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

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Then



Now

Here's a pair of then-and-now photos submitted by Sandra Moorman, an Interval member since 1979. The picture on the left shows her and her husband, Daniel, on their first visit to Hawaii in 1979. On the right is a photo of their most recent Hawaii vacation in October 2015.

In their 37 years of Interval membership, the Moormans have made about 130 exchanges, Sandra says, staying at resorts in Europe, South America, Australia, Asia, the Caribbean, Mexico, and the U.S. (including 60 trips to their favorite travel location, Hawaii). She adds: Purchasing timeshare weeks was "one of the wisest travel choices we have ever made."

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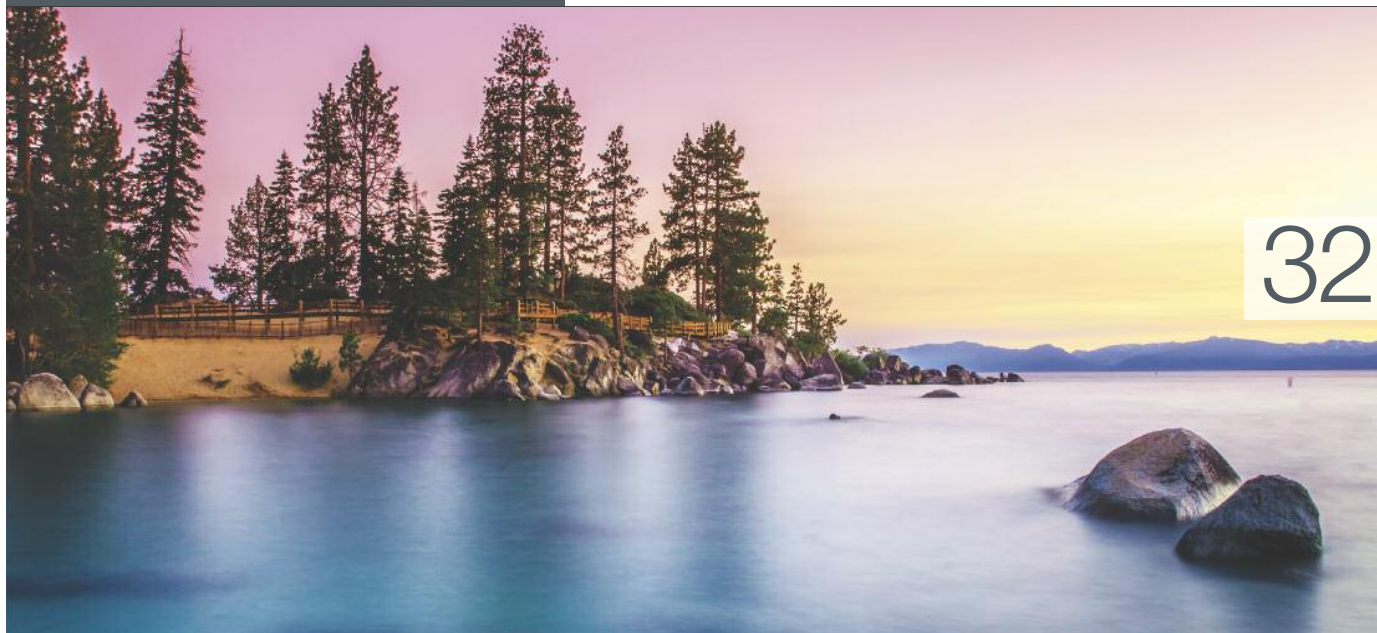


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WHAT'S AN ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT?

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

Many all-inclusive resorts are destinations in themselves, from beachfront access and an array of pools to numerous restaurants, spas, water sports, and dedicated spaces for kids. You don't even have to leave the property to have a full vacation experience.

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With nearly everything paid for upfront, you can focus on enjoying the moment rather than racking up charges. Think of it like you would a cruise — with drinks included!

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AND THE SURVEY SAYS ...

Your opinion matters and we want to hear it! And now it's easier than ever to let us know how your recent vacation was. Fill out the new-and-improved Vacation Evaluation after your next exchange or Getaway to help ensure every Interval vacation is a great one.

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Your feedback provides us with the information we need to continue to make our vacation offerings the best they can be. Simply put: If you're happy, we're happy. If you're not, we're not. A lot goes into creating the perfect resort experience, and we want to know what went right, and if anything went wrong.

WHERE AND HOW

Now there's no need to sign in to your Interval account to send us your response. When you receive your email confirmation, simply click the enclosed link and go directly to the evaluation.

WIN A WEEK!

As before, when you fill out and submit a Vacation Evaluation form, you'll be entered to win a Resort Accommodations Certificate, good for a one-week stay at an Interval member resort. So if you like the idea of more vacation time, be sure to fill out the survey.

