenings.

## FAMILY BONDING



If you keep the Sriracha on the table at home, chances are you'll have reason to use it when eating in your resort unit. It's a good idea to take small jars of **condiments and favorite spices and herbs** you routinely cook with — they could be difficult to find at resort minimarkets or remote locations.

Juice boxes, yogurt cups, and snack packs are all great take-alongs when traveling with children — but not if it requires lugging a heavy cooler everywhere you go. A **collapsible cooler**, however, can fit in a bag when not in use, and keeps beverages drink-ready at the beach, on a hike, or while sightseeing.



For rainy days and downtime in the unit, it's nice to have additional access to entertainment. A **tablet with movies** may keep a child happy if other family members are watching sports or reality shows. And an **A/V adapter** can come in handy to stream movies the whole family can enjoy.



It's no vacation if you have to chase a toddler around to protect against dangers such as electrical outlets and cabinets with cleaning products. Pack a bag of **childproofing gear** — outlet plugs, door and drawer locks, and corner guards — and you'll rest easier while your young one explores safely.



Research shows that people often bring more than one mobile device when they vacation. Multiply that by every traveling family member, and you'll be plugging up all of the unit's outlets. **Power strips and chargers** mean that everyone can keep their readers, tablets, and phones juiced.

# A Mountain



The first time I visited **Park City**, Utah, my son was 2 months old. Our young family of three merrily traipsed about, soaking up all the scenery — a sunrise racing across the Uinta Mountains, downtown's historic buildings, and the striking blue water of Jordanelle Reservoir — and enjoying as many of the hotspots — Wasatch Brew Pub, the Utah Olympic Park, and Homestead Crater in nearby Midway — as feasible when traveling with a newborn. It was a great trip, full of fun rookie-parents-on-vacation memories.



# of Options

WHETHER YOU WANT TO WANDER ABOUT IN THE HILLS OR HANG OUT ON MAIN STREET, KICK BACK AT A CONCERT OR POWER SHOP, **PARK CITY** CATERS TO MOST EVERY VACATION TASTE. BY J.B. BISSELL



With endless outdoor pursuits and a vibrant city center, Park City might just be the perfect place to spend a week.

Recently, my now 12-year-old son, Dade, and I returned to the area for his annual lacrosse tournament. Yeah, I know, chaperoning 20 preteen boys for a weekend of round-robin competition doesn't sound like the makings of a blissful, escape-the-rat-race vacation. But when I heard it was in Park City, all those recollections of fun came rushing to mind and I immediately volunteered for duty.

Just as quickly, I began making plans to extend the trip beyond the tournament's closing ceremonies. Because from outdoor recreation to seasonal festivals to shopping and dining galore, Park City has more than enough summertime fun to fill a weeklong itinerary. Here's a sampling of some of the region's best options. Focus your travel plans on a single category, or mix and match to create your own well-rounded sojourn.

## The Great Outdoors

Exploring Mother Nature's spoils is quite convenient here. There are plenty

of miles of hiking and biking adjacent to town in the hills that form the local ski resorts of Canyons, Deer Valley, and Park City Mountain. You can even ride the lifts to get a head start on many of the trails. Dade and I, however, wanted to escape a little more — and I wanted to find my favorite of Earth's scenic features: a high alpine lake.

So, after lacrosse wrapped up, we sat at the Park City Pizza Company sprinkling red pepper flakes on our pepperoni pie and poring over a couple of topographic maps. "This looks like a good spot, Dad," Dade said. His finger had landed in the middle of a green section of map that was peppered with countless amoeba-shaped blue specks. He's famous for picking walk-to destinations that are all but impossible to reach, but this one proved a winner.

About 50 miles east of Park City, in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, the Crystal Lake Trailhead provided everything we wanted on our hike. There were a handful of cars in the parking lot, but we only saw one other group of trekkers, and instead of



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Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.



The Utah Olympic Park (above), site of various events during the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games, defies simple classification. It's history. It's a training facility. And it has one of the coolest thrill rides in the world: the Comet Bobsled, on which you'll scream down one of the tracks used during the Games at up to 60 miles per hour. Plan for a full day here. Take the guided tour, and then enjoy all the other activities, including adventure courses, zip lines, museums, an alpine slide, and more. You may even have a chance to watch Olympic-hopeful freestyle aerialists practicing new tricks — and splash-landing in a big swimming pool.

just one alpine lake, we visited at least six named bodies of water — Crystal, Long, Island, Duck, Pot, and Weir lakes — and sauntered past a number of anonymous little ponds.

The unquestionable highlight was Island Lake, as, true to its name, there's a stone island with pine trees — a place that looks as though at one time it was almost certainly inhabited by creatures straight from *The Hobbit* — just offshore. "We should swim out and camp there tonight, Dad."

Ah, the spirit of a 12-year-old, who, for the record, wasn't all that dissuaded even when I explained we didn't have any overnight gear. Or dry clothes. Or food other than our trail snacks. Or fresh water other than what we were carrying.

Instead, we found a nice place to sit for a while before moving on. The out-and-back distance to Island Lake is approximately 6 miles round-trip. The Duck Lake loop adds a couple of miles. If you'd like similar scenery without all the walking, drive a little farther east to Mirror Lake. It's a pretty spot immediately accessible from the parking lot.

## Summertime Fun

As much as I cherish "the serenity of a clear blue mountain lake" (thank you, John Denver), I also appreciate the revelry of a concert or festival set amid those same mountains, and Park City definitely keeps the party going throughout the summer.

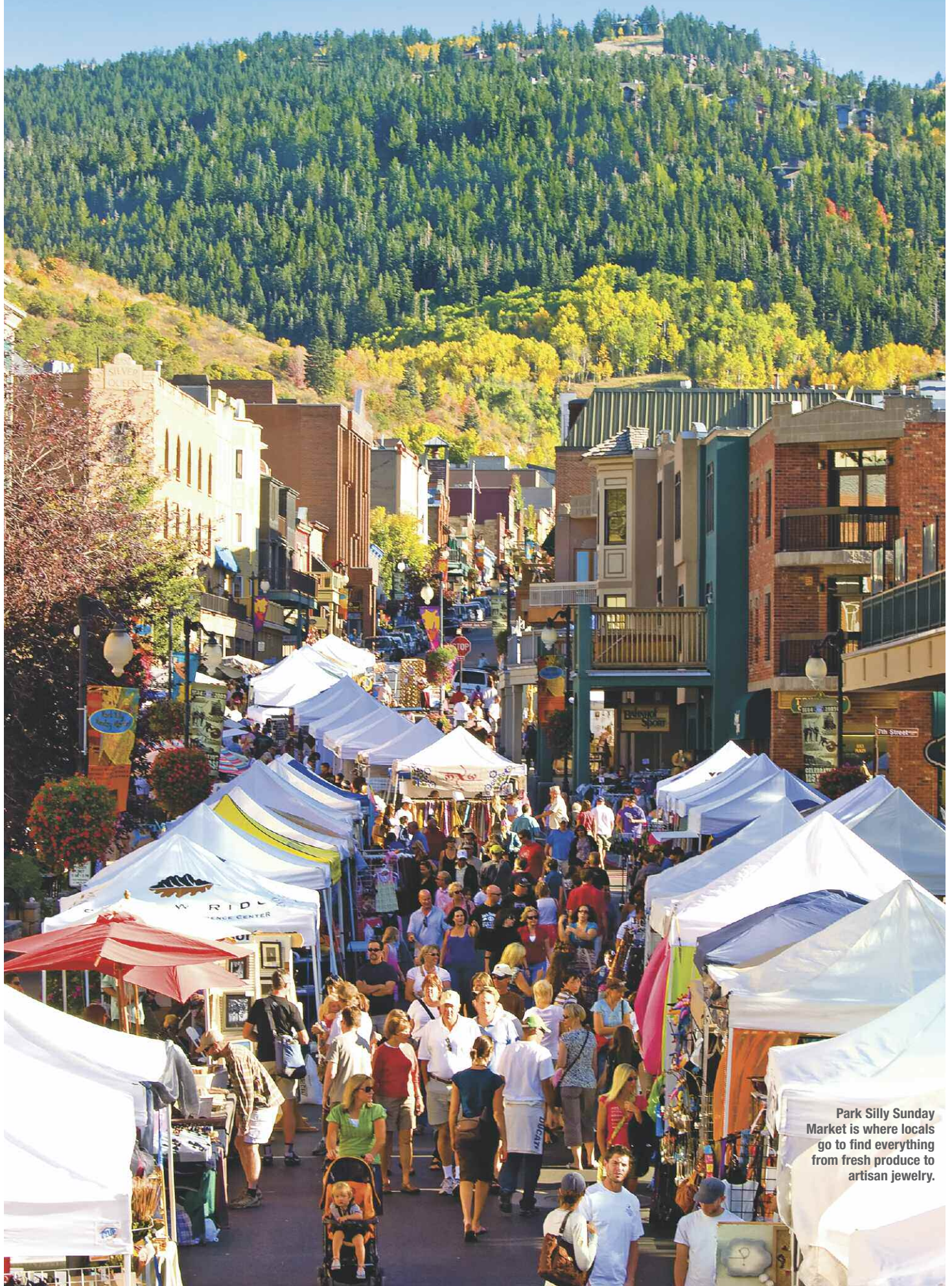
The St. Regis Big Stars, Bright Nights series brings popular acts to town to perform at Deer Valley's Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater — past artists have included Dierks Bentley, Five for Fighting, and Trampled by Turtles. And with reserved and general-admission lawn seating available, and bring-your-own picnics allowed, it's a great evening of entertainment whether you're a fan of the band or just want to enjoy a good plate of charcuterie with live music playing in the background.

The same venue hosts shows during the Deer Valley Music Festival, a summer's worth of performances featuring the Utah Symphony. Some nights spotlight classic arrangements, such as when they play the "1812 Overture," and others offer more modern fare, with renditions of renowned movie scores or tributes to popular rock 'n' roll bands.

For three days, usually at the beginning of August, hundreds of artists and nearly 60,000 patrons descend on downtown for the annual Park City Kimball Arts Festival. Technically, it serves as a fundraiser for the namesake center of art education and exhibition, but truly, it's a fun-filled community event complete with food vendors, live music, a kids' area, and incredible art for purchase.

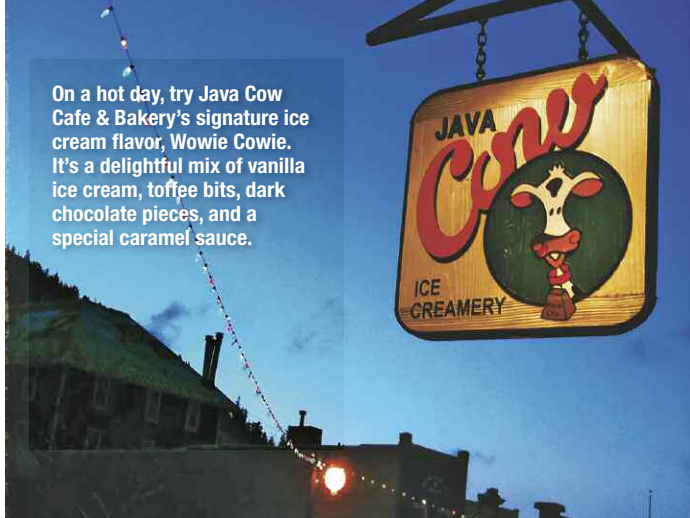
Unfortunately, we weren't able to attend any of these special events, but we did partake in the Park Silly Sunday Market. And by partake, I mean we did a little street Zumba, Dade got a lacrosse-themed "tattoo," and we cheered for a group of fire dancers. Park Silly happens every Sunday from June through September (except during the Kimball Arts Festival), and also features a lot of food, plenty





Park Silly Sunday Market is where locals go to find everything from fresh produce to artisan jewelry.





On a hot day, try Java Cow Cafe & Bakery's signature ice cream flavor, Wowie Cowie. It's a delightful mix of vanilla ice cream, toffee bits, dark chocolate pieces, and a special caramel sauce.

of handicrafts, and an assortment of entertainment — plus a bunch of homegrown fruits and vegetables, and, the day we were there, a bloody mary bar that was a hit with the team parents in attendance.

## Meet Me Downtown

Even without all the pop-up tents that house artists and other merchants for yearly and weekly gatherings, Park City has a great deal to offer in terms of shopping and sightseeing, and Main Street is the epicenter. Sixty-four buildings in the vicinity are included on the National Register of Historic Places, many of which now serve as restaurants, galleries, or retail stores. All told, there are more than 70 area shops to satiate your souvenir search.

"I want a cool hat," Dade said, and with that, we decided to divide and conquer this portion of our Park City visit. He walked straight to Backscratcher Tees, a purveyor of all things Park City, and quickly spent most of the \$30 he had left for the trip on a cool hat and a few ski-helmet stickers for him and his buddies back home.

While Dade continued wandering — from Roots to the Burns Cowboy Shop to the Love Your Pet Bakery and finally to Java Cow Café & Bakery, where he spent his last \$5 on some delicious ice cream — I hung out at Dolly's Bookstore. They didn't have a first edition of *The Great Gatsby* (I'm always on the lookout), but Liza, one of the store's friendly staff members, and I had a nice conversation about Stephen King's oeuvre.

If you'd rather survey history than hunt for souvenirs, spend some time at the Park City Museum. Exhibits include a two-story-tall "mine," a look at the early days of skiing in the region, and the original territorial jail.

## Let's Eat

No matter what sort of activities you fill your time with — hiking and biking, festival hopping, or searching for whatever your own elusive *Gatsby* first edition might be — the one thing

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we all need to do is eat. Which is no problem, as at last count, this mountain town of around 8,000 permanent residents claimed more than 100 restaurants.

There also are Park City Food Tours, during which local guides lead group outings to sample the fare at various top eateries; and in July, the Park City Food & Wine Classic pairs plates with good drinks — and sometimes all that with outdoor excursions such as fishing and golf.

I admire all the choices, but when it comes to dining, I lean to the if-it-ain't-broke-don't-fix-it end of the spectrum, so I keep going back to the Wasatch Brew Pub — and they keep making me happy. Especially this last trip, when their apricot *hefeweizen* perked me up after our day of hiking.

Dade ordered the fish and chips, and I had a house buffalo burger topped with Cajun remoulade and cheddar cheese from a nearby creamery. "I'm glad we didn't camp out there on Hobbit Island," I said after a couple bites. "This is way better than the Clif Bars and beef jerky we would have been eating for dinner."

Dade nodded. "Yeah, but think how cool it would have been."

I smiled and took another drink of my beer. "Maybe next year, buddy." ■

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### RESORT DIRECTORY:

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**CLIMATE:** Average daily highs can reach 87°F in July, but keep in mind that evening temperatures drop substantially. It's normal for overnight lows to dip into the 40s.

### INTERVAL TRAVEL:

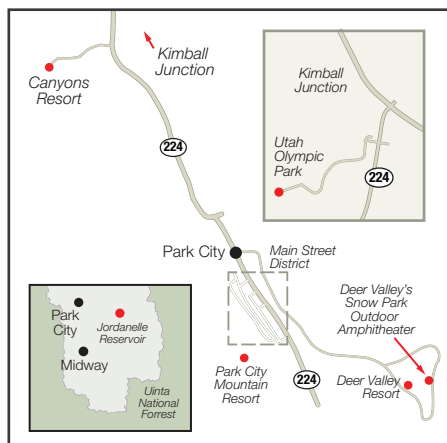
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### RENTAL CAR:

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Take in the natural beauty of Chino Canyon aboard the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway — the largest rotating tramcar in the world.

# More Out West: Palm Springs and Palm Desert

The Palm Springs and Palm Desert area in Southern California is yet another vacation destination in the Western U.S. that offers wide-ranging outdoor activities, more shopping and dining than you'd probably expect, and friendly local folks. The vibe here is a little different than Park City, though. It's more resort casual than Old West, so if you prefer your hikes with a martini chaser and your shops collected on a boulevard known as the Rodeo Drive of the Desert, this is the place for your next trip. Check out the following regional highlights to start planning today.

## Desert Diversions

Summertime temperatures here are serious business — regularly going north of 100°F — but if you want to be outdoors *and* enjoy a little respite from the valley heat, simply head to higher ground. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, an attraction all on its own with the largest rotating tramcars in the world, transports visitors from an elevation of 2,643 feet above sea level to 8,516 feet high in roughly 10 minutes, where temperatures are routinely 30 degrees cooler than below.

Once you arrive at the top of Chino Canyon — and maybe even after you put on a long-sleeve shirt or light jacket — you're standing at the doorstep of Mount San Jacinto State Park, and 54 miles of wilderness paths. The Desert View Trail is a relatively easy 1 1/2-mile loop that meanders through the forest and features multiple panoramic stops. Serious trekkers should consider a San Jacinto Peak summit attempt. It's a gorgeous walk, through mountain meadows and lodgepole pine timberlands, but the beauty comes with a real challenge: The trail is 5 1/2 miles one way, and has an elevation gain of approximately 2,300 feet.



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Dine alfresco at any one of many dining establishments in Palm Springs' thriving restaurant scene.

### For a Good Time

Thursday nights in Palm Springs are known far and wide for Palm Springs VillageFest, a community event that takes over downtown and is equal parts farmers' market, craft show, and street fair. In other words, whether you're on the prowl for some locally grown ingredients to use back at your unit or a painting to hang on your living room wall back home — or you just want to mingle with the locals and listen to some live music — this is the place to be every Thursday, June through September, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (The fun starts an hour earlier the rest of the year.)