March 2016's winners are Paul and Michelle Martin of Napa, California; April 2016's winners are Randy and Janeice McKinney of Marietta, Oklahoma; May 2016's winner is Catherine Sangster of Bellevue, Washington; and June 2016's winners are Ron and Joan McDonald of North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

YOUR COMMENTS: COMING SOON TO INTERVALWORLD.COM

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Did you know that a whopping 97 percent of all exchange requests are fulfilled?* If you've ever worried that placing a request might not work for you, that number should put your concern to rest. But it's not the only reason why placing a request is a smart play: When you place a request in our exchange system, we do the searching for you. And when we find a match that meets your criteria, we'll confirm you on the spot! But don't delay — the sooner you place a request, the longer we have to find a suitable match for you.

The numbers don't lie. Place a request today!

*Source: Interval International's 2015 Buyers' Guide. In 2014, 884,011 exchanges were properly applied for and subsequently confirmed by Interval International®. The confirmation rate on all exchange requests was 97 percent. This figure is a summary of the exchange requests entered with the exchange program, and does not indicate a member's probability of being confirmed to any specific choice or range of choices, since availability at individual locations may vary.

A STEP (OR TWO) UP

From time to time, you may be able to upgrade to a larger unit when you exchange your week on IntervalWorld.com (a fee applies). If the opportunity exists, you could have the choice of stepping up to a one-, two-, three-, or four-bedroom unit, and enjoy private sleeping quarters along with a separate living room and dining area. Whether you have a large family or want to bring along a few friends on your next vacation, increasing your unit size means more space for everyone.

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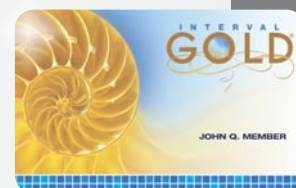
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TAMPA, FLORIDA

SHOP BY THE BAY

On the third Sunday of every month, vendors set up shop for an open-air market at Channelside Bay Plaza, a waterfront shopping and dining complex on the southern edge of downtown Tampa. Open from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., the market's stalls display everything from local produce and gourmet cheeses to fresh-made breads and handcrafted items. Once you're finished perusing, be sure to admire the stunning bay views and impressive large yachts docked nearby.

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

A WHOLE NEW LOOK

Atlantic City's oldest restaurant is getting a major overhaul. Dating back to 1897 — and owned by the same family since the beginning — Dock's Oyster House is a classic seafood joint loved by locals and tourists alike. It's so popular, in fact, that the restaurant would regularly hit full capacity and turn customers away. To remedy this, Dock's embarked on a complete gut renovation and expansion. The result? An upgraded, modern kitchen, double the seating capacity, and a 60-seat private dining area guests will be able to book for events.

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Branson, Missouri WINTER WONDERLAND

Every year, just in time for the holidays, Branson dazzles residents and visitors alike with an enormous lights display. Open nightly November 1 – December 31 beginning at dusk, The Trail of Lights is a 2.5-mile drive-through route festooned with millions of sparkling lights that leaves both kids and adults in awe. Visitors can admire a variety of fantastical themes, animated scenes, and even three-dimensional characters with housing that you can sneak a peek into. At the end, you can climb into a glass elevator and soar 230 feet above the whole scene for a stunning bird's-eye view.

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SEDONA, ARIZONA

ALES ON RAILS

Looking for a unique way to celebrate Oktoberfest stateside? Arizona's Verde Canyon Railroad brings its own twist to the German festival Thursday through Sunday all month with its Ales on Rails. The party starts at the train's depot, a 30-minute drive from Sedona and about two hours from Phoenix, where you'll feast on German sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad, pretzels, and strudel. After chowing down, you'll board the train and, while enjoying the beautiful landscape rolling by, sip samples of the 15-plus local brews on tap, which include ales, lagers, porters, and stouts.



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NIGHT FALLS ON THE JUNGLE

For the first time since the park opened in 1998, Disney's Animal Kingdom has introduced nighttime operating hours, along with lots of new after-dark excitement. Parkgoers can now witness resident animals' nocturnal behavior on a safari ride; a three-minute "awakening" of the animal spirits on the park's centerpiece Tree of Life, illustrated with lights, colors, and animations; a lively African street celebration complete with singers and acrobats; and a sunset Carnival-inspired dance party bustling with musicians, stilt walkers, and dancers. The crowning jewel of these new additions: a show-stopping spectacle entitled *Rivers of Light*, which employs massive water screens, fountains, Asian-inspired floating lanterns, and live performers to bring the animal world to life. A finale centered on one of nature's most striking phenomenon, the aurora borealis, is sure to drop jaws.



STAGE NEWS

An all-new Walt Disney World production is being unveiled this summer. Performed at the base of Cinderella Castle in the Magic Kingdom, *Mickey's Royal Friendship Faire* combines classic characters headlined by Mickey with modern favorites from recent hit films *Frozen*, *The Princess and the Frog*, and *Tangled*. Expect lots of singing — including an original song — dancing, and special effects. And princess fans will want to have their cameras at the ready: *Mickey's Royal Friendship Faire* will mark the first time Tiana and Rapunzel appear in a performance on the castle stage.

BRICK-OR-TREAT

The world's largest Lego jack-o'-lantern will be a huge draw in itself, but that's certainly not the only reason to visit Legoland Florida in October, when family-friendly, Halloween-themed events will be the order of the day (and night!). Highlights include trick-or-treating on the Brick or Treat Trail, Lego-building activities, a scavenger hunt, large-scale Lego models, and a Halloween-themed fireworks show.

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RIVIERA MAYA FINE DINING

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WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Carnival Vista cruisers will never be hard-pressed to find a place to feast. Jump-start your day with a Cuban coffee at Havana Bar. Savor New England-inspired summer classics such as lobster rolls, fried clams, and crabcakes at the Seafood Shack. Dig in to the decadent concoctions at Guy's Burger Joint, the brainchild of Food Network personality Guy Fieri. And for a real indulgence, splurge on an alfresco meal at Fahrenheit 555, the onboard high-cuisine steakhouse.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAYS AT SEA?

Catch a flick at the Carnival Multiplex, home to the first-ever at-sea IMAX movie theater and the 3-D Thrill Theater, which boasts special effects such as moving seats, bubbles, and squirting water. Kids can splash away at WaterWorks, an outdoor playground featuring waterslides, water toys, and a half-dozen other features perfect for cooling off. And adults seeking respite can take to the Serenity

Adult-Only Retreat, where lounging on hammocks and chaises is the name of the game.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAYS IN PORT?

Bike along the waterfront at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park on Key Biscayne, an island just off of Miami's bustling Brickell neighborhood. Tour famed playwright Noël Coward's final home, Firefly, a hilltop dwelling overlooking Ocho Rios' Blue Harbour. Get up close and personal with dozens of graceful stingrays in shallow waters off Grand Cayman. And in Cozumel, experience the diverse marine life of the world's second-largest barrier reef on a diving excursion. ■

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CRUISE NEWS

YOU, THE OCEAN BLUE, AND 15 OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS

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CONSCIENTIOUS CRUISING

Royal Caribbean International has joined forces with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), forming a five-year partnership to ensure the long-term health of the resource cruise fans love the most — the ocean. As part of this goal, the cruise line will aim to raise guests' awareness about ocean conservation and enact new standards to reduce its environmental footprint, including sourcing sustainable seafood for its restaurants and reducing carbon emissions 35 percent by 2020.





A-O-CAY!

MSC Cruises' private Bahamian island is going to be a game changer. Scheduled to open in late 2017, the \$200 million, 95-acre Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve will be the largest Caribbean island development by any cruise line. Home to six beaches, the island's pier (rare for cruise-line islands) will allow guests to walk right off their ship into a lush tropical paradise. Highlights include a serene lagoon, zip line, a shopping village, 2,000-seat amphitheater, restaurants and bars, and a spa and wellness center exclusively for MSC Yacht Club guests. And the fun won't stop after sundown: During evening hours, guests will be able to move freely between entertainment options on the island and those onboard.

TANGLED IS MAGIC

Disney's megahit-movie *Tangled* has finally come to the stage. But it's not on Broadway or in London's West End; it's happening at sea — exclusively aboard the *Disney Magic!* *Tangled: The Musical* puts guests in the heart of the Bavarian woods as Rapunzel, Flynn Rider, and Maximus bring the movie's story and songs to life. The production, while remaining true to the film, includes additional scenes, along with three all-new songs created by Academy Award-winning composer Alan Menken and Grammy Award-winning lyricist Glenn Slater. *Tangled: The Musical* will be performed on all *Disney Magic* cruises sailing out of Miami throughout 2016.



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Greasy Spoons

WE SCoured THE COUNTRY IN SEARCH OF STANDOUT DINERS, SERVING UP THE FEEL-GOOD, DECADENT COMFORT FOODS THAT WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE.

BY JOSHUA PRAMIS

If there's one type of restaurant that can reasonably claim to be the most popular, it's the diner. Affectionately known as greasy spoons for their propensity to serve a generous amount of fatty fried foods, diners have evolved to serve a wide range of good eats. But some things tend to remain a certainty: The food is typically cheap, and the portions generous. Here, we've rounded up some of our favorites from around the country. They're all in destinations with Interval resorts — and if you decide to plan a trip just to have a meal at one of them, we wouldn't blame you one bit.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: THE CAMELLIA GRILL

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more classic greasy spoon than The Camellia Grill. The diner has been up and running for some 70 years, minus a temporary closure post-Hurricane Katrina. All of the seating is at a luncheonette-style counter that snakes its way around an open-concept kitchen, invoking a real sense of camaraderie among patrons. The servers are known for their friendly demeanors and longevity; the most tenured waiter served for 50 years before his retirement in 1996.

On the Menu: You'll find all the standard, no-frills diner fare; favorites include grilled cheeseburgers; massive, fluffy omelets (especially the chili-drenched kind); and the chocolate pecan pie (a la mode, of course).