Area casinos offer additional entertainment options, and typically host a variety of popular acts. Besides big-name performers playing special engagements, though, the Rock Yard at Fantasy Springs features some pretty fun gigs (think Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin tributes) every weekend. And even if you're not into heavy guitar riffs and drum solos, it's hard to beat the fact that the shows are free.

### Name-Brand Attraction

There are boutiques, malls, and markets around seemingly every corner in this region, but there are two shopping Shangri-Las that are absolute must-visits. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm

Springs is a funky mix of trends and traditions. Wander along this street and there's no question you'll discover all manner of objects you had no idea you needed, from antiques to zebra-patterned home furnishings.

Palm Desert's El Paseo, the Rodeo Drive of the Desert, is a mile-long stretch of stores fronted by various pieces of outdoor public art that can be nearly as fascinating as the apparel, gifts, jewelry, and other items for sale inside. If you're looking for specific designers, stroll through the adjacent Gardens on El Paseo and Shops on El Paseo, where you'll find Coach and Louis Vuitton goods and Burberry, Gucci, and Ralph Lauren merchandise, respectively.

### Menu, Please

The El Paseo district is the place to eat, too. There are scores of cafes, casual bistros, and some more formal eateries. And in the middle of all the action is Pacifica Seafood Restaurant. In addition to serving the self-proclaimed freshest seafood in the desert, regular specials include various half-price bottles of wine on Tuesdays and a daily prix fixe sunset dinners menu. Pacifica also has a comfortable rooftop terrace and vodka bar stocked with 150 bottles from more than six states and 20 countries.

If variety is the spice of your life, make plans to take advantage of Palm Springs Desert Resorts Restaurant Week. For 10 days at the beginning of June, more than 100 area establishments — from the renowned Copley's on Palm Canyon to the fashionable Lulu California Bistro and many more — show off select three-course culinary creations for a set price of either \$26 or \$38 per person. Reservations are definitely recommended. ■

## fastFACTS

### RESORT DIRECTORY:

[IntervalWorld.com](http://IntervalWorld.com) or pages 143 to 145

**CLIMATE:** June-through-August highs average above 100°F, dipping upwards of 20°F at night.

### INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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### RENTAL CAR:

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### CONTACT: Palm Springs

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[fantasyspringsresort.com](http://fantasyspringsresort.com);

The Gardens on El Paseo,  
[thegardensonelpaseo.com](http://thegardensonelpaseo.com);

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Pacifica Seafood Restaurant,  
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Restaurant Week,

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### VISITOR INFORMATION:

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**FROM STREET VENDORS AND SOUKS TO  
SERENE PALACE COURTYARDS, THIS  
MOROCCAN CITY IS A SHAPE-SHIFTING  
GENIE OF A DESTINATION.**

BY KERRY CHRISTIANI



When the Almoravids raised Marrakech's mighty walls in the 11th century, surely they never guessed that the *medina* (old town) would remain intact and virtually unchanged nearly a millennium later. But while roaming the souks (markets) can feel like medieval time travel, elsewhere, Marrakech has rushed headfirst into the 21st century with on-trend boutiques and glamorous dinner clubs. Indeed, Morocco's Red City walks a fine tightrope between past and present, chaotic and blissfully calm, pulling off the entire act with inimitable style. Consider the following three-day itinerary to pinpoint must-sees and get your vacation started. If you have additional time, explore at a more leisurely pace — or seek out your own Marrakech delights.

### Day 1: Medina Magic

Begin your trip by throwing yourself in the deep end: Djemaa el-Fna. This sprawling, disjointed square feels like stepping onto a giant film set, complete with snake-charming, monkey-balancing, drum-beating theatrics. The name translates as “assembly of the dead”; fittingly, it was once a public execution ground. It is very much alive today, however, and serves as the centerpiece for Marrakech's medina.

Wander around the square and you'll soon become part of the show. Keep spare change handy for the juice carts or if you fancy having your photo taken with a tassel-hatted water carrier, a cobra, or a cheeky Barbary macaque. And if you don't want a shoeshine or henna tattoo, the golden rule is to say “*Non, merci*” and just keep walking.

From the square's northern flank, you can easily dive into the mazy souks, where the bewildering twists and turns leave even cartographers baffled. Quite frankly, you're bound to get lost at some point (It's part of the fun!) so heed this navigational tip: locate one of the main arteries, and you can find your way out. Just don't leave until you find Au Fil d'Or at 10 Souk Semmarine, for beautifully tailored kaftans. A little farther on, at Patisserie Belkadir, the syrupy Moroccan sweetmeats make terrific gifts.

**RIGHT: Morocco was a French protectorate for many years, and the latter's influence is felt in the cuisine today.**  
**FAR RIGHT: Soaring 230 feet above the city, Koutoubia is one of Marrakech's most recognizable landmarks; many visitors use the mosque as a reference point to navigate around the city.**

Diverging off this main drag brings you to other souks, such as the Cr  e Berb  re, where Berbers haul their hand-woven rugs to the daily 4:00 auction. Souk Smata brims with spangled babouche slippers, and you'll want your camera handy for Souk Sebbaghine, where brightly hued skeins hang to dry against sunbaked walls. Miracle lotions and potions are sold in the herbalist stores lining Rahba Qedima square. Or, you can simply sit back and survey the action over a spiced coffee and snack at Caf   des   pices.

After a morning of haggling, it's time for a cultural afternoon, so stop in to Ali Ben Youssef Medersa, a former Quranic school and a textbook example of Moroccan craftsmanship. The current building dates to the 16th century, and its geometric *zellij* tiles and lace-fine stucco are dazzlingly intricate.

Book a table for dinner at gastro mk, the renowned restaurant at maison mk hotel, and end your day with a five-course tasting of Moroccan-French flavors. (Note: gastro mk limits its external guests to 10 per night, so be sure to call ahead to make a reservation.)

### Day 2: Rock the Kasbah

There's still plenty to see in the medina, but swing your focus south of Djemaa el-Fna. As the city wakes up, go for a walk along Rue Riad Zitoun el-Jedid, which has a more laid-back vibe than the souks. The cobbled, bazaar-like street provides a tantalizing slice of local daily life, with cubbyhole carpentry workshops, apothecaries, groceries, bakeries, and tailors, where old Singer sewing machines are still en vogue.



### SOME INSIDE SCOOP

■ It's quite easy to spend much more money than you had planned at Djemaa el-Fna unless you have your wits about you. Remember, no photograph is free, and those wily snake charmers and smiling Gnaoua musicians are out to extract as many tourist dirhams as they can. The typical going rate for a snapshot is 10dh to 20dh.

■ Haggling is expected in the souks, but how low can you go? As a rule of thumb, start by knocking 70 percent off the first quoted price. Then, work from there toward a more realistic 50 percent. You'll need to be polite but firm to strike the best deal.

■ Petit taxis (often Peugeots on their last legs) are cheaper than grand taxis (Mercedes). Ask the driver to switch on the meter if it's working, or agree on a price beforehand. Most of the medina is off-limits to all forms of traffic — save mule-driven carts.



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From here, it's a short hop to Dar Si Said, a graceful 19th-century mansion outfitted in Moroccan master craftsmanship, ranging from High Atlas carpets to Berber jewelry. More lavish still is the nearby Bahia Palace, also built in the 19th century, and with a keen eye for detail — as seen in the marble finishes, calligraphy work, and elaborately painted *zouak* ceilings that adorn the chambers and courtyards.

Once you've finished gawking at the ornate handiwork, follow your nose to the nearby spice souk where you can buy ingredients such as *ras el hanout*, cumin, and saffron to add oomph to Moroccan dishes back home. Then continue south to Kasbah for a ramble among the enigmatic ruins of Sultan Ahmed el-Mansour's 16th-century El Badi Palace, a once-sumptuous 360-room affair.

As day softens into dusk, wander over to the Kosybar for a rooftop cocktail. Watch as storks flutter down to their nests on the palace walls opposite, and Koutoubia Mosque lights up in the distance.

### Day 3: French Flair in Guéliz

No trip to Marrakech would be complete without admiring Koutoubia, the city's most visible icon. You'll hear the muezzin's raspy *adhan* (call to prayer) drift from the approximately 230-foot

minaret of this 12th-century mosque five times a day. For close-up views of its keyhole arches and exterior stonework, go for a fragrant stroll among the roses, orange trees, and palms that grow in the gardens. Reflective pools mirror the mosque's perfect symmetry.

Out on Avenue Mohammed V, hop in a *petit* taxi to Guéliz. French colonizers laid out this neighborhood in the early 1900s and it shows. A far cry from the labyrinthine medina, this is a district of easy-to-navigate boulevards, where chic boutiques sidle up to pavement cafes and Paris-worthy patisseries. Rue de la Liberté is the go-to street for everything from Moroccan housewares to *prêt-à-porter* kaftans, and if you're in the market for a top-quality Berber carpet, stop in to Ben Rahal. Prices are fair, and the shopping experience is hassle-free.

For a leisurely lunch in this part of town, the Moroccan home-style dishes — such as *méchoui* (lamb slow-roasted on a fire until meltingly tender) — at Al Fassia are highly recommended. Spend a refreshingly peaceful afternoon at Jardin Majorelle — the botanical escape of late fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent — where a cobalt-blue villa sits among gardens bristling with Californian palms, bamboo, and cacti.

Complete this day with a decadent night out on the town around Hivernage, home to the city's ritziest casinos and lounges. Begin your evening with an expertly mixed cocktail at the gilded bar of the truly palatial Royal Mansour, or with a G&T at Le Bar Churchill, which can be found at La Mamounia. It is named after former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, one of many distinguished guests over the years. Round out your Marrakech trip with a pinch of *Arabian Nights* fantasy at candlelit dinner club Le Comptoir Darna, where the soft caramel tart dessert competes for your attention with the belly dancers. ■

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## fastFACTS

### RESORT DIRECTORY:

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### CLIMATE:

The average daytime high during summertime is from the high 70s to the high 90s.

### DON'T MISS:

The mesmerizing Saadian Tombs, where columns of marble and carved doors enshrine about 160 deceased Saadians.

### CURRENCY:

Moroccan dirham

**TIPPING:** Leave 10% to 15% of the bill at restaurants.

### INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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### RENTAL CAR:

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BY JAMES HENDERSON

# REASONS TO BE EAGER FOR ANTIGUA

You'll know the name, but you might not be sure exactly where it is, nor even how to pronounce it. In fact, Antigua (spoken as *Anteegah*, not *Antigwa*) — along with its sister islands, Barbuda and tiny, uninhabitable Redonda — is the archetypal Caribbean destination, a coral-encrusted blip fringed by fine blond beaches and set in a surreal blue sea. Characterized mostly by rolling yellow-green hills, the isle is about 11 miles across and 14 miles from north to south. It has an odd, amoeboid shape, throwing off protrusions in all directions, which create magnificent coves and beaches.

Home initially to the ancient Siboney people, then Arawaks and later Caribs, Antigua was bestowed its current appellation by Christopher Columbus for the Church of Santa María de la Antigua in Seville, Spain. It became a linchpin of British colonial presence in the region, and home to U.S. air and naval bases in World War II. Partly because of this, Antigua remains an interest to the U.S. and U.K. out of proportion to its size. And diminutive though it may be, there is much to anticipate on a vacation to Antigua.

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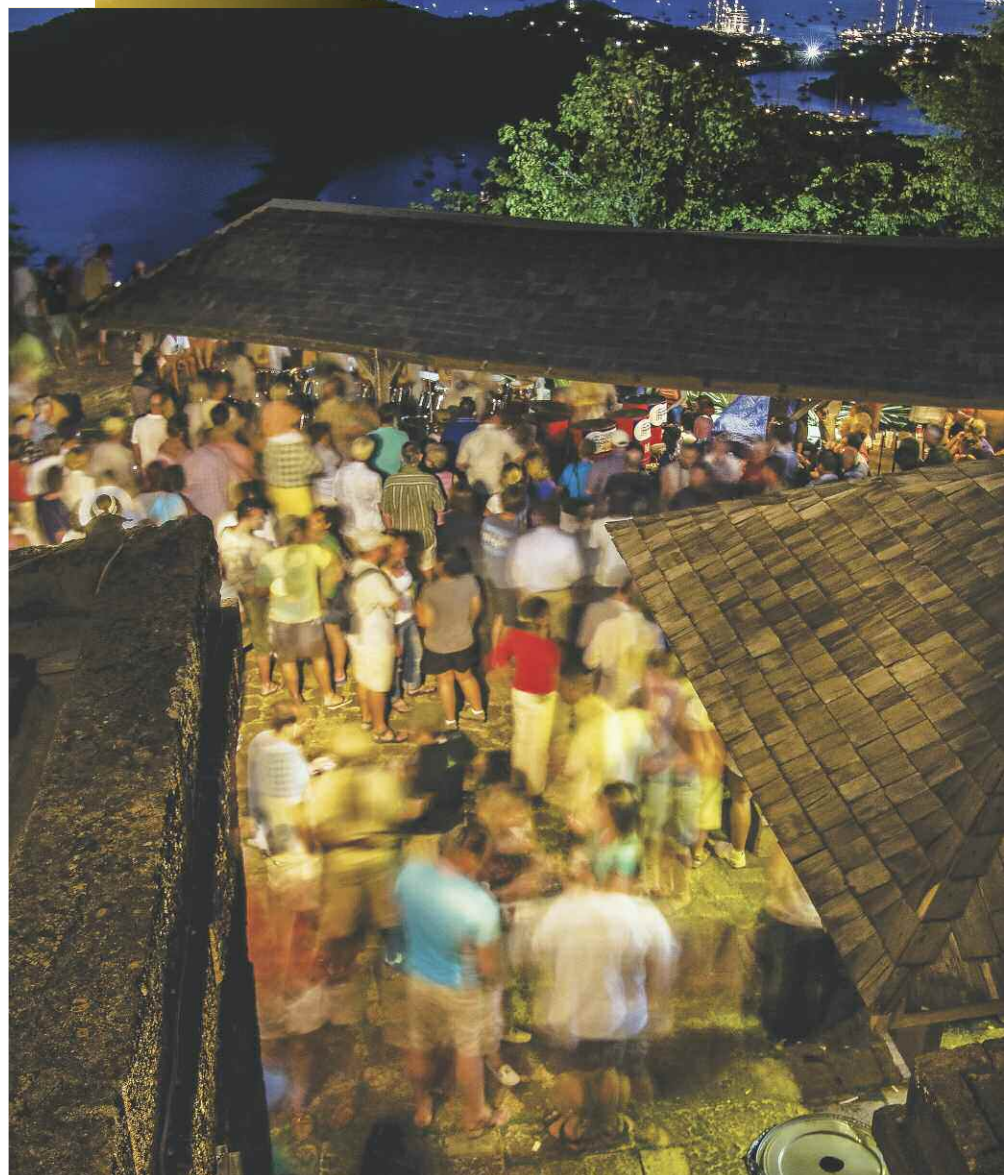
## 1. A Year of Beaches

The Ministry of Tourism for Antigua and Barbuda claims 365 beaches between the two isles — one for every day of the year and enough that you can sometimes even have a beach all to yourself. The coral reefs that surround the islands give up sumptuous, light-colored sand, and in the offshore shallows it reflects the sun in myriad shades from zinging jade to vibrant turquoise.

On offer is a surprising variety of strands from which to choose. There are windsurfing and kite-surfing beaches, such as **Jabberwock Beach** (in the north beyond the airport); busy beaches like **Dickenson Bay** (in the northwest), **Jolly Bay** (west), and **Pigeon Point** (south); and lovely, secluded beaches, including **Half Moon Bay** (east) and **Rendezvous Bay** (south, reachable only by boat). Perhaps the most pleasant are **Ffryes** and **Darkwood**, quite remote in the southwest, each with a rickety beach bar and a cracking sunset view.

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For more than 30 years, residents and visitors alike have flocked to Shirley Heights Lookout for the Sunday Barbecue party.



## 2. Fortified Festivities

Once there was a fortress every few hundred yards around the coastline of Antigua. As a key outpost of British naval interest in the Caribbean, the island was very heavily defended. Now these bulwarks stand brooding, their cannons silenced, and if they have been restored, they are used for more modern pursuits. Some have been adapted into private houses, retaining their original spectacular panoramas, and others into museums.

The Dow's Hill Interpretation Centre explains the fortifications at **Shirley Heights** in the southeast (so formidable that the island was never attacked). And on Sunday afternoons (also Thursday evenings), Shirley Heights Lookout is home to the island's best-known party, with a steel band and reggae and soca (a blend of soul and calypso) music and fantastic sunsets.



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### 3. A Firsthand History Lesson

Stone windmills pop up on seemingly every hilltop in Antigua. They hint of its agro-industrial past, when grassy sugarcane crop blanketed more than 100 plantations across the island. The windmills were used to crush the stalks.

At **Betty's Hope**, the island's first large sugar plantation, one has been restored to working order. Poke around the mills and the boiling and curing house with its copper vats. The interesting and informative visitors' center provides insight into daily life on the plantation and sugar making — from planting and the backbreaking harvest to crushing the cane, boiling the juice, and turning it into sugar (and rum) for export.