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: VICKIE'S DINER

Located on Las Vegas Boulevard, just north of the Strip, 24-hour Vickie's Diner sits in the corner of a building that has largely been unchanged for the last 60 years. Inside are just a handful of red vinyl seats lined up at a counter, with Tiffany-style lamps hanging from the ceiling, giving it the vibe of a bygone era.

On the Menu: Recently rebranded from its original name, Tiffany's Cafe, Vickie's still serves up the mammoth portions of fuss-free comfort food (think giant one-pound burgers and old-school dishes such as liver and onions) that the location has been making for years. It's also great for breakfast fare, from pillowy omelets slathered in cheese to chicken-fried steak soaked in gravy with eggs.

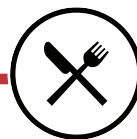
HISTORY OF THE DINER

The first diner dates back to 1858, when a part-time pressman named Walter Scott decided to supplement his income by selling sandwiches and coffee to late-night newspaper workers in Providence, Rhode Island. The service became so popular that, by 1872, he quit his job to sell food full-time from a horse-drawn carriage.

The idea took off even further, inspiring larger manufacturing companies to begin constructing lunch wagons to sell to would-be vendors. These improved wagons allowed patrons to dine indoors. They proliferated so much, towns and cities began to crack down with new regulations. To circumvent this, owners staked out semi-permanent locations in order to maintain the late hours that made diners so popular in the first place.

By the 1920s, diners had developed a reputation for serving cheap food in less-than-tidy settings. Looking to boost business and appeal to a wider swathe of society (particularly women), many owners cleaned up their establishments and began to offer booth service. Manufacturers added indoor bathrooms and tables to their designs and, looking to impart a more upscale image, adopted the railroad-car look and the term "diner," a nod to dining cars onboard trains. The classic streamline design was introduced in the 1930s, and remains a symbol of Americana today.





CREST CAFE'S BETTER BUTTER BURGER

Ingredients

Compound Butter

1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh basil
 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh parsley
 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh tarragon
 Pinch cayenne pepper
 2 large cloves garlic, minced
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Roasted Garlic Aioli

1 cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
 11 small cloves garlic, roasted and chopped

Burgers

2 pounds fresh ground beef or four 8-ounce
 Angus beef patties
 4 slices cheese
 4 large burger buns

Directions

For the compound butter: Stir together the butter, basil, parsley, tarragon, cayenne, and garlic; season with salt and pepper. Spoon the mixture onto a piece of plastic wrap in a 6-inch-long mound. Fold the plastic wrap over the mixture to enclose it, and roll it to form a log about 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Chill until firm, about 2 hours.

For the roasted garlic aioli: Blend the mayonnaise, lime juice, paprika, cayenne, cumin, and garlic in a food processor until smooth.

For the burgers: Preheat the oven to broil. Form the ground beef into 4 patties. Stuff a slice of the compound butter inside each and broil the burgers to the desired doneness. Add another slice of the butter to the top of each burger, followed by a slice of cheese. Broil briefly, just until the cheese melts. Serve on buns with a small mound of the aioli on top of the cheese.

Courtesy of Crest Cafe

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: CREST CAFE

This iconic restaurant's personality is apparent before you even walk through its doors: The outside walls are decorated with neon signs and a vibrant mural featuring a large elephant. Inside, however, it's the food on the menu that speaks volumes — Crest Cafe was featured on Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*.

On the Menu: Breakfast items include indulgences such as creme brulee French toast and the Cabo quesadilla, stuffed with eggs, bacon, cilantro, hash browns, and Monterey Jack cheese. For lunchtime, a popular pick is the insanely decadent butter burger, made with a half-pound of ground beef stuffed with a garlic, tarragon, basil, and parsley butter.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA: MATT'S BIG BREAKFAST

With three locations in Phoenix, Matt's delivers a bit of an upgrade to the traditional diner, and they manage to do it while keeping prices wallet-friendly. Matt's has gotten so much attention, it was also featured on *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*.

On the Menu: Matt's specializes in typical diner options with elevated ingredients, such as cage-free eggs, house-roasted corned beef, line-caught tuna, and locally sourced organic produce. You'll also find some out-of-the-ordinary plates, such as scrambled eggs with Molinari sopressata salami or a skillet-seared Iowa pork rib chop served with eggs and potatoes.

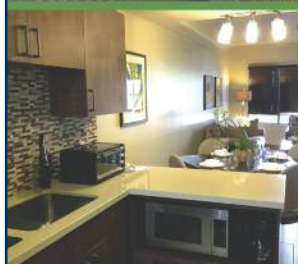
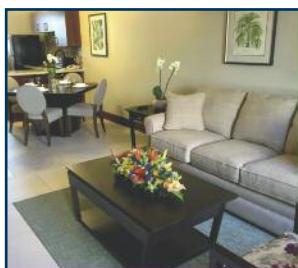
BRANSON, MISSOURI: MEL'S HARD LUCK DINER

This '50s-themed eatery stands out among the crowd for its entertaining ambiance: Not only do they serve top-notch comfort foods, but guests are also treated to a show. The restaurant is known for hiring talented musicians — many of whom also perform in the many stage performances Branson is known for — that sing popular classics while they wait on guests.

On the Menu: There's no skimping on portion sizes here. Come for the larger-than-life burgers and an ice cream sundae fit for an entire family: 12 scoops are topped with cookies, bananas, brownie crumbles, hot fudge, and (if you can believe it) more. ■



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Jewels of the Caribbean

Look beyond the glittering duty-free booty to discover some lesser-known riches of the realm.

BY BETSY SHELDON

Treasures abound in the Caribbean. And not just the pirate plunder sometimes claimed from the shipwreck graveyards under the islands' sapphire waters — or the sparkling baubles displayed in the duty-free stores swarmed by cruise passengers. Dig deeper and you're bound to unearth some singular finds unique to the Caribbean — or even to a specific island. Gems found nowhere else. Bangles born from a local artist's inspiration. And, yes, even jewelry made from pieces of eight and gold doubloons. Here are five treasures to shop for in the Caribbean. ■



1 HOOKED ON LOVE

A clean silver band with a simple hook clasp has been captivating jewelry shoppers in St. Croix for 50 years. Said to be a symbol of love, hook bracelets are sold throughout the island, and even elsewhere in the Caribbean. But sources credit Sonya Ltd. in Christiansted as the originator of the design. The artisans — including Sonya herself — still handcraft the bracelets, which range from spare silver pieces at \$60 to more elaborate 14- and 18-karat-gold designs worth thousands.

2 FOREVER AMBER

Although the semiprecious gem is found in other parts of the world, amber from the Dominican Republic is valued not only because it contains far more fossil inclusions such as insects, but also for its clarity and range of colors, from the classic golden yellow to red and even blue. No wonder jewelry-makers from around the world seek out Dominican amber for their finest pieces. For the lowdown on the story of amber, visit the Amber Museum in Puerto Plata.



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3 CONCH PEARLS

Not technically a pearl, this rare treasure is a byproduct of the queen conch. The large mollusk that makes its home in the quintessential pink-lustered seashell is found mostly in the Caribbean, and it's estimated that only one in 10,000 produces a pearl; thus, the typically astronomical prices. Even a single pearl can cost more than \$1,000. The gems are mostly pink — ranging from rose petal to deep coral — and exhibit a wavy sheen that's been likened to watered silk.

4 TRUE BLUE LARIMAR

If you could capture the ocean in a stone, larimar is what it would look like. The rare blue mineral, found exclusively in the Dominican Republic, has only been mined and marketed for a few decades. Larimar ranges from the lightest of blues to deep-sea azure, and its striations seem to mimic the movement of waves — the perfect souvenir to evoke the essence of the Caribbean. Polished stones in settings of silver or gold make for stunning pieces.

5 UNBURIED TREASURE

The Caribbean Sea is awash in shipwrecks, attracting divers with dreams of discovering their fortunes. But prospectors are more likely to strike gold at a shop that specializes in shipwreck jewelry. These retailers sell upcrafted pieces such as pendants fashioned from fragments of old British pottery, and designs that incorporate silver reales recovered from Spanish galleons.

SHOPPING FOR JEWELRY

St. Croix Hook Bracelet

Sonya Ltd.

The small shop at #1 Company Street in Christiansted, St. Croix, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a commemorative bracelet for \$150. But there are plenty of other styles to choose from, too. sonyaltd.com; 877.766.9284

Dominican Amber

The Amber Museum

In the center of Puerto Plata, a Victorian mansion serves as a museum and well-stocked gift shop with plenty of Dominican-made designs. ambermuseum.com; 809.586.2848

Conch Pearls

Coin of the Realm

In Nassau, Bahamas, Coin of the Realm holds court on Charlotte Street in a stately historic building. The family-owned shop features conch pearl dazzlers, among other high-end pieces. coinrealm.net; 242.322.4862

Dominican Larimar

Harrison's

The island's largest jewelry chain, reputable Harrison's has a shop in popular Plaza Palma Real in Punta Cana, carrying a trove of larimar in high-quality settings. harrisons.com; 809.586.3933

Also, the Larimar Museum in Santo Domingo sports a shop with plenty of merchandise. larimarmuseum.com; 809.689.6605

Shipwreck Jewelry

The Pirate's Chest

St. Thomas' Skyride to the top of Paradise Point affords fantastic views and delivery to The Pirate's Chest, a popular souvenir shop specializing in authentic shipwreck coins. 340.774.5279



Once a favored fishing spot for the Washoe tribe, today Sand Harbor is a wildly popular beach that's perfect for sunset watching.



Lake Tahoe Revisited

A ONETIME REGULAR
RETURNS TO HER SUMMER
STOMPING GROUND AND
DISCOVERS FALL HAS
JUST AS MUCH TO OFFER.

BY KIMBERLEY LOVATO

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It

was right there, a crab about the size of a silver dollar, and it looked close enough to touch. I leaned my face over the edge of the boat dock at Lollie and Poppy's house, the name I used for my paternal grandparents, and my knees and hands scraped the wooden planks.