### 4. A Snapshot of the Past

In 1784, British admiral Horatio Nelson arrived at Antigua's English Harbour and headed the development of the naval facil-

ities that are now known as **Nelson's Dockyard**. Although they fell into disrepair after the 1889 departure of the Royal Navy, they have been restored to a working Georgian-era dockyard. There are sail lofts, chandleries and capstans, and yachts tied up to the dock. The place is so atmospheric that you can almost imagine the commander himself appearing around the corner to naval whistles and a drum roll.

In the Dockyard Museum (formerly the naval officer's house) you will learn fascinating facts through exhibits of early navigational instruments, blacksmiths' bellows, and even sailors' graffiti. And of course there are bars — the Galley is good at sundown, and the restaurant at Admiral's Inn is well worth a visit for lunch.

### 5. Seamen and Sailing

The sailors in Nelson's day were rambunctious enough, but in season Antigua is pretty lively nowadays, too. Crews still carouse



Windmills such as this one at Betty's Hope plantation were integral to the sugar-making process that was once the mainstay of Antigua's economy.

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The restaurant at the historic Admiral's Inn at Nelson's Dockyard is housed in a building where pitch was stored on the ground floor, with the engineers' offices above.

onshore, looking for a good time — they just prefer a DJ to a band of fiddlers. The strip to visit for lively nightlife is between Falmouth Harbour and English Harbour, where you will find hotspots **The Mad Mongoose** and **Abracadabra**.

The southeast, around the old naval harbors, is the center of the region's superyacht scene. Some of the best-known regattas in the Caribbean are held here, including Antigua Sailing Week and the Classic Yacht Regatta, both in April. But you don't need to charter a yacht to get out onto the water. Year-round you can take a day sail — to the islands in the northeast, with their shallow water and excellent beaches, to the western reefs for snorkeling and isolated coves, or a round-the-island circumnavigation journey. And, of course, nothing caps a perfect island day like a relaxing sunset cruise.



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The British Royal Navy first sought shelter in English Harbour in the 18th century. It remains a popular haven for seafarers today.



## 6. Thrills for All

Fling yourself into an adventure of exciting bungee-jump and zip-line descents and a ropes challenge course with Antigua Rainforest Company. There are plenty of other island tours, including ATV adventures and 4x4 island safaris by Land Rover.

Gentler exploits — along the lines of finding that perfect souvenir and indulging in local cuisine — await in St. John's, Antigua's main (and capital) town. Don't miss historic **Redcliffe Quay**, a district boasting colorfully restored architecture with restaurants, bars, and shops along the waterfront.

## 7. Carnival, Calypso, and Cricket

The West Indians know how to play, so if you are here at **Carnival** time (starting at the end of July and lasting 10 days) then make





**7** Carnival parade participants, known as mas players, don bright, elaborate costumes for the festivities.

sure to watch. Or, better still, join in the compulsive shuffle-stepping through the streets of St. John's to incredibly loud music. Ahead of time (as early as February), you can contact groups of street revelers, known as *mas* (short for masquerade) bands to buy a costume and organize your participation. Bands are listed on the official carnival website, [antiguacarnival.com](http://antiguacarnival.com).

The rhythms they dance to are **soca** — fast-paced, relentless, and compelling electronic music — and **calypso**, which is more melodic and usually carries a social or comic message. If you get a chance, in the weeks before Carnival, go to a Calypso Tent to hear the calypsonians sparring in song as they compete for the title of Calypso Monarch.

But to truly appreciate the Antiguans, attend a **cricket match**. Not so much for the game itself (it's a lifetime's pursuit even understanding it), but for the spectacle and especially the lively and illustrious fans who make the game their own, such as Chickie (the DJ providing the soundtrack for the matches), Gravy

(known for his eccentric ensembles and dancing), and Pappie the bugler (enthusiastically trumpeting boundaries and wickets).

## 8. Barbuda and Redonda

It's hard to imagine, but if it's possible, **Barbuda** has even finer beaches and bluer sea than Antigua. Take a catamaran over and make a day of it. Tiny Codrington, the only town, is worth a short visit, after which, head up to the Frigate Bird Sanctuary across Codrington Lagoon, where these black, scissor-tailed birds roost and display their vast scarlet, football-sized gullets in an effort to find a mate. Then head back to the beach to laze in the sun and take in the scenery.

**Redonda**, the third island in the trio, is an unassailable cliff-sided outcrop, but its story is quite interesting. Largely ignored by colonial powers and uninhabited to this day, it ended up with a self-appointed king, a literary line, in fact, with courtiers such as writer Gerald Durrell, actors Dirk Bogarde and Diana Dors, and the poet Dylan Thomas. ■

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**CLIMATE:** Antigua's high and low temperatures vary little throughout the year, and the island is relatively dry compared with others in the Caribbean.

**DON'T MISS:** Two elegant spots for a long and lazy lunch: Catherine's Café at Pigeon Point offers fantastic views of the harbor, and Cecilia's High Point Café at Dutchman's Bay, run by former model Cecilia Nord, sits on the water's edge.

### INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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**CURRENCY:** Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$)

**TIPPING:** Always appreciated in restaurants and

taxis (at 10 percent to 15 percent). Taxi rates are published (not metered).

### RENTAL CAR:

Recommended, though you can also explore Antigua through tour companies that will pick you up from your resort.

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# Southern Charm

Most visitors to Brazil only get as far south as São Paulo, but keep going and you'll discover **Santa Catarina**, a region as alluring — and diverse — as any the country has to offer. | BY J.B. BISSELL

The calm, clear waters of Barra de Lagoa in Florianópolis make this an ideal beach for beginning surfers.



A walk through the treetops offers spectacular views of the lush natural beauty found in Santo Amaro da Imperatriz.



**Brazil** is a big country. Probably bigger than you think. Sure, we all have some vague notion about how vast the Amazon rain forest is. (It encompasses more than 2 million square miles — most of which is within Brazil's borders.) Perhaps you've heard tales of São Paulo, a true megalopolis with a metro area that's home to some 19 million people. And watching over Rio de Janeiro is the iconic 100-foot-tall Christ the Redeemer, a massive statue that can be seen from nearly any spot in town.

But Brazil is the fifth-largest country in the world, so even with all these monumental attractions, there's still plenty of room for smaller-scale places of interest. Places such as Florianópolis, Santo Amaro da Imperatriz, Itapema, and Blumenau, all in the southern state of Santa Catarina. These municipalities aren't nearly as prominent (or as crowded) as some of Brazil's other destinations, but they still deliver big when it comes to leisure activities and vacation experiences — and locally crafted German-style beer.

### Florianópolis: Water Sports and City Delights

Florianópolis is the capital city of Santa Catarina. Technically — and interestingly — it is split in two by bay waters from the Atlantic Ocean. Part of town is built up on Brazil's mainland, while across a couple of bridges, the other half resides on Ilha de Santa Catarina, the state's namesake island. Most visitors spend the majority of their time on the trendier atoll, which, in recent years, has quietly become a hip hangout for jet setters searching for the next seaside hotspot. They found it: Ilha de Santa Catarina is fringed by more than 40 beaches and when the sun goes down, the revelry shifts to local party places — Confraria Hall and the Concorde Club are two favorites — where famed DJs keep fashionable crowds dancing all night long.

#### Must Do

Any activity that mixes water with waves or wind. In fact, the surfing is thought to be some of the best Brazil has to offer. Novice and more skilled wave riders alike will be delighted with the swells and curls at

Mole and Joaquina beaches, but when you're ready to shred for a big crowd, head to Brava. It's probably the most popular stretch of sand on the island and the break is consistent — and consistently awesome. However don't forget your wetsuit, as the water can be a bit chilly during the Brazilian fall season. Conceição Lagoon is great for windsurfing and kiteboarding, as well as hang gliding if you'd prefer your adrenaline rush sans *água*. If, on the other hand, you're thinking more *água* less adrenaline, the calm water and cool vibe (beachside bars, shopping, and more) at Jurerê is the place for you.

#### Should Do

Even as far removed from Brazil's renowned metropolises as it is — approximately 430 miles south of São Paulo — Florianópolis itself is hardly some sleepy island backwater, and that's exactly part of its appeal. The city is home to a plenitude of quality restaurants, from seafood at Box 32 to Casarão's traditional Brazilian menu, and myriad cultural attractions. The architecture alone of the Museu Histórico



de Santa Catarina is worth a visit, and archeology buffs might want to block out a couple of days to take in the approximately 5,000 items on display at the Homem do Sambaqui Museum.

#### **Field Trip**

Book a boat trip to Campeche Island, off the southeast coast of Ilha de Santa Catarina. The hiking is fantastic, but the unique prize here is discovering the multitude of petroglyphs peppered throughout numerous archeological sites.

#### **Santo Amaro da Imperatriz: Recreate, Rejuvenate, Repeat**

Just a bit more than 20 miles west of Florianópolis is the rural community of Santo Amaro da Imperatriz. The geographic distance between the two is almost negligible; it's easy to visit one from the other for lunch, a spontaneous afternoon drive or an evening out. In atmosphere, however, these two places are worlds apart. Whereas Florianópolis embraces its metropolitan trappings, Santo Amaro da Imperatriz provides a welcome escape from the urban jungle — and convenient access to a natural one.

#### **Must Do**

Relieve stress, ease back pain, soothe sore joints, detoxify your

dermis, and generally rejuvenate both your physiological and psychological states of being. This region is world-famous for its mineral-rich hot springs, and Santo Amaro da Imperatriz is at the epicenter of liquid thermal activity. If you want to combine your therapeutic dip with more formal treatments, make an appointment at Plaza Caldas da Imperatriz's spa. Their menu is extensive and ranges from traditional massages to exfoliating scrubs to reiki sessions.

#### **Should Do**

Santo Amaro da Imperatriz's location, nestled amongst rolling hills and surrounded by a healthy track of the Atlantic Forest, makes for a perfect jump-off point to adventures aplenty. One of the most outstanding — and exciting — is waterfall rappelling, which is exactly what it sounds like. Tartarugas outfitters will lead you to one of the area's stunning cascades and help you buckle into a harness. Taking the backwards leap of faith over the rocky edge, however, is all up to you.

#### **Field Trip**

Witness Brazil's mountainous backcountry in São Joaquim National Park, southwest of Santo Amaro da Imperatriz. It's truly an ecological wonder. At times, the volcanic-rock hillsides layered with emerald-green foliage are reminiscent of Hawaii, while other sections seem

**Pull on a wetsuit and try one of Brazil's favorite pastimes — surfing!**



## Coastal Gems

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With endless natural beauty, it's no wonder that Itapema is the third most popular tourist destination in Santa Catarina.

plucked straight from the American Southwest due to the craggy outcroppings and sparse meadows.

### Itapema: Commune With Mother Nature

A crescent of modern urban development pinched between the Atlantic Ocean and a set of untamed foothills, Itapema is about 43 miles due north of Florianópolis. Upon arrival, you'll probably feel as though you've happened across a well-guarded secret, like discovering a favorite locals' restaurant, except this is an entire municipality. The scene is outdoorsy-laid-back, but don't mistake that for lacking. There are countless excellent food stops (be sure to sample the local crab cakes and cod balls) and plenty of places to enjoy a cold cocktail, and the public spaces are pleasant and inviting.

#### Must Do

Play outside. Lace up your hiking boots and make for the summit of Pedra da Gurita. Or go scuba diving. From reefs to wrecks, nearby Bombinhas serves as a gateway to some of southern Brazil's best underwater sites. You're sure to encounter a rainbow of colorful fish, as well as the resident turtles — and you may even spy a seahorse or two.

#### Should Do

A little two-wheeled tourism. Itapema is one of the stops along the

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### RESORT DIRECTORY:

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**CLIMATE:** Average highs around Florianópolis between March and August range from the low 80s to the upper 60s — and weather can vary based on location on the coast or inland.

**CURRENCY:** Brazilian real

**TIPPING:** Most restaurants automatically add a 10 percent service charge to your bill. Add a little if the wait staff is very good. Give taxi drivers a few extra *reais*, depending on the total fare.

### INTERVAL TRAVEL:

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### RENTAL CAR:

Recommended if you want to explore beyond the city, although

hiring a driver may be just as cost effective — and less hassle.

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Inhabitants of Blumenau proudly celebrate the city's strong German heritage.



Costa Verde e Mar bicycling circuit, a 168-mile trail that runs along the coast, in and out of a number of charming towns and through some of the state's forested interior. You probably won't complete the entire tour, but following the path out to Bombinhas and its peninsula is the perfect way to explore some unspoiled natural environment.

#### Field Trip

Ride roller coasters, drive go-carts and fraternize with pirates at Beto Carrero World in Penha, about an hour north of Itapema. It's the largest theme park in Brazil, and in addition to the thrill rides, there's a zoo and numerous shows, including one based on the animated *Madagascar* films.

#### Blumenau: Little Germany

Mention Brazil to most travelers and your conversation will likely go in one of two directions: the beaches or the Amazon. Bratwurst, Oktoberfest, and Alpine architecture don't usually slip into the discussion. Unless one of the folks has been to Blumenau, a veritable bastion of German culture and tradition — and still home to descendants of the original immigrants who continue to speak their ancestors' native tongue among fellow compatriots — set northwest of Itapema in Santa Catarina's interior.

#### Must Do

Wander among the buildings and courtyards on

XV de Novembro Street. This is the heart of Blumenau and, honestly, the sight of all the European-style construction might require a double take. The tempting aroma of the local cuisine, however, will set your senses straight and before long you'll be exclaiming "prost" while raising a pilsner and cutting into a plate of *Kassler* (smoked pork chop) with a side of sauerkraut. Once sated, peruse the shops along the brick-lined streets and at the Empório Vila Germânica.

#### Should Do

Two important museums recount much of Blumenau's history, which dates to the mid-1800s. At the Museu da Família Colonial, clothing and housewares that belonged to some of the city's original settlers are displayed in a home that was once occupied by its founder, Herman Bruno Otto Blumenau. The Museu da Cerveja (Museum of Beer) might be a bit more, well, spirited, but

there's also no question that beer and the local brewing process is an important part of the area's culture.

#### Field Trip

No trip to "Germany" is complete without visiting an actual brewery, so make arrangements to see Schornstein in the city of Pomerode, 30 minutes north of Blumenau. The beer maker produces five styles, including a pilsen, an IPA, and a stout. Choose your favorite in the tasting room at the end of the tour. ■



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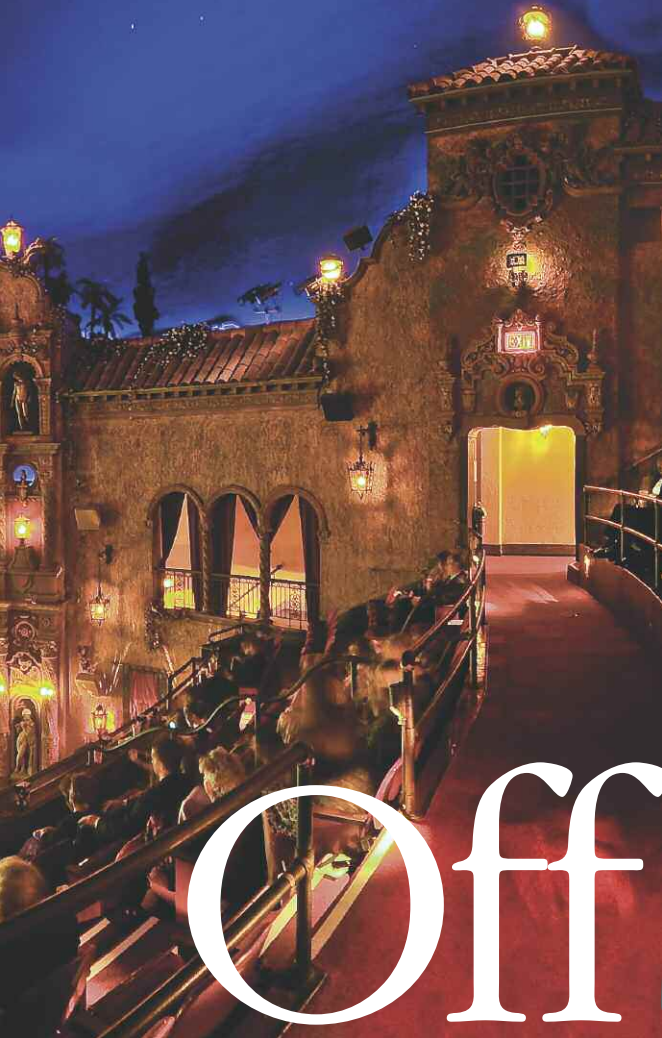


Built in 1926, the restored Tampa Theatre plays both modern independent and classic films. Be sure to get there early and catch one of their preshow Wurlitzer organ concerts.



Dunedin Brewery, one of the Sunshine State's oldest microbreweries, has become a local staple known not only for its inventive beers, but also its flavorful menu.





**TAMPA BAY'S** beaches are mesmeric to be sure.

Escape their gravity, however, and a wealth of other notable attractions — scenic, historic, gastronomic — beckon.

# Offshore

BY A.D. THOMPSON



Take in Florida's lush greenery during a stroll at the Sunken Gardens, a 4-acre, 100-year-old botanical garden.

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The magnetic pull of the Tampa Bay-area beaches is, generally speaking, unrivaled. Few visitors can tear themselves away from the sugar sand and warm green swells. We feel you. There are boards to be paddled, dolphins to be spotted, and watercolor sunsets to toast. So, we'll be frank: You may not manage to escape the allure of the Gulf's siren song. For those who do, though, a collection of off-the-water pleasures awaits. Whether your thing is culture or the simple joy of a locally brewed craft beer, Tampa's got you covered. Extensively.

## Belly Up

Did you know that Tampa was recently ranked number two on the *USA Today* 10Best Readers' Choice list of beer towns across the U.S.? Not to be outdone by its spirituous competitors in the Northeast and Rocky Mountains, this sunny, subtropical hub is home to a host of award-winning breweries and brewpubs. And let's face it: Tampa's weather makes alfresco imbibing a fantasy come to life, even in the dead of winter.



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beautiful Pinellas County, you'll find **Dunedin Brewery**, Florida's oldest microbrewery, nestled into the core of

its namesake community. This is the epitome of small-batch craftsmanship. Just 15 barrels are done at a time, so while you may be able to find it at a local tavern or eatery, most of the brewery's kegs are tapped on premises. Which is just fine, because Dunedin hosts an extensive live music lineup at its on-site taproom and restaurant, and offers tours Thursday through Saturday. For \$5 you can take the tour, have a taste, and get a keepsake glass.

Also in Dunedin, the mini-but-mighty **7venth Sun Brewery** offers four-, 12-, 16-, and 32-ounce pours (not all beers available in every size) of IPAs, Belgian styles, and other spirit-barrel and oak-aged drafts to the delight of patrons both local and visiting. The menu is ever changing, and the labels — Faceplant Southern Mild, Or It Gets the Gose Again Cucumber Gose (who can resist a *Silence of the Lambs* reference?) — are creative.

Despite its name, **Cigar City Brewing's** Hotter Than Helles is likely to take the sting out of your sunburn in the nicest way possible. This refreshing lager is one of a maddeningly long list of Cigar

City offerings that run the gamut from IPA to ale, porter to Pilsner, sour to stout. Since you probably won't be able to taste them all in one visit, be sure to grab a couple of six-packs from the shop for your resort fridge. There are no tours here for the time being, but the on-site tasting room is always alive with fun and seriously great flavor.

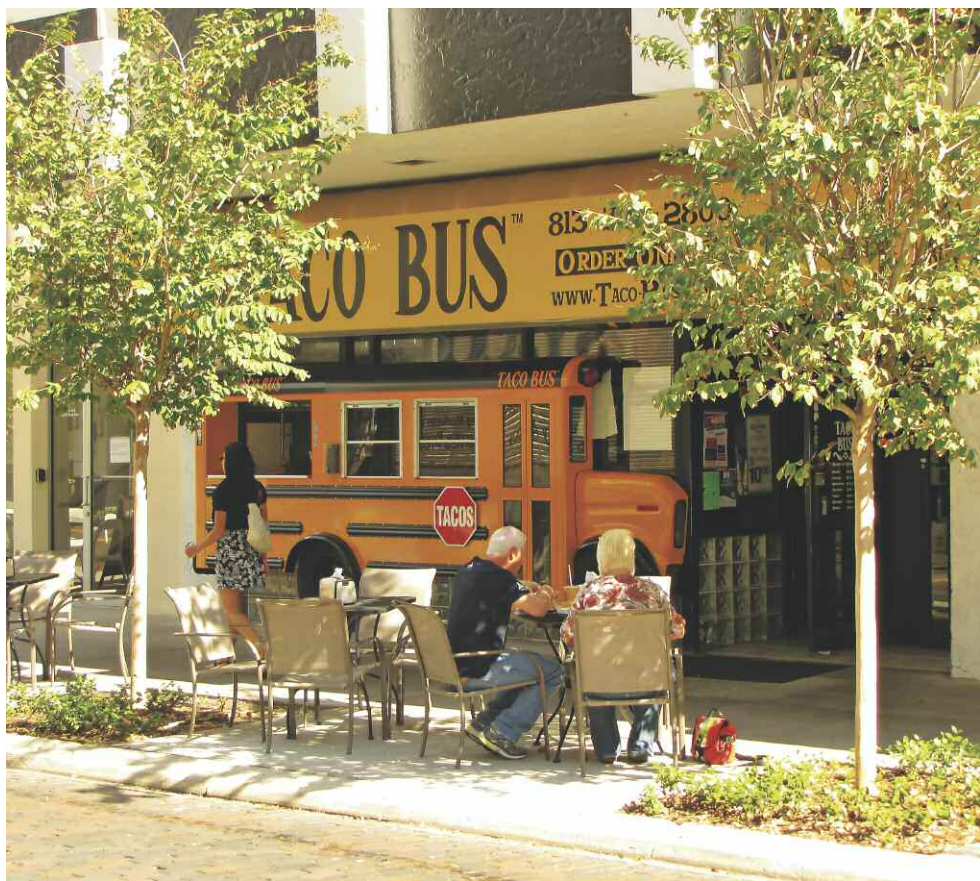
Every Tampa travel itinerary should include a visit to the historic Ybor City neighborhood. Once there, it only makes sense to "hop" in to **Tampa Bay Brewing Company's** brewpub for sustenance. Tours are available, generally on the hour, on Fridays from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. They cost \$10 and provide participants with a crash course in the operation's 10-barrel brewing system — as well as a pint chaser at the end. You can keep the glass, too. Call ahead for reservations.

## Ghosts, Grandeur & Gardens

One of the most staggering things about the **Tampa Theatre** — and trust me, there are many — is that in the 1970s, there were people who actually wanted to see it torn down. But Tampa's urban center has recovered from the blight that plagued it back



For a fun day out on the town, stop in to the Tampa Bay Brewing Company for handcrafted beers, excellent pub food, and a tour of the brewery.



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Be dazzled by the sprawling terrace and ornate rooms of The Ringling Ca' d'Zan, the gilded mansion of the Ringling family.

## Southern Exposure

A little farther down the coast, Sarasota's splendid waterfront awaits — and often with less tourist traffic than its northern neighbors. You could easily while away the hours with a sun-splashed stroll on Siesta Key's top-rated beach, but The Ringling complex is a three-ring haven for art, history, and architecture buffs, and certainly is worth an extended visit.

And southward in Fort Myers, the brilliance of American icons Thomas Edison and Henry Ford are on tap. Both built winter homes here, now comingled into a 20-acre compound featuring botanical gardens, research laboratories, and more. Indeed, nine historic buildings throughout the Edison & Ford Winter Estates offer a glimpse into the lives of two of the world's most famous inventors.

then. So, too, has this beautiful grand dame, which opened in 1926 to a glamorous turnout after a staggering \$1.2 million construction.

Now, as it was back in the roaring '20s, going to the movies is an event. Gargoyles grimace, goddesses preen, and a cotton candy-colored sky — not unlike the area sunsets — fades to black as the screen comes alive and stars twinkle overhead. Classics that debuted as new releases often return to the screen here, along with all kinds of the latest indie productions. Special events are held regularly and musical guests appear, as well.

Some visitors are content to explore on their own before and after a show. Others want to learn more about the building's storied history. For them, a Balcony-To-Backstage tour is in order. On these 90-minute forays, guests investigate the building's arguably overwhelming art and architecture, an amalgam that includes Greek revival and Baroque among others. Guides recant stories of glamour and ghostly intrigue (it seems a former employee just can't seem to leave his post), and everybody delights in a demonstration of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ's piped prowess. Tour tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for kids 2 to 12.

Artists throughout history have pondered the realization of Eden,

its lush flora an idyllic and fertile backdrop to countless visual interpretations. St. Petersburg's own **Sunken Gardens** conjures much of the same imagery. It's billed as the city's oldest living museum, a 4-acre paradise where, if you allow it, time and technology cease and the primordial essence of the subtropics permeates the soul.

How could it not? Exotic plants, tranquil waterfalls, and the heady perfume of its countless flowers engulf the visitors who wend their way along its paths. And for all-around nature lovers, a few animal species may inject a bit of extra fun and discovery (especially for any children you might have in tow). Sunken Gardens' residents include birds and fish — though after some time spent meandering you might not be surprised to see a fairy or elf cavorting amid the roots and lily pads.

## Grease, Gourmand & On-The-Go

If you like your cars and music classic, your onion rings crispy, and your hoops decidedly hula, you'll want to check out **Biff-Burger**, a St. Pete fixture and last-of-its-kind throwback to the chain that rose to popularity with the expanding car culture of the 1950s and '60s.





Bite into a juicy burger at local favorite Biff-Burger.

“Biff” is actually an acronym — “best in fast food” — but make no mistake, this place is far more drive-in than drive-thru, which is precisely the way its many regulars like it. Wednesdays and Saturdays are typically dedicated to Bike Night, but there’s nary a son of anarchy here, just loads of families and motorcycle enthusiasts who come to show off their rides, gawk at others, and grab a burger and fries while doing so.

The Cruise In — essentially car night — takes place most Fridays, and it is, quite literally, like grabbing a meal in a vast automobile museum. Proud owners sit outside, enjoying the car chat and camaraderie. Inside, the menu is just as expansive as the motor vehicle display — burgers, dogs, sandwiches, and barbecue. On happening nights, kids get in on the action, too, with games of corn hole and other hosted activities amid the autocentric festivities.

Since the littlest travelers in your party will have plenty to do (and eat), and the oldest will certainly enjoy the veritable time machine back to high school, Biff’s makes a great stop for multi-generational vacationers.

Tampa’s Seminole Heights neighborhood is no less nostalgic, though it is a bit more serene. With charming bungalows and old-growth trees, its steady regentrification has sparked an increase in food and drink venues for the farm-to-fork set. The intimate, 40-seat **Rooster & the Till** fits right in with the area vibe, offering modern American cuisine sourced from regional gardens, breweries, ranches, and so on.

Raw and cured shellfish and charcuterie boards pair beautifully with local beers and wines. Small- and large-plate offerings — squash with brown-butter molasses, smoked almonds, and cinnamon marshmallows; Brussels sprouts and tasso ham; pork jowl

with corn pudding, crisp pig ear, and pickled turnips served with porky *jus* — make for more ample eats. If possible, consider forgoing a table for a ringside seat at the bar where you can watch the artful prep and finish on your meal — and everyone else’s. Wherever you decide to sit, just be sure to make reservations.

## fastFACTS

### RESORT DIRECTORY:

[IntervalWorld.com](http://IntervalWorld.com) or pages 90 to 91 and 93

**CLIMATE:** Average daily highs hover right around 90°F through the summer months, but after the beautiful sunset, temperatures tend to cool down into the mid 70s.

**DON’T MISS:** Smoke ‘em if you got ‘em. And in Ybor City, they do. A onetime ground zero for Tampa’s lucrative cigar industry, the now-trendy entertainment hotspot still holds onto a bit of its history. Check out a demo at one of the shops or kiosks, and, if you’re so inclined, find a place to enjoy a good stogie.

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### VISITOR INFORMATION:

Visit Tampa Bay  
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## Beyond the Beach

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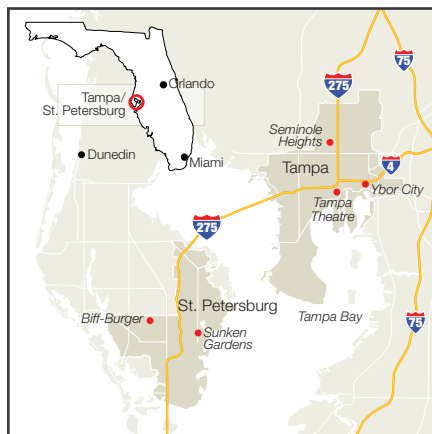
Getaways start at **\$629** for a one-bedroom unit.

Getaway price is valid from April 1 through August 31, 2015.

Calling the relatively recent but explosive resurgence of food trucks a “movement” is unsuitable at this point in the game. They’ve *moved* already! So much in fact that some of them are now just staying put. Why drive to the fans, after all, when they’re more than willing to come to you?

Rather than go full brick-and-mortar, Tampa’s venerable favorite — the **Taco Bus** — remains on wheels, fixed though they may be. Its original East Hillsborough Avenue location is still going strong and has long since branched out to locations in downtown, Brandon, the University of South Florida, and St. Pete. (A Sarasota location is in the works.)

Nearest the beach, the St. Pete installation is minutes from the surf and sand, and serves up *agua fresca*, Mexican Coca-Cola, and



other Mexican sodas with its heavenly *cochinita pibil*. If a 5,000-year-old Mayan spin on pork isn’t your thing, go native and opt for fried grouper. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free offerings also are available.

You can even place your order online and they’ll have it ready and waiting so you can get back to your folding chair on one of those Tampa Bay-area strands that are so hard to walk away from in the first place — even though you’ll probably be happy you did, at least to grab a few tacos. ■

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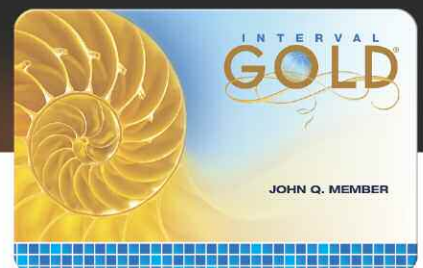
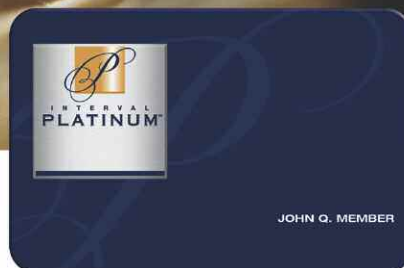






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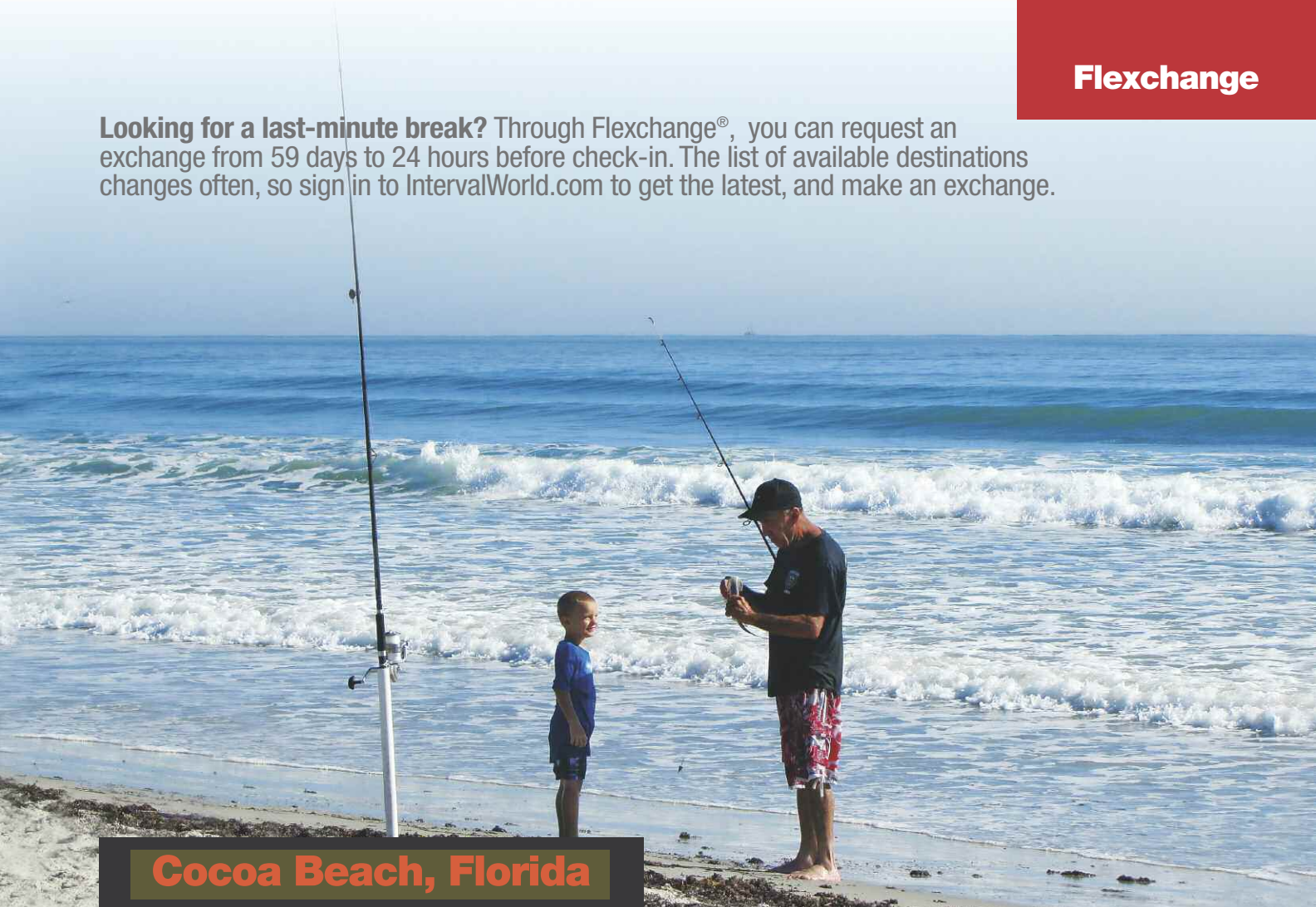
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## Cocoa Beach, Florida

Thaw out your winter bones this spring in the fun-filled Sunshine State. Located in the heart of Florida's Space Coast, Cocoa Beach is a seaside escape that's simply out of this world.