"Get closer," said Poppy, standing barefoot behind me. "You can reach it."

He nudged me with his foot, and before I knew it I was splashing in 20 feet of frigid — and impossibly clear, I had just learned — Lake Tahoe water. The crab that had appeared right at my fingertips from the dock was not even anywhere near my toes extending a few feet underwater, and there was no way I was diving down to get it. As I swam to the rocky beach, I could hear Poppy's cackling laugh.

He got me.

I never went to camp; never pulled a prank on the boys' cabin; never took a moonlight canoe trip to capture the flag. But what I did have was Poppy (for pranks) and The Lake, as my family called it, where visits to my grandparents' house in Carnelian Bay meant drinking straight from deep blue waters, cannonballing (and falling) off the dock, skipping rocks, going on boat rides, and the bats that Poppy swore flew overhead at night when I asked to sleep outside on the deck.

My grandparents sold that house in the early '80s, and have both since passed away. Over the years, I have often thought back to those warm, carefree days, but hadn't returned except when there was snow on the peaks and skis on my feet. So on the occasion of my 20th wedding anniversary last fall, we chose to celebrate with a trip to Lake Tahoe, where I rediscovered all the outdoor wonder of my childhood, and incorporated loads of grown-up fun that has me convinced, now more than ever, that Lake Tahoe is timeless.

THE LAKE OF THE SKY

Just 200 miles northeast of San Francisco, and about 45 minutes from Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Lake Tahoe hits you like an oasis would a thirsty traveler, when its glassy expanse of cobalt blue comes into view for the first time. As Mark Twain remarked on his initial glance in his semiautobiographical *Roughing It*, published in 1872, "...as it lay there with the shadows of the mountains brilliantly photographed upon its still surface I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole Earth affords."

At 22 miles long and 12 miles wide, Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake in North America, and sits astride the California-Nevada border at an altitude of more than 6,200 feet. Some think it's the lofty elevation that precipitated its "The Lake of the Sky" nickname, but for many, including my family and me, the name was always about the blue.



Lollie and Poppy, circa 1981, at their Lake Tahoe cabin.

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Gar Woods Grill & Pier serves more than 15 varieties of its signature Wet Woody cocktail — it even has its own website.



A quick hike along the Eagle Falls Trail yields impressive sights, from towering pine trees to cascading waters.



POST-LABOR DAY IS A SORT OF ‘SECRET SEASON,’ WHEN THE SUN STILL SHINES, BUT THE TABLES OPEN UP AND THE ROADS AREN’T NEARLY AS CROWDED.”

There are numerous scenic overlooks where you can stop and snap a photo along the 72-mile road that circles the lake, but my fall favorite was the Crystal Bay Fire Lookout Trail. From about 800 feet above the liquid surface, Lake Tahoe sprawls like a slab of polished sapphire between pine-carpeted peaks whose inverse image appears painted on the smooth watery canvas. From any perspective, though — north, south, east, or west — the point at which the wall of cobalt water blends into cerulean sky is what blue must have looked like at its genesis, and is one of Lake Tahoe’s most unique characteristics.

For my dad, who spent his teen years working summer jobs at a local marina pumping gas and scraping boat hulls, it was the end-of-the-day sky that conjures the most memories.

“I think my favorite times at The Lake were those sunset hours,” he says. “They were truly the magic hours and the colors seemed to alter every minute. The sky would be orange, then become red, then fade into blue and deep purple, until the starry sky blanketed us in a nightly dome. It was serenity.”

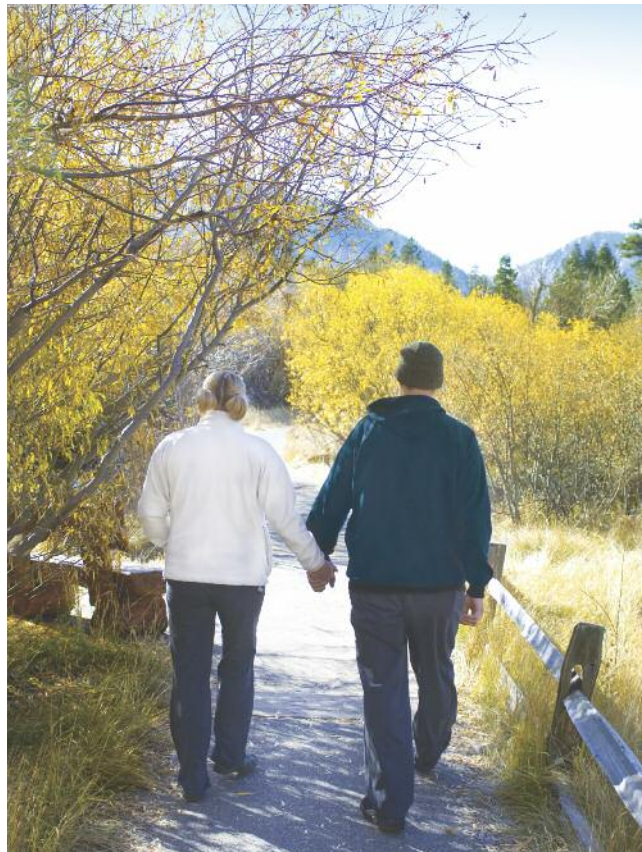
Watching the twilight transition remains a do-not-miss rite of passage, and is easy to do thanks to the dozens of beaches, picnic grounds, and waterfront restaurants and bars situated around the shoreline. Try Sand Harbor or Secret Cove if you want an all-natural setting, or stop in at Chambers Landing, an A-frame cabin that is the oldest bar on Lake Tahoe and perfect for both boat-up and belly-up sunsets.