**What to do:** Beaches range from quiet coves to bustling people-watching paradises. There are also diverse shopping possibilities, fantastic sportfishing opportunities, and golf courses galore. And then there's the Kennedy Space Center, which is definitely *not* your typical tourist attraction. With rocket launches and myriad space-related exhibits, it's an exhilarating and educational vacation experience.

**Where to do it:** The beaches are omnipresent and run the length of the barrier island on the east side of A1A, so finding your slice of heaven is as easy as parking your car and dropping your blanket. Meander along the tree-shaded streets of Historic Cocoa Village, taking time to peruse a plethora of shops, restaurants, artist studios, and galleries. Choose from three championship courses at Cocoa Beach Country Club. And when you're ready to pursue the

catch of a lifetime, you'll find a multitude of charter boats ready to make it happen at Sunrise Marina at Port Canaveral.

**Why go now:** Surf temperatures are comfortable, and the sun's rays are a tanner's dream. And since the heat of the summer hasn't fully arrived, morning and afternoon tee times work equally well. If sportfishing is on your agenda, this is the best time of the year to catch a hard-fighting (and delicious) mahimahi (locally known as dolphin, and *not* to be confused with the sea mammal), along with a host of other pelagic species that are often found just a few miles from shore.

**Insider's tip:** Sign up for the Kennedy Space Center Up-Close Launch Control Center Tour, and gain access to the firing room from which every space shuttle launch was overseen from 2006 until the program's end in 2011.



April – May  
Average High: 84°F  
Average Low: 64°F

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destinations  
in the East**

Maine, Central  
Massachusetts, Cape Cod  
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Pennsylvania, Poconos  
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Virginia, Williamsburg  
Virginia, Northern  
Florida, Orlando



## Fuerteventura, Canary Islands, Spain



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Mexico, Puerto Vallarta  
Mexico, Cancún  
Mexico, Riviera Maya  
Mexico, Central  
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Austria, Alps  
Egypt, Red Sea  
The Gambia  
Tunisia

Discover this perfect island destination known for its excellent weather, charming towns, and countless serene beaches that are ideal for both relaxation and exploration. Fuerteventura doesn't mean "grand adventure" for nothing!

**What to do:** The whole of this subtropical isle is a UNESCO biosphere reserve, and beyond the stretches of inviting beaches, Fuerteventura boasts a variety of landscapes, including ancient volcanoes, lava flows, plunging cliffs, and dramatic sand dunes. For a bit of culture, the charming town of Antigua, which was founded in the 18th century, boasts numerous historic attractions and a bustling market.

**Where to do it:** Whether you want to lounge on the sand, go surfing, or just let the water caress your bare feet, La Concha beach is among the island's most popular. If you're looking for isolation, Playa de Sotavento consists of 13 miles of stunning

white-sand strands. Adventure seekers will love trekking across the surreal desert-like Corralejo Dunes, rewarding those who make the journey with the epic sight of enormous sand mounds and clear turquoise waters.

**Why go now:** While the Canaries are renowned for near-perfect year-round weather, temperatures begin to climb in the spring, making water sports that much more enjoyable. The fact that it's considered a shoulder season, with less crowds and better airfare prices, seals the deal.

**Insider's tip:** The surrounding waters are populated by a variety of marine species, including eagle rays, tunas, and moray eels. Abyss Fuerteventura offers guided dives to popular sites as well as certification classes for those who've never taken the plunge and are eager to get wet.



April – May  
Average High: 75°F  
Average Low: 62°F



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Nevada, Las Vegas  
British Columbia, Eastern

## Reno, Nevada

Live entertainment, world-class dining, nonstop gaming action,

and a host of outdoor pursuits combine for a diverse and stringing vacation.



**What to do:** This is where the great outdoors collides with the electric indoors — namely, exciting (and unending) casino and entertainment action. Under the bright Nevada sunshine, you can play golf, go hiking, or rise above it all in a hot-air balloon. When the sun goes down, find out firsthand why Reno is known as The Biggest Little City in the World!

**Where to do it:** In between rolling the dice or playing the one-armed bandits at one of the area casinos, go to the Truckee River Arts District, which boasts numerous galleries, boutiques, and cafes. View hundreds of cars from virtually every time period in the award-winning National Automobile Museum. And if you're traveling with children, don't miss the unique and educational Animal Ark wildlife sanctuary.

**Why go now:** Because daytime temperatures are on the upswing, meaning more outdoor activities to enjoy. Cool evenings make for pleasant conditions for casino hopping along Virginia Street (Reno's Strip). Don't forget to take a photo in front of the famous Reno Arch.

**Insider's tip:** On the third Saturday of every month, local merchants host Wine Walk at Reno's Riverwalk District. You'll get a map, a souvenir glass, and the chance to sample a variety of vintages at participating storefronts.



April – May  
Average High: 70°F  
Average Low: 42°F



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Nicholas says. And the sunsets were unforgettable, he adds, even for baby Nathan: "Judging by his wide-open eyes and a look of astonishment across his face as he kept his gaze upon the ocean, we were sure that he, too, was speechless from such a breathtaking view."

### On Island Time YIM AND RICHARD WONG GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS

When their children were younger, the Wong family looked forward to vacationing together as much as they could. Over time, gatherings became less frequent. Then along came their first grandson, Nathan, reigniting the family's passion for travel. Seeking a tropical escape, it was "a no-brainer for our family to exchange our timeshare week" for a Grand Cayman visit, says Nicholas Wong, their youngest son. With parents, children, spouses, and grandson in tow, the group enjoyed exploring local sights and scuba diving or snorkeling multiple times a day. "When we were not in the ocean, we were taking long walks on the seemingly endless white sands of the Seven Mile Beach,"

### European Reunion JOANNE V. LINSELL AVIEMORE, SCOTLAND

JoAnne Linsell's family traveled from three countries to spend a week together on an Interval exchange in Aviemore, Scotland, reuniting in celebration of her in-laws' 50th wedding anniversary. "My husband and I flew over from America, my in-laws drove up from England into Scotland, and my brother-in-law and sister-in-law flew in from Germany," JoAnne says. "This was the first time that the family had been together in two years!" The whole traveling party enjoyed the surrounding outdoor beauty, hiking in the mountains of the eastern Scottish Highlands and riding the funicular railway — the highest in the U.K. — to the top of Cairn Gorm Mountain, where they took in panoramic views from more than 3,500 feet. They also went shopping in Aviemore and visited five historic castles. And the group took full advantage of their resort kitchen, making dinner and eating together each night. "It was a wonderful time and we were all sad to leave!" JoAnne says.



## Create your own dream vacation!

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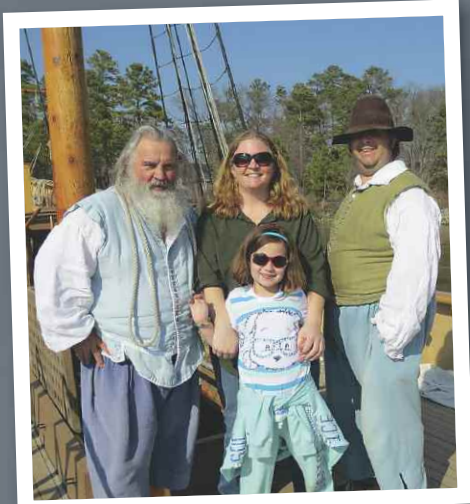
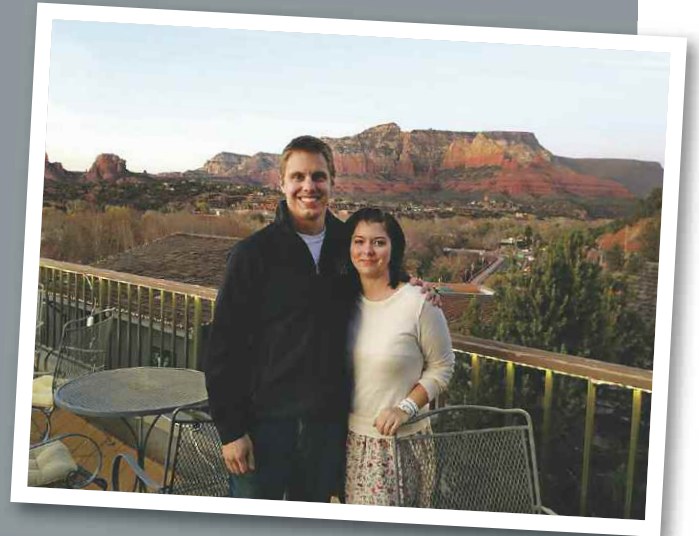
— Rebecca Maehlum

## Southwest Sojourn

REBECCA MAEHLUM

SEDONA, ARIZONA

For their first Interval exchange, Rebecca Maehlum and her husband, Dean, decided to plan their vacation around their schedules rather than a destination. Among the exchange destinations available, they chose Sedona, Arizona. The couple filled each day of their trip with activities, visiting area art galleries, restaurants, and the Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village. “We found hard-to-find local spots like Simon’s Hot Dogs, and were wowed by the many wineries in the Sedona area,” Rebecca says. She also raved about the spa, facilities, and location of their resort, which was “a quick drive to Flagstaff, Prescott, Jerome, and close to the Grand Canyon.” “We had figured Sedona would be an OK vacation location, giving us a break from our regular rainy Pacific Northwest; we weren’t prepared to love it so, so much!” Rebecca adds. “We are planning on going back for the same week this year, this time with our brand-new son.”



## History Lessons

MARY JO MELOY

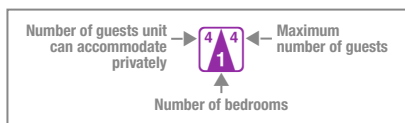
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Every year, Mary Jo Meloy aims to use her timeshare to plan a trip that’s both fun and educational for her family. “Being Interval members since 1985, we have taken advantage of the vacation opportunities with our three children and now with our granddaughter,” Mary Jo says. “There is no better way to explore America than to travel and discover the most spectacular scenery.” So when she secured an exchange to Williamsburg, Virginia, she knew it was a perfect fit. Each day of their trip brought explorations of nearby historical attractions, including Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement. Farther afield, they took a day-trip to see the sights of Washington, D.C., making sure to pose for a group picture outside the Capitol. “Via our Virginia visit we were not only reminded to appreciate the excitement and rich history of our country, but to cherish and celebrate the importance of freedom,” Mary Jo says.

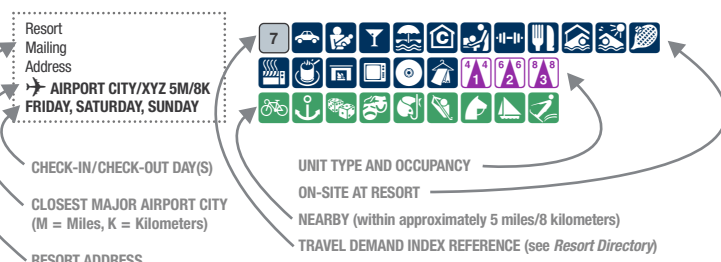
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## Resort Example



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## Guide To Symbols

Babysitting Referral	Golf	Skiing (Downhill)	Pets Allowed	<div>00</div> Travel Demand Index Chart Number
Bar/Cocktail Lounge	Grocery or Convenience Store	Swimming Pool (Indoors)	Lock-Off	
Beach	Horseback Riding	Swimming Pool (Outdoors)	Wheelchair Accessible	
Bicycle Trails	Lake	Tennis		
Boat Marina/Launching	Playground	Waterskiing	<b>2 2</b> Hotel Room (Usually no cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy	<b>6 8</b> Three Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
Car Rentals	Racquetball	Whirlpool Spa or Hot Tub	<b>2 2</b> Efficiency/Studio (Usually with cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy	<b>8 10</b> Four Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
Casino Gambling	Restaurant	Air Conditioning (In Units)	<b>2 4</b> One Bedroom Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy	
Clubhouse	Sailing/Rentals	Cooking Facilities (In Units)	<b>4 6</b> 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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## BERKSHIRE BEACH CLUB OF DEERFIELD • BKB

DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA • 954.428.1000  
[berkshirebeachclub.com](http://berkshirebeachclub.com)

Berkshire Beach Club of Deerfield is a beachfront property located in South Florida. Accommodations are upscale one- and two-bedroom units with tastefully furnished living rooms, fully equipped kitchens, and beautiful decorations. There is a private beach on-site, and the Deerfield Beach fishing pier is just a short walk away. Guests enjoy a heated outdoor pool and spa, sun deck, and gas barbecue grills. Fort Lauderdale and Miami are to the south and Palm Beach is to the north, all offering an abundance of opportunities for sightseeing, dining, and shopping.

500 North A1A  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441  
✈ FORT LAUDERDALE/FLL  
18M/29K  
SATURDAY



## MARINER BEACH CLUB • MBQ

ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA • 727.367.3721  
[marinerbeachclub.com](http://marinerbeachclub.com)

Mariner Beach Club is a beachfront property located along Florida's west coast on the Gulf of Mexico. Accommodations are furnished with a modern tropical decor. Amenities on-site include an outdoor pool, whirlpools, shuffleboard courts, and barbecue grills. The sun-kissed, golden sands of St. Pete Beach provide an alluring setting for swimming and relaxation.

4220 Gulf Boulevard  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706  
✈ TAMPA/TPA 28M/45K  
SATURDAY



## GRAND COLORADO ON PEAK 8 • GP8

Breckenridge Grand Vacations  
BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO • 877.453.4440  
[bgvgrandcentral.com](http://bgvgrandcentral.com)

Grand Colorado on Peak 8 is one of the Breckenridge Grand Vacations resorts. In winter, it offers convenient ski-in/ski-out access to Breckenridge Ski Resort. Accommodations are tastefully appointed with contemporary furnishings, stainless-steel appliances, fireplaces, and balconies. Amenities include a chic lobby with spectacular views, a spa, fitness center, restaurant, bar, an extensive indoor/outdoor aquatics area, a family entertainment center, cozy gathering spaces, and movie theaters.

1627 Ski Hill Road  
Breckenridge, CO 80424  
✈ DENVER/DEN 90M/144K  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY

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## HYATT KA'ANAPALI BEACH, A HYATT RESIDENCE CLUB RESORT • HKB

LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII • 808.662.4700  
[hyattresidenceclub.com](http://hyattresidenceclub.com)

Located on Maui's Kaanapali Beach, the resort offers one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. Guests can enjoy breathtaking oceanfront views of the Pacific and complimentary access to pool facilities both on-site and at the adjacent Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa.

180 Nohea Kai Drive  
Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761  
✈ KAHULUI/OGG 30M/48K  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY







## DIVI ARUBA PHOENIX BEACH RESORT • DPH

PALM BEACH, ARUBA, DUTCH CARIBBEAN • 297.58.66066  
[diviresorts.com](http://diviresorts.com)

Situated on Aruba's Palm Beach and backed by a private wildlife sanctuary, the high-rise Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort fronts miles of white sands. Spacious accommodations offer fully equipped kitchens, picture windows, and large balconies with sweeping views. On the beach, guests can enjoy hammocks and thatched cabanas.

J.E. Irausquin Boulevard 75  
Palm Beach, Aruba  
Dutch Caribbean  
✈ ARUBA/AUA 8M/13K  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,  
SUNDAY



## PALMARUBA CONDOS • PAU

PALM BEACH, ARUBA, DUTCH CARIBBEAN • 297.58.67300  
[palmaruba.com](http://palmaruba.com)

Located in Aruba's beautiful Palm Beach area, PalmAruba Condos boasts a modern design with Caribbean flair. Open corridors and landscaped courtyards set the scene for an idyllic tropical escape. One-, two-, and three-bedroom units feature elegant touches such as granite kitchen countertops and marble floors. On-site, guests can take advantage of a clubhouse and tennis court and bask in the warm island sun at the swimming pool. A convenient shuttle provides easy transportation to the powder-fine sands of Aruba's famous beaches.

Palm Beach  
Noord, Aruba  
Dutch Caribbean  
✈ ARUBA/AUA 5M/8K  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

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## VALENTINES RESIDENCES RESORT AND MARINA • VRM

A Preferred Residences Resort  
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[valentinesresort.com](http://valentinesresort.com)

Valentines Residences Resort and Marina is on Harbour Island, a Bahamas location ranked one of the Best Islands in the Caribbean by *Travel + Leisure* magazine. Accommodations are upscale suites that are equipped with modern amenities including a full kitchen and spacious patio. Every detail in the design is well-appointed — from the fabrics used throughout the suites to the sunken tubs in the marble bathrooms. Situated on the harbor side, the resort is convenient to the island's famed powder-soft, pink-sand beaches and also the shops and restaurants of Dunmore Town.

Box One, Bay Street  
Harbour Island, Eleuthera  
Bahamas  
✈ NASSAU/NAS 70M/112K  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,  
SUNDAY



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[royalwestmoreland.com](http://royalwestmoreland.com)

Royal Westmoreland is an elegantly appointed, world-class Caribbean estate on the island of Barbados. Guests enjoy a high level of attentive service that allows for a relaxing, upscale vacation. Accommodations are air-conditioned colonial-style villas set amid beautifully landscaped gardens. On-site amenities include a golf course, pools, gyms, and sports camps. Nearby are a spa, beaches and water sports, and also a private beach club at Mullins Beach, which is just a short ride away on a complimentary shuttle.

Royal Westmoreland  
Westmoreland, St. James BB24023  
Barbados  
✈ BARBADOS/BGI 16M/26K  
SATURDAY

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## MOON PALACE JAMAICA GRANDE • MPJ

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Located on the white sands of Jamaica's north coast, Moon Palace Jamaica Grande has a 17-acre beachfront, the longest stretch of private shoreline in Ocho Rios. On-site is a 35,000-square-foot wellness sanctuary with an Awe Spa and state-of-the-art gymnasium. Other amenities include five swimming pools, waterfalls, swim-up bars, five restaurants featuring Asian, Italian, and Caribbean cuisine, and an upscale gourmet-food corridor — a combination cafe and farmers market offering international foods. This is an all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan payable to the resort.

100 Main Street  
Ocho Rios, St. Ann  
Jamaica

✈ MONTEGO BAY/MBJ 61M/98K  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
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## BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE RESORT • BBK, BB1, BB2 & BB3

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[spmresorts.com](http://spmresorts.com)

Comprised of four associations, Bluebeard's Castle Resort is perched upon a romantically secluded hilltop overlooking Charlotte Amalie and the harbor where cruise ships dock. Accommodations are hotel rooms, studios, and one- and two-bedroom condominiums with modern amenities. The resort offers private balconies, an exercise facility, and poolside spa. Swim in the beautiful turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea, relax by the outdoor pool, have breakfast or lunch at the pool bar, sip a tropical cocktail, and dine at two on-site restaurants, some of the most prestigious on the island.

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U.S. Virgin Islands

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## HOTEL BOUTIQUE LAS ESCALERAS • ESL SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS, CHIAPAS, MEXICO • 967.6788181

Hotel Boutique Las Escaleras boasts an advantageous position overlooking the center of the colonial-era mountain city of San Cristóbal de las Casas. Picturesque staircases characterize this haven of hospitality and join two-bedroom units to tranquil outdoor spaces. On-site, enjoy rejuvenating treatments at Spa Temazcal, unwind in the hotel bar, and indulge in gourmet cuisine. Various activities are available nearby, including biking, live entertainment, horseback riding, racquetball, and tennis.

Calle Isauro Rossette N° 4  
Barrio de la Merced  
San Cristóbal de las Casas  
Chiapas 29240  
Mexico  
✈ TUXTLA GUTIÉRREZ/TGZ  
31M/50K  
SATURDAY



## LE BLANC SPA RESORT • LBP An All-Inclusive Palace Resort CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO • 998.8814740 [leblancsparesort.com](http://leblancsparesort.com)

Le Blanc Spa Resort is located in Cancún's hotel zone, which offers the best in beaches, culture, and nightlife. Flanked by Nichupté Lagoon and the Caribbean Sea, it boasts breathtaking views. A haven that blends the elements of beauty and tranquility, the resort offers an ambiance in which guests can totally immerse themselves in relaxation. It is only 25 minutes' drive from Cancún International Airport and 15 minutes' drive from downtown. This is an adults-only all-inclusive resort, requiring the purchase of a meal plan payable to the resort.

Kukulcán Boulevard Km. 10  
Zona Hotelera  
Cancún, Quintana Roo 77500  
Mexico  
✈ CANCÚN/CUN 13M/21K  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,  
SUNDAY



## THE BLISS JUNGLE • BJU & BJV PLAYA DEL CARMEN, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO • 984.2064000 [theblissresorts.com](http://theblissresorts.com)

The Bliss Jungle offers a cozy atmosphere within a well-equipped resort complex in the Riviera Maya. Amenities on the property include 13 restaurants, water sports, a boutique, gymnasium, and four pools. Nearby is an 18-hole, par-3 golf course by Nicklaus Design surrounded by a lake.

Ctra. Federal Cancún-Playa del Carmen Km. 48  
Playa del Carmen  
Quintana Roo 77710  
Mexico  
✈ CANCÚN/CUN 20M/32K  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

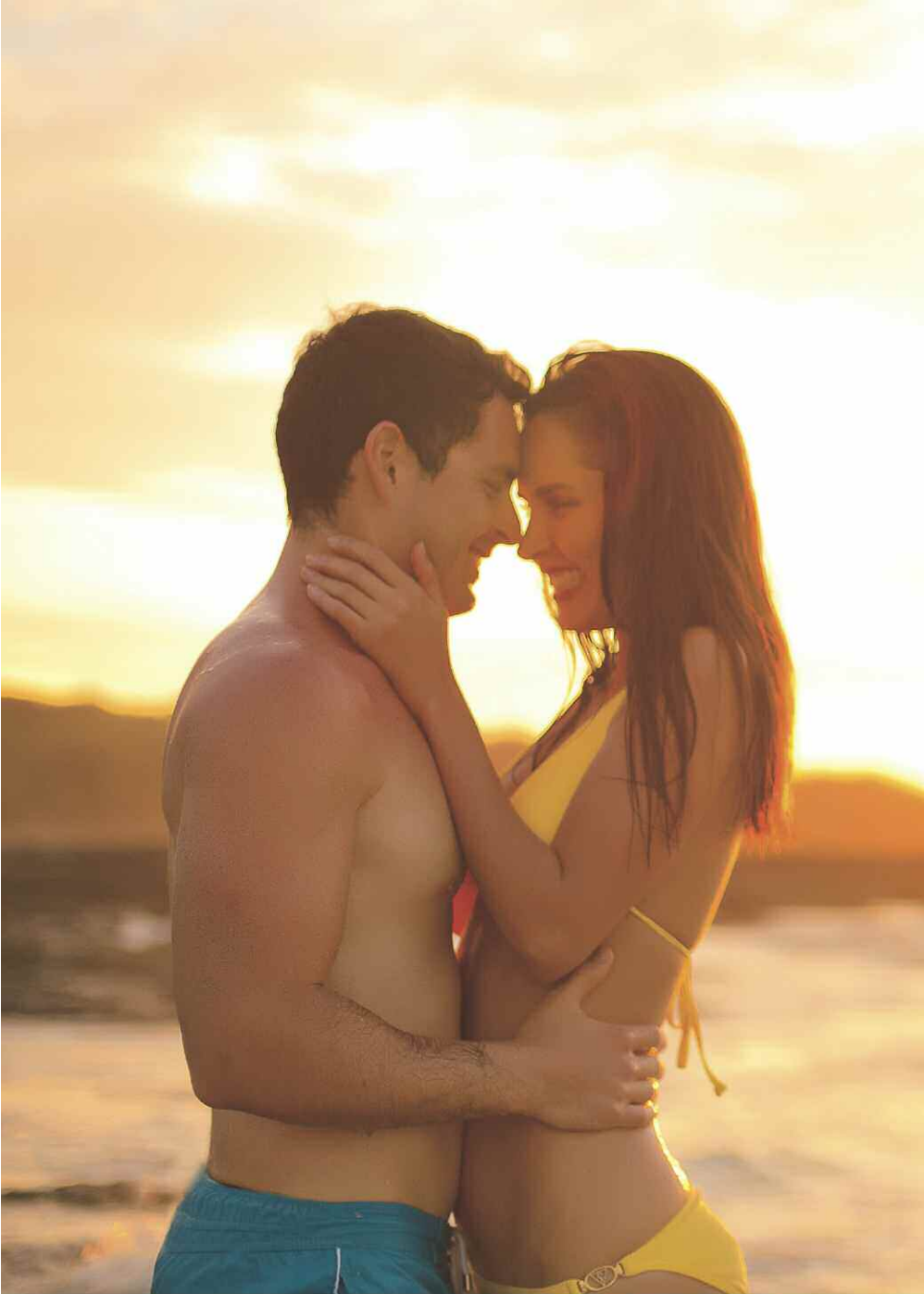


## LM HOTEL BOUTIQUE • LMQ PUERTO AVENTURAS, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO • 984.8735200 [lmhotelboutique.com](http://lmhotelboutique.com)

LM Hotel Boutique is located in the residential community of Puerto Aventuras. Accommodations are suites with Mexican decor and a terrace or deck with a hammock and a beautiful view overlooking a marina. Guests can enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool and relax at the poolside bar. The resort has a sailboat for private snorkeling and sunset charters. Nearby are activities such as biking, fishing, golf, tennis, and waterskiing.

Punta Matzoma N° 33  
Mza. 24, Plano 3  
Puerto Aventuras  
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[parrottree.com](http://parrottree.com)

Built against a backdrop of hills carpeted in lush foliage, Parrot Tree Plantation is a beachfront resort located mid-island on the southern coast of Roatán. The property has a Mediterranean-style design. Accommodations are elegantly furnished studios and also spacious villas that have a kitchen, living and dining area, and veranda. Amenities include a full-service marina, a private lagoon, and the Palapa Bar and Grill. Enjoy aquatic adventures: swim, snorkel, dive, fish, and kayak; hike an on-site nature trail; play beach sports; or just relax and rejuvenate.

First Bight, Roatán, Bay Islands  
Honduras  
✈ ROATÁN/RTB 11M/18K  
SATURDAY



## OWN GRAND PALERMO SOHO • OGP

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA • 011.4772.8100

[ownhotels.com](http://ownhotels.com)

Own Grand Palermo Soho is a boutique resort located in Palermo Soho, one of the most attractive areas in Buenos Aires. It has a modern, sophisticated design. Accommodations are air-conditioned and feature a wine minibar, Wi-Fi, and LCD TV. Guests enjoy personalized attention and amenities including a restaurant, gym, spa, sauna, hot tub, and a swimming pool on the top floor with great sunset views. This is a smoke-free property.

Gurruchaga 2121, Palermo Soho  
Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires 1414  
Argentina  
✈ BUENOS AIRES/EZE 18M/29K  
SATURDAY



## VACANCES APART HOTEL SAN MARTÍN DE LOS ANDES • VNS

SAN MARTÍN DE LOS ANDES, NEUQUÉN, ARGENTINA • 011.4311.5221

[vacances.com.ar](http://vacances.com.ar)

The resort is set in a park with native forest that is nestled alongside a river. Built with a modern, minimalist design, it features Patagonian-style architecture, and the stone and cement of its facade are in contrast to the warmth of its interior. Accommodations are one- and two-bedroom apartments equipped with elegant amenities with your comfort in mind. The property is located 10 minutes from downtown and about 30 minutes' drive from Chapelco Ski Resort.

Calle del Oasis 450  
San Martín de los Andes  
Neuquén 8370  
Argentina  
✈ CHAPELCO/CPC 13M/21K  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY



## HOTEL CASA BLANCA • CAW

SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA • 3.343.4444

[hotelcasablanca.com.bo](http://hotelcasablanca.com.bo)

Hotel Casa Blanca is located in the residential neighborhood of Equipetrol in Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Accommodations are spacious two-bedroom apartments with air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Amenities on-site include a restaurant with a variety of national and international cuisines. The resort offers comfort, convenience, personalized service, and an elegant ambiance.

Avenida Marcelo Terceros Bánzer  
Este N° 205, Zona Equipetrol  
Andrés Ibáñez  
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Santa Cruz  
Bolivia  
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[www.sunhotel.com.bo](http://www.sunhotel.com.bo)

Sun Hotel is set amid lush greenery and located opposite Viru Viru International Airport. Accommodations are 54 spacious suites. On-site are amenities including sports fields and recreation areas, a fitness center, business center, and saunas and massage areas.

Ctra. al Norte, Km. 13  
 Zona Valle Sánchez frente a  
 Viru Viru, Niflo de Chávez  
 Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Santa Cruz  
 Bolivia  
 ✈ SANTA CRUZ/VVI 2M/3K  
 SATURDAY



## FITZPATRICK CASTLE HOLIDAY HOMES • FTZ

DUBLIN, IRELAND • 1.230.5400  
[fchh.ie](http://fchh.ie)

Fitzpatrick Castle Holiday Homes has nine upscale self-catering apartments set on the grounds of Dublin's Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel. Guests enjoy access to all of the hotel's facilities, and there are many golf courses nearby. Walk up Killiney Hill and take in panoramic views of Dublin Bay, fish and stroll along Killiney Beach, visit Dalkey Village with its gourmet restaurants, and sail the waters by the seaport of Dun Laoghaire. Dublin City is a 20-minute train ride away and Dublin International Airport and the ferry to the U.K., the Isle of Man, and Cherbourg are easily accessible.

Hill Park, Killiney Hill Road  
 Killiney, County Dublin  
 Ireland  
 ✈ DUBLIN/DUB 18M/29K  
 SATURDAY



## 1492 SUITES AT LA PINTA BEACH CLUB • LPI

COSTA ADEJE, TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN • 922.714969

1492 Suites at La Pinta Beach Club has a convenient location just a few steps from Torviscas Beach in Costa Adeje and overlooking the yachts in the Puerto Colón Marina. Amenities on-site include a poolside snack bar and restaurant with evening activities. The resort is ideally situated for guests to take advantage of a wide range of water sports and the many restaurants and bars in the area. The property offers everything you need for a great vacation experience.

Avenida de Espana Nº 5  
 San Eugenio  
 38660 Costa Adeje, Tenerife  
 Canary Islands, Spain  
 ✈ TENERIFE SOUTH/TFS 11M/18K  
 FRIDAY



## SING KEN KEN VACATION CLUB • SKK

KUTA, BADUNG, BALI, INDONESIA • 0361.737.577  
[singkenkenhotelbali.com](http://singkenkenhotelbali.com)

Sing Ken Ken Vacation Club is located just steps from the famed white sands of Legian's Double Six Beach. Upscale accommodations have trendy, modern minimalist decor. On-site are amenities including a rooftop lounge with a half Olympic-sized swimming pool. Guests enjoy a relaxed ambiance with a background blend of jazz and Balinese music, sunset views from the rooftop lounge, and delicious cuisine from a skilled culinary team. The property is in close proximity to various cafes and beach bars, as well as boutiques, entertainment venues, and 24-hour convenience stores.

Jalan Arjuna No. 1, Jalan Double Six  
 Legian, 80361 Kuta, Badung, Bali  
 Indonesia  
 ✈ DENPASAR BALI/DPS 2M/3K  
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Beginning just north of Puerto Vallarta, the Riviera Nayarit is a nearly 200-mile-long stretch of seashore along Mexico's west coast. With so much waterfront territory, it's no wonder that ocean activities dominate most travelers' vacation itineraries. And the emphasis truly is on *activity*. This area is famous for deep-sea fishing, with anglers routinely reeling in blue marlin, grouper, sailfish, tuna, and more. Closer to shore, surfing takes center stage, and there are multiple breaks ideally suited to everything from learning to hang 10 to shredding the waves on a short board.



## LATIN EXPLOITS

### Santa Catarina, Brazil

### Eastern Coast, Dominican Republic\*

\*All-inclusive resort requiring the purchase of a meal plan payable to the resort

WEEKLY RATE FROM	<b>\$329</b>	<b>\$599</b>
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$47	\$86
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	<b>\$279</b>	<b>\$549</b>
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	<b>\$304</b>	<b>\$574</b>
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	Studio, 2	Studio, 3
RENTAL CAR	\$294	\$240
MILD	Walk a nature trail while learning about the history of relatively secluded Ilha de Porto Belo.	Play 18 holes at any one of Punta Cana's fine courses — Corales, La Cana, or Punta Espada.
WILD	Immerse yourself in Praia Brava's party scene and catch a few radical waves on a surfboard.	Dance until early morning at Imagine, a nightclub featuring multiple bars built inside a cave.



## COLONIAL LIVING

### Williamsburg, Virginia FROM \$297 PER WEEK

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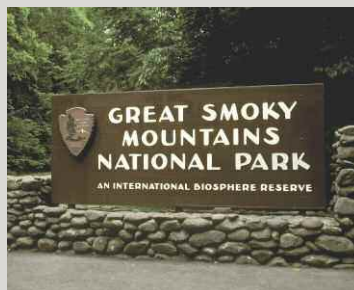
Interval Platinum From **\$247** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$272** Per Week

2-Bedroom Accommodates Up To 6

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Virginia's Historic Triangle of Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown is undoubtedly one of America's most significant cultural destinations. Each location has its share of memorable attractions — James Fort and the Yorktown Battlefield itself — but perhaps the region's ultimate highlight is the mile-long Duke of Gloucester Street, a road President Roosevelt described as “the most historic avenue in all America.” Walking this thoroughfare transports visitors back to the 18th century via a number of structures, including the Bruton Parish Church and Wetherburn's Tavern, as well as through various live reenactments and performances.



	Gatlinburg, Tennessee	Berkshires, Massachusetts	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
WEEKLY RATE FROM	<b>\$307</b>	<b>\$307</b>	<b>\$639</b>
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$44	\$44	\$92
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	<b>\$257</b>	<b>\$257</b>	<b>\$589</b>
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	<b>\$282</b>	<b>\$282</b>	<b>\$614</b>
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	Studio, 2	1-Bedroom, 4	2-Bedroom, 6
RENTAL CAR	\$311	\$304	\$232
NEW	Pass a jar of Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine at the recently opened Ole Smoky Barn in Pigeon Forge.	Challenge yourself on one of Ramblewild's tree-to-tree aerial obstacle courses.	Do some shopping or grab a bite along the Oceanfront Boardwalk and Promenade.
CLASSIC	Discover some of the 90 or so historic log structures peppered throughout Great Smoky Mountains National Park.	Purchase home decorations at Finders Keepers, Painted Porch, or other area antiques shops.	Cast your bait and tackle — or just take a walk — along the area's famous Apache Pier.