One evening, my husband and I had dinner and sipped the signature Wet Woody cocktail (a sunset-colored frozen rum drink with a name that nods to the classic wooden boats seen zipping around the lake) at Gar Woods Grill & Pier in Carnelian Bay. The restaurant is just a rock skip from where I used to do the same on my grandparents’ beach. And indeed, as my dad recalled, the sky turned 50 shades of pink, orange, and purple while we enjoyed our beverage and chose plates from a menu that includes French onion soup, steaks, and shell pasta with grilled chicken, pancetta, artichoke hearts, and smoked Gouda.

AUTUMN ARRIVAL

While summer in Lake Tahoe can mean traffic jams and two-hour-plus waits for lunch or drinks on popular outdoor dining decks, post-Labor Day is a sort of “secret season,” when the sun still shines, but the tables open up and the roads aren’t nearly as crowded.

According to my dad, it was always the smell that signaled summer was coming to a close. “The aroma of pine, the pine sap, and the crisp and clean mountain air. It was unmistakable and never forgotten,” he says.



TOP: Lounging lakeside is a Tahoe must. One way to do it right: Sip cocktails on the wooden deck at Gar Woods Grill & Pier. **BOTTOM:** Visiting Lake Tahoe in the fall makes for fewer crowds and plenty of golden foliage.



Drink in the scenery from high above on a hot-air balloon ride.

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I'm not a hardcore outdoors person, but after arriving and getting that first full scent of September, I knew what he meant, and felt an inner twitch to lace up my hiking boots. There are a staggering variety of trails around Lake Tahoe that range from 30-minute, lunch-by-noon walks to all-day, pack-food-and-water treks — and everything in between. We took on the short (a mere 2 miles round-trip) Eagle Falls Trail, which didn't wear us out, but did deliver on scenery thanks to the name-sake cascading waterfall.

Before that walk — and, actually, our entire anniversary visit — I would have sworn that the Tahoe sky couldn't get any bluer than it does during the height of summer. Autumn proved me wrong. And paired with the color-changing aspen and cottonwood trees shimmering in shades of red, orange, and gold, the season upped the region's beauty quotient tenfold.

A good hike puts you in the midst of the trees. A fall-foliage drive, however, allows you to see the entire forest. The Mount Rose

Highway was recommended to us, and after witnessing all the golden, reddish panoramas adjacent to the lake, I'm happy to pay the recommendation forward. If you're looking for even loftier views, Lake Tahoe Balloons offers rides through mid-October, and launches right from the water off the upper deck of the catamaran-style *Tahoe Flyer*.

ON THE WATER

As a kid, I always felt confident jumping from my grandparents' dock and swimming out to a buoy 50 feet offshore. That is until an irrational deep-end-of-the-pool fear kicked in one summer after I asked Poppy how deep the water was.

"Immeasurable," he said, fanning a lifelong rumor in my family that this inland sea's real depth had yet to be discovered. I gulped.

I'd later learn that Lake Tahoe is, in fact, the second-deepest lake in the U.S., with the deepest part measured at 1,645 feet. As an adult, it's not the depth that bothers me, it's the temperature, and



Take to the water on the *Tahoe Queen*, billed as the area's only authentic Mississippi paddle wheeler.

for any similarly minded warm-water wimps, getting *in* the 65-or-so-degree water will be a true challenge. Getting *on* the water, however, is a breeze.

There are sightseeing trips aboard the 312-passenger *Tahoe Queen*, an iconic paddle wheeler, and private outings with Lake Tahoe Boat Rides that are captained by knowledgeable guides. Self-propulsion kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding are more popular than ever, family-friendly, great exercise, and superb ways to explore some of the rocky inlets and beaches carved into the shoreline.

During our visit, my husband and I booked a lunch cruise with Lake Tahoe Bleu Wave. Their 70-foot Burger yacht proved to be an ideal vessel from which to experience scenic Emerald Bay and its oft-photographed Fannette Island, two of the area's most popular picturesque attractions.

LAKE TAHOE REDUX

Before our departure, we stopped by my grandparents' former house. The old sign that hung on Lake Boulevard and once read "Janrick" (for my Aunt Jan and dad, Rick) was gone, and the home was obviously occupied. I knocked, but no one answered, so I left a note, and went around back.

The dock was still there, jutting out from the beach. I scooped up water in my cupped hands and took a sip, then picked up a flat stone and sidearmed it across the surface. *Plop-plop-plunk*. I still had it. Back

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on the wooden deck, I looked upward and took a deep breath of pine before walking to the car.

"The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? It is the same the angels breathe," Twain once said. I wondered if he was referring to Lake Tahoe.

Just a month before our trip, I'd been reminiscing with my dad and had told him about how I wouldn't sleep on that deck as a kid because of the bats. "There were no bats," my dad confessed. "In the forest, sure, but not around the house. That was just Poppy having some fun with you."

Forty years later, Poppy had got me again. And from somewhere above the deep blue of The Lake of the Sky, up there in those pure and fine clouds, I think I heard his cackling laugh anew. ■

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AREA RESORTS



Aston Lakeland Village (LLD)

Perfect for lovers of the great outdoors, Aston Lakeland Village lies amid 19 acres of woods and trails in South Lake Tahoe. Every unit has a fireplace. On-site amenities include a beach, bicycle paths, lake, tennis, multiple outdoor swimming pools, a sauna, and dining.



The Ridge Tahoe (RGT)

Set within spectacular mountain scenery, The Ridge Tahoe is a year-round recreational resort. Guests can enjoy a wide range of on-site offerings, including tennis courts, hiking and biking trails, a putting green, minigolf, convenience store, eatery, day spa, theater, kids' clubs, and complimentary downtown shuttles.

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A TRAVEL WRITER AND INTERVAL MEMBER
EATS AND DRINKS HER WAY AROUND KAUAI.

BY CARRIE DOW

In Pursuit of 'ONO



I was about to dive into my platter

of fried Pacific shrimp and chips when our bartender, Nat, asked if I wanted some of his “special sauce.” It was our second visit to Kauai Island Brewery & Grill, and Nat had steered us right with his menu choices on the first. How could I refuse this offer?

He hurried off into the kitchen and returned carrying a tray loaded with small unlabeled jars filled with red, yellow, and brown sauces, along with containers of ketchup and mayonnaise. My husband, Christian, thought he caught a whiff of Old Bay seasoning. Nat mixed the concoction out of sight below the bar, which only added to the mystery. And then, there it was:

a condiment that looked like ordinary ketchup in a white dipping bowl — yet there was nothing ordinary about the taste.

A few minutes later, he returned to see how we liked it. We didn't just like it, I told him. We *loved* it. He smiled, but we could tell he wasn't surprised. It was, as they say in Hawaii, pure *‘ono*.

‘Ono, with the *okina* (which resembles a left single quotation mark), is the Hawaiian word for delicious — not to be confused with the non-okina ono, which is the Hawaiian name for the wahoo fish. The literal translation means “good to eat.” My husband and I had come to Kauai in search of great Garden Isle food and drink, and we weren't disappointed.



HANAIEI BAY



TOP LEFT: At Tiki Iniki, the behind-the-bar showmanship only adds to the tropical-party ambiance. TOP RIGHT: Putting out a spread, Hawaiian style. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Kalalau Trail traces the rugged and dramatic Napali Coast. BOTTOM LEFT: Located on Kauai's North Shore, the resort area of Princeville is characterized by emerald-green terrain and flowing waterfalls.

WHERE THE WHALES PLAY

Home base for our visit to Kauai was the Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas. Located on the northern side of the island, Princeville is a quiet resort community famous for its golf courses designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. What makes its greens especially unique is their stunning tropical location, perched on the side of a cliff with dramatic drops to the ocean. The award-winning Makai Golf Club lined our resort, and after the golfers finished for the day, we would stand near the green at Hole 3, gazing at whales breaching in the distant ocean. To us, it looked like kids getting in as much playtime as possible before heading home for dinner at sunset.

THE ART OF THE TIKI DRINK IN PRINCEVILLE

A short walk from the Westin Princeville takes you to Princeville Center. Inside are dozens of shops and eateries, but nothing grabs your attention like Tiki Iniki. The giant, menacing tiki mask hanging near the entrance only hints at its dramatic, true-to-theme interior. Owned and run by Michele Rundgren, wife of rocker Todd Rundgren, what at first may appear to be kitsch is actually a heartfelt homage to classic Hawaiiana. Opened in 2013, the bar area is covered with tiki decor, from statues to posters. Rising above the bartop are numerous bamboo shelves bearing tiki glasses collected by the Rundgrens from their decades of touring the world.

Open for lunch and dinner, Tiki Iniki's menu puts a Hawaiian-Asian spin on upscale pub food. Its most famous menu item is the grilled Iniki burger, praised for its tantalizing combination of juicy beef and that love-it-or-hate-it Hawaiian "delicacy" Spam. Hawaiians *love* spam. (The nearby Foodland Princeville grocery store offers a large selection.) And the Iniki burger has plenty of it: The half-pound patty stuffed with chunks of spam packs