### Winter Park, Colorado FROM \$609 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$87

Interval Platinum From **\$559** Per Week

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1-Bedroom Accommodates Up To 4

Add A Rental Car For \$286

Don't let the name fool you — Winter Park has just as much to offer in the way of activities and scenery when the sun's shining warm and bright as it does during its namesake season. Tack and jibe your way around Lake Granby. Pedal gnarly single track (try the Buck Creek/Broken Thumb Loop) or cruise the Fraser River Trail. And finally, don't miss nearby Rocky Mountain National Park. Explore it on foot — there are more than 300 miles of trails — or take a scenic drive over famous Trail Ridge Road.

	Anaheim, California	Phoenix, Arizona	Las Vegas, Nevada
WEEKLY RATE FROM	<b>\$607</b>	<b>\$387</b>	<b>\$277</b>
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$87	\$56	\$40
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	<b>\$557</b>	<b>\$337</b>	<b>\$227</b>
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	<b>\$582</b>	<b>\$362</b>	<b>\$252</b>
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	1-Bedroom, 4	Studio, 4	Studio, 2
RENTAL CAR	\$284	\$686	\$998
DOWNHOME	Tour Angel Stadium, where the hometown baseball team plays.	Learn about cactus, wildflowers, and other plants at the Desert Botanical Garden.	Check out some of Las Vegas' classic old signs and displays at The Neon Museum.
BEST IN SHOW	Brave The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror at Disney California Adventure Park.	Take one of the informative tours at Frank Lloyd Wright's extraordinary Taliesin West property.	Dine on as many crab legs, red velvet pancakes, and wagyu sliders as you want at Caesars Palace's Bacchanal Buffet.



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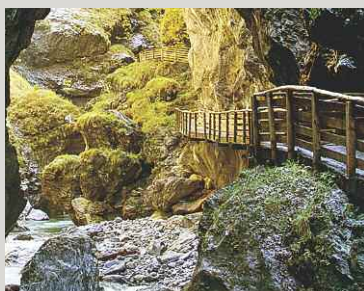
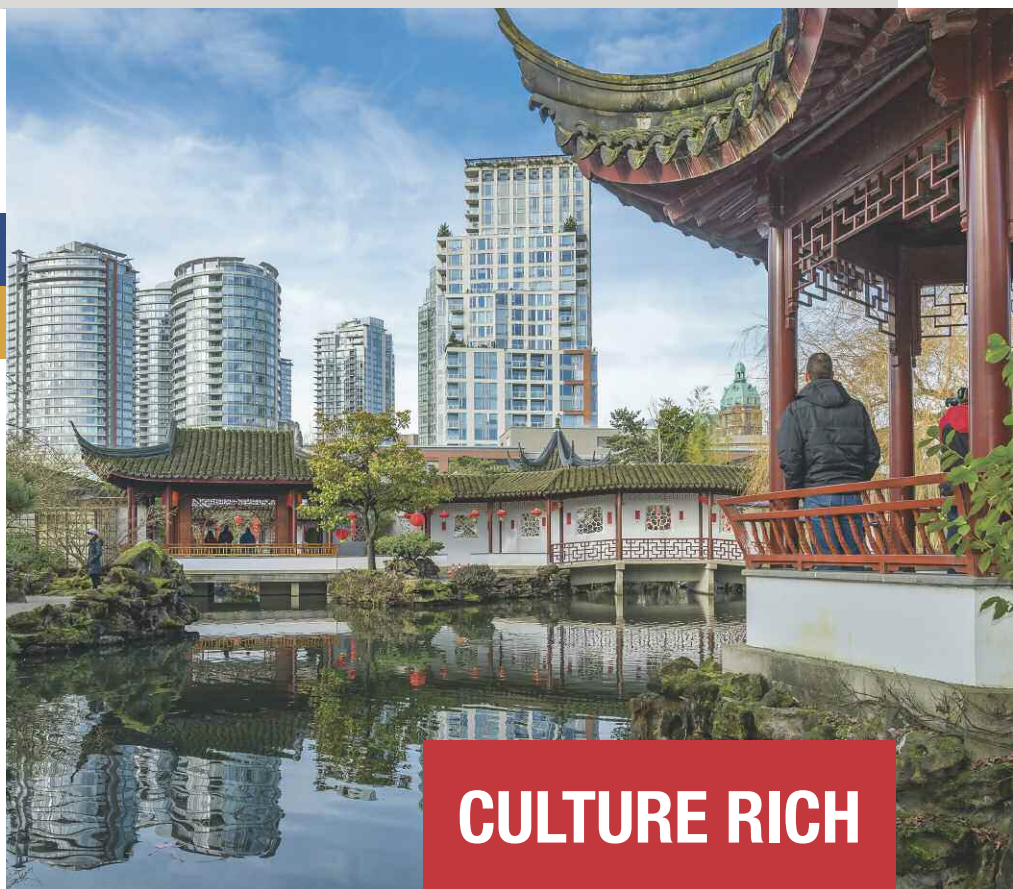
Nightly Average From \$119

Interval Platinum From  
**\$779 Per Week**

Interval Gold From  
**\$804 Per Week**

1-Bedroom Accommodates Up To 4  
Add A Rental Car For \$254

Begin your urban adventure with a stop at the Vancouver Lookout, where, from behind large windows 550 feet above the ground, you can observe many of this city's most famous landmarks — and decide where to go next. The Vancouver Art Gallery certainly should be on your itinerary. Its permanent collection exceeds 10,000 pieces, and a range of influential regional work often is on display. Other don't-miss cultural attractions include a tour of "15th-century China" at Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and conducting informative experiments at Science World at Telus World of Science.



	Austrian Alps	Paris, France	Jamaica*
WEEKLY RATE FROM	<b>\$307</b>	<b>\$1,369</b>	<b>\$229</b>
NIGHTLY AVERAGE FROM	\$44	\$196	\$33
WEEKLY PLATINUM RATE FROM	<b>\$257</b>	<b>\$1,319</b>	<b>\$179</b>
WEEKLY GOLD RATE FROM	<b>\$282</b>	<b>\$1,344</b>	<b>\$204</b>
SIZE, ACCOMMODATES	Studio, 2	1-Bedroom, 4	Studio, 4
RENTAL CAR	\$231	\$260	\$280
SEE	Some 2,000 artifacts — relics of remarkable Baroque opulence — are on display at Salzburg's DomQuartier.	Don't leave Paris without gazing upon the <i>Mona Lisa</i> and other legendary works at the Louvre.	Be inspired at the Bob Marley Mausoleum in Nine Mile.
DO	Navigate the short walkway through Liechtenstein Gorge to the breathtaking waterfall.	Order a plate of frogs' legs and a glass of wine at an unassuming neighborhood bistro.	Soak up the sun, snorkel, or just kick back on Doctor's Cave Beach.

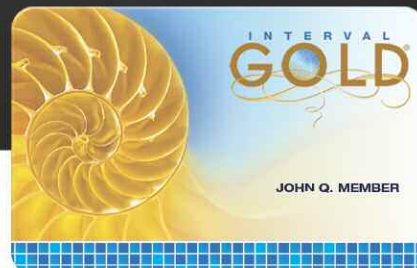
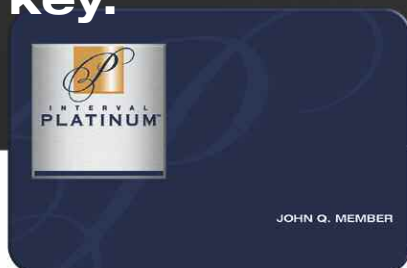
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**DATE:** September 30, 2015

**SHIP:** MSC Cruises' *MSC Divina*

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Unveil the links between cultures across the Mediterranean and the rich influence of ancient civilizations that spans well beyond their empires. Walk amid coastal archeological remains of ancient Carthage's Antonine Baths in Tunisia, named for Emperor Antoninus Pius; and take in the sheer scale of what was once the largest imperial Roman bath complex in the African provinces. Stroll Old Town La Spezia's narrow streets, and view Roman relics at the Ubaldo Formentini Museum of Civil Archaeology, housed in the town's hillside Castle of San Giorgio. While at sea, indulge in the opulence of the *Divina*: enjoy wine and tapas at La Cantina di Bacco, handmade pasta at Ristorante Italia, and gelato at the poolside bar.



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## 11-Night Cities of Light From \$3,556

**DATE:** October 1, 2015

**SHIP:** Viking River Cruises' *Viking Idun*

**ITINERARY:** Prague, Czech Republic (embark and overnight); Nuremberg, Bamberg, Würzburg, Heidelberg, Mainz, Rüdesheim, Cochem, Bernkastel, and Trier, Germany; Luxembourg, Luxembourg; Paris, France (overnight and disembark)

Cruise languidly along the Main, Moselle, and Rhine rivers, taking in Gothic cathedrals, timber-framed houses, and medieval castles atop rolling hillsides. Stroll sleepy towns and wine villages, discovering some of the Continent's most iconic landmarks. Highlights include Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral, which houses the Czech royal mausoleum; Nuremberg's Palace of Justice, where the Nuremberg Trials were held; the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz; Cochem's Reichsburg Castle with its ancient Romanesque dwelling house and witch tower; Luxembourg's old quarters; and in Paris, the cobbled streets of Montmartre and the Arc de Triomphe.



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	DATES	SHIP	ITINERARY	SPECTACULAR EXPERIENCES
<b>7-Night Hawaii</b> <b>From \$1,639</b>	July 25; August 29, 2015	<b>NORWEGIAN</b> <small>CRUISE LINE®</small> <i>Pride of America</i>	Honolulu (Oahu), Kahului (Maui), Hilo, Kona, Nawiliwili (Kauai), and Honolulu, Hawaii	Hold on to your hat! Maui's famed Road to Hana has some hairpin curves. Nevertheless, the dramatic scenery is sure to transfix you. Snap a photo of the beautiful Wailua Falls, and delight in the greenery and coastal views of the black-sand beaches and rocky bays at scenic overlooks along the way.
<b>12-Night Fiji &amp; South Pacific</b> <b>From \$1,399*</b>	September 6, 2015	<b>PRINCESS CRUISES</b> <small>come back new™</small> <i>Dawn Princess</i>	Sydney, Australia; Nouméa, New Caledonia; Port Denarau, Suva, and Dravuni Island, Fiji; Isle of Pines, New Caledonia; Sydney	Spot endemic fine-feathered friends amid blooming foliage and ponds at the 74-acre Parc Zoologique et Forestier Michel Corbasson in Nouméa. While peacocks parade their prized plumage, the barking you'll hear is not a dog, rather the call of the cagou, the flightless native bird.
<b>10-Night Coastal Treasures</b> <b>From \$4,599</b>	October 4, 2015	<b>OCEANIA CRUISES®</b> <small>Your World. Your Way.®</small> <i>Marina</i>	Venice, Italy (embark and overnight); Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Igoumenitsa, Greece; Taormina (Sicily), Sorrento/Capri, Civitavecchia (Rome), and Livorno (Florence and Pisa), Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco (overnight and disembark)	Indulge at sea in decadent French-country dishes such as <i>cassoulet au confit de canard</i> (southern France stew with duck leg and sausage) and a <i>sélection de pot de crème</i> (chocolate, coffee, and vanilla cream pots) at famed French chef Jacques Pépin's namesake restaurant.

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$205 per person are additional.  
\*Based on category IF



## FAMILY TIME

### 7-Night Pacific Coastal From \$679

**DATES:** September 26; October 3, 2015

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

**ITINERARY:** Los Angeles, California; Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and Monterey, California; Ensenada, Mexico; Los Angeles

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$166 per person are additional.

Flip that daily-routine frown upside down in the Pacific Northwest with quality family bonding. Roll out with the crew on a Santa Barbara Segway tour, during which you'll get a dose of local history and pass the zoo and other popular attractions. Ride by coach to explore famous filming locations in Monterey County, the setting for hundreds of classic movie scenes, including *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and *The Muppet Movie* at Rancho San Carlos in Carmel Valley. When the kids get antsy to fly solo, they can spread their wings at sea, playing video games in the arcade and swaying to the beat in the teen-only dance club.



## Also

### 7-Night Alaska From \$599

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$205.15 per person are additional.

#### DATES

August 14, 28, 2015

#### SHIP

Celebrity X Cruises®  
*Celebrity Millennium*

#### ITINERARY

Vancouver, Canada (embark); Inside Passage (cruising), Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier (cruising), and Seward, Alaska (disembark)

#### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Fancy yourself the next Martin Scorsese? Teens can make their directorial debut participating in the iTake project. Shoot wide-angle footage, edit your video in the Celebrity iLounge, and compete to take home first prize.

### 3-Night Bahamas From \$570

August 21, 28, 2015

Disney Cruise Line.  
*Disney Dream*

Port Canaveral, Florida; Nassau and Castaway Cay, Bahamas; Port Canaveral

Spy ancient hieroglyphs along the subterranean walls of The Dig — model ruins of legendary Atlantis at Atlantis Resort and Casino on Paradise Island. Walk the sunken city's underwater streets to the tunnel of Predator Lagoon, and wonder at the razor-sharp apparatus of sawfish, hammerhead sharks, and barracudas.

### 5-Night Western Caribbean From \$650

October 9, 23, 2015

Disney Cruise Line.  
*Disney Magic*

Miami, Florida; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Castaway Cay, Bahamas; Miami

Watch choreographed ballet and jazz numbers, sing along with Cinderella to *A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes*, and cheer her on as she rallies against an evil fairy godfather in the live musical spectacular *Twice Charmed*.



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## 10-Night Eastern Caribbean From \$759

**DATES:** October 10, 20, 2015

**SHIP:** Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Gem*

**ITINERARY:** New York City, New York; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; St. Maarten; Tortola, British Virgin Islands; New York City

Infamous for shore follies heavy with drink and debauchery, pirates in the Caribbean exhausted their lifetimes soaking up sun and sea. Not a half-baked idea, huh? Leave your mark in the sand at four island playgrounds once frequented by buccaneers and smugglers. Get your Sea Trek helmet on and saunter the ocean floor around St. Thomas for head-to-head meet and greets with sea turtles, parrotfish, and other dazzling coral reef dwellers. Captain your own craft on a self-drive boat ride in St. Maarten, and from Tortola, head to The Baths for a dip in natural pools created by the configuration of these colossal boulders. Want to stay in the water? Luxuriate in a hot tub at the ship's Tahitian Pool. When you're ready to dry off, go for a hot stone massage at Mandara Spa.

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## Also

### 8-Night Southern Caribbean From \$639

**DATES**  
July 18; August  
8, 2015

**SHIP**  
 **Carnival**  
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*Carnival Sunshine*

**ITINERARY**  
Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida; Aruba; Curaçao; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; Port Canaveral

### SPLISH SPLASH

Spot an osprey nest and learn about this pescatarian bird of prey as you paddle to Cockburn Town's Madison Point in a glass-bottom kayak, your window to the biodiversity of Turks and Caicos' tropical wetland ecosystems.

### 7-Night Western Caribbean From \$799

**DATES**  
June 28; July  
12; September  
6, 2015

**SHIP**  
 **Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL  
*Navigator of the Seas*

**ITINERARY**  
Galveston, Texas; Cozumel, Mexico; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; Falmouth, Jamaica; Galveston

Put your snorkel mask and fins to good use in the shallow waters around the 251-foot-long *USS Kittiwake* wreck off Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach. Catch a glimpse of orange squirrelfish, horse-eye jacks, and the main decks of this sunken craft, a retired U.S. Navy submarine rescue vessel.

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$102 per person are additional.

### 7-Night Eastern Caribbean From \$580

**DATES**  
September 13,  
2015

**SHIP**  
 **Royal Caribbean**  
INTERNATIONAL  
*Independence of the Seas*

**ITINERARY**  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Maarten; St. Kitts; Fort Lauderdale

Shift your weight for some skillful standup paddle boarding on Friars Bay in St. Kitts, where you'll take in captivating coastal views and catch sight of stingrays and other fascinating aquatics.

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$94 per person are additional.

## 7-Night Alaska From \$749\*

**DATES:** July 26; August 9; September 6, 2015

**SHIP:** Princess Cruises' *Ruby Princess*

**ITINERARY:** Seattle, Washington; Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord (cruising), Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$195 per person are additional.

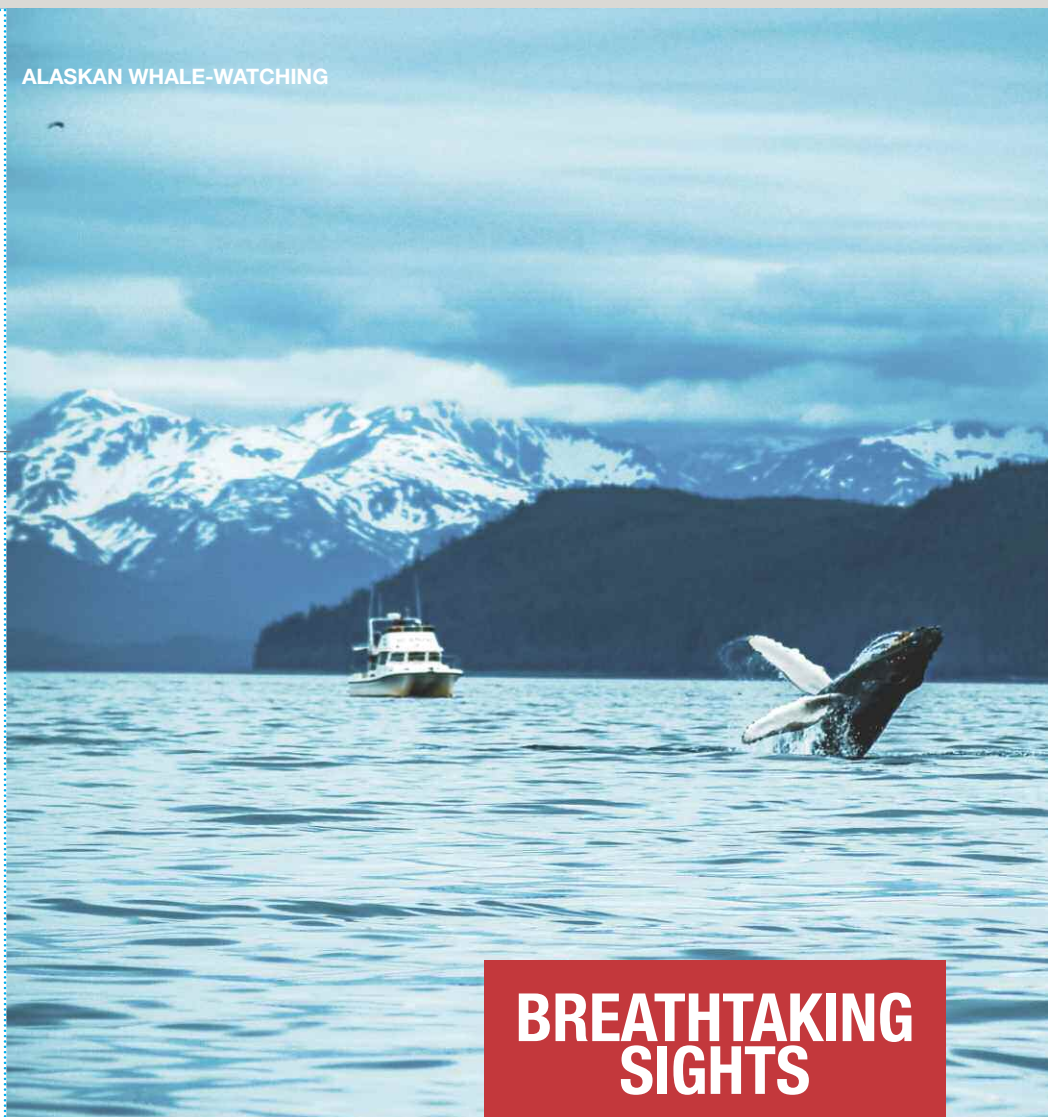
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Onboard credit: \$50 per stateroom

While its wildlife and whale-watching are things to write home about, the Land of the Midnight Sun is also a supermodel in the world of landscapes. Explore the outdoors, a rich tapestry of glacier-fed lakes and rushing rivers, fertile valleys, and snowcapped peaks. At Ketchikan's Saxman Native Village, watch Tlingit wood carvers score eagle and wolf designs into totem poles, and performers dance and sing at the Beaver Clan House. Observe the ice flow at the extremity of the 12-mile-long Mendenhall glacier in Juneau's Tongass National Forest, and enjoy the dramatic canyon views on a railroad ride that follows the original Yukon Gold stamper trail past Dead Horse Gulch to the famed White Pass Summit.



### ALASKAN WHALE-WATCHING



## BREATHTAKING SIGHTS

### Also

	DATES	SHIP	ITINERARY	MUST-SEES
<b>7-Night Canada/ New England From \$999</b>	August 29, 2015	 <b>Holland America Line</b> <i>A Signature of Excellence</i> <i>ms Veendam</i>	Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; Saint John, New Brunswick; Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia; Bar Harbor, Maine; Boston	Watch the cascading spray of the formidable 272-foot Montmorency Falls at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, just outside Old Québec, and marvel at the Romanesque Revival-style architecture of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, a basilica honoring the grandmother of Jesus.
<b>7-Night Eastern Mediterranean From \$809</b>	August 29; September 12, 2015	 <b>NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE</b> <i>Norwegian Jade</i>	Venice, Italy; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Piraeus (Athens), Greece; Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey; Split, Croatia; Venice	Follow in the footsteps of traders who laid out their goods to pay customs taxes at Dubrovnik's striking Gothic-Renaissance Sponza Palace, which once housed the city's treasury and coin mint.
<b>7-Night Mexican Riviera From \$459</b>	September 5, 26, 2015	 <b>Carnival</b> <i>FUN FOR ALL. ALL FOR FUN.</i> <i>Carnival Miracle</i>	Los Angeles, California; Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Los Angeles	Hike nature trails and climb the winding road leading to the iconic El Faro lighthouse, perched atop the peak of Cerro del Creston. Take in awe-inspiring views of the city and nearby islands.

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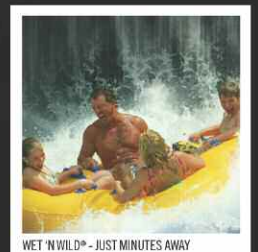
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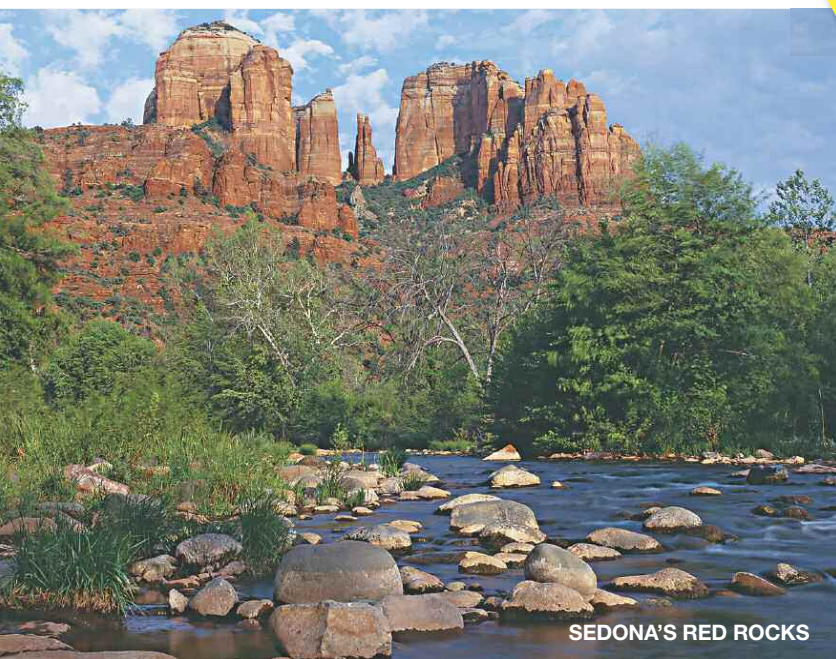
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### THE BEST OF

- Visit three national parks: Arizona's Grand Canyon and Utah's Bryce Canyon and Zion
- Admire the breathtaking beauty of Sedona's red rock formations
- Take in the dazzling sights and sounds of Las Vegas

### THE DRILL DOWN

- Enjoy views of the Grand Canyon from your hotel, located near the canyon's rim
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SEDONA'S RED ROCKS



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- Admire Bath's Georgian architecture and ancient Roman spa
- Visit Edinburgh Castle, home to Scotland's crown jewels

### THE DRILL DOWN

- Learn how to make Yorkshire pudding, a British staple
- Immerse yourself in scenery that inspired poet William Wordsworth in the Lake District
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- Watch droves of hot-air balloons take flight at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
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- Get the lowdown on the Manhattan Project and other formerly top-secret military undertakings at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History
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The answer to Where in the World? in the Summer 2014 issue of *Interval World* is Harbour Town Lighthouse on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The winners of the TSA-approved combination locks are Gene Cox and Lila Pagni of River Forest, Illinois; Mychell R. Gagnon of Plessisville, Québec; Deborah Garrett of Corona, California; Dale L. Hart of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Marcia Koetter of Floyds Knobs, Indiana; Pam and Brad Rackow of Lena, Illinois; Robert J. Riley of Monument Beach, Massachusetts; Ronda Seymour of Mohrsville, Pennsylvania; Linda Streit of Alpharetta, Georgia; and John and Mindy Wolverton of Cambridge, Ohio.

- The rich topography and mild climate of this city present perfect conditions for a plethora of outdoor activities, such as sailing, hiking, and skiing — sometimes all in one day. Surrounded by water on three sides, the urban area offers nine public beaches, and the peaks that rise above the city can be reached in as little as 15 minutes from downtown.
- Stroll different neighborhoods and take in an array of sights, sounds, and smells. From Victorian buildings that hem cobblestone streets to bustling Chinatown, a vibrant Punjabi community, and shopping and entertainment districts, diversity is celebrated in this multicultural metropolis.
- The area has been inhabited for about 10,000 years. And although the Spanish lay claim to it first, the city's current name is a tribute to the English navigator who explored and surveyed the coastline in the 18th century.

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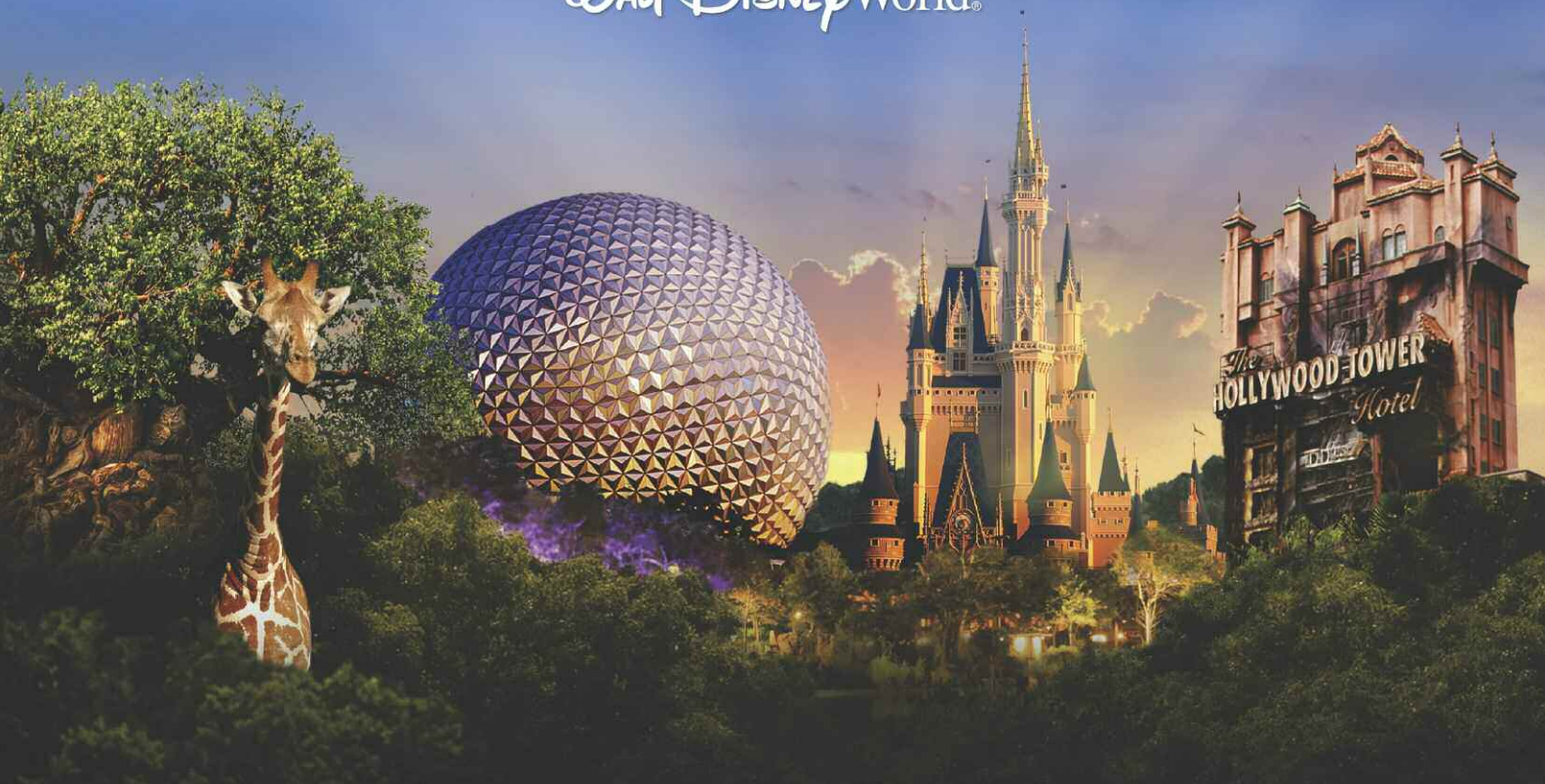
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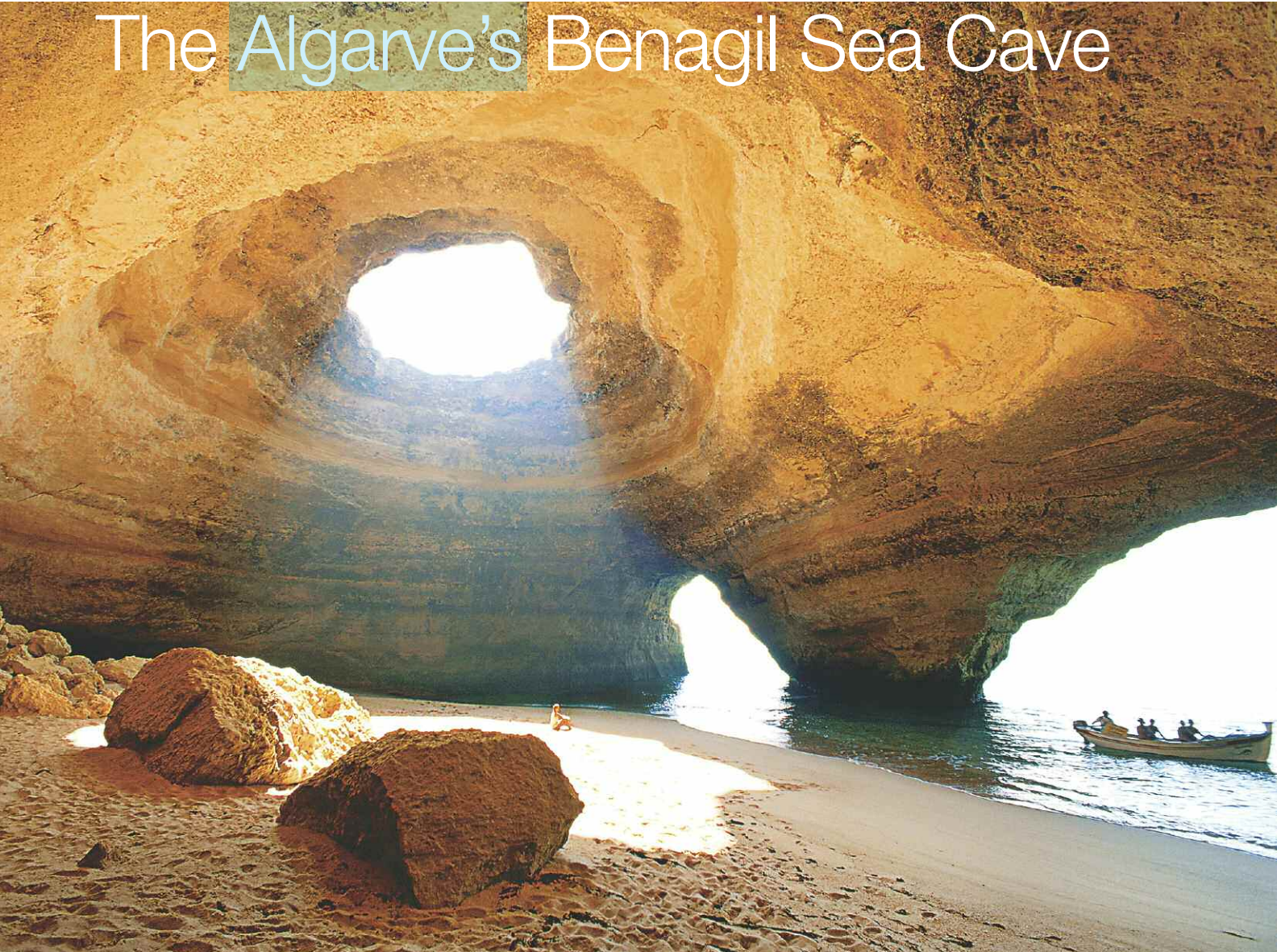
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AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT

# The Algarve's Benagil Sea Cave



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other Nature has bestowed a plenitude of natural attractions upon Portugal's sunny Algarve region: sparkling seas, a lengthy coast of golden sands, soaring ochre-colored cliffs, and imposing rock formations. But nestled among these outstanding features, the secluded Benagil Sea Cave has somehow managed to remain off most published travel lists of best-ofs and must-sees. The massive grotto, carved over time by the ocean, can only be reached by water. To see it for yourself, head to Benagil Beach in the western Algarve, about 3 miles from the coastal town of Carvoeiro. At the water's edge you can buy a ticket for a boat tour.

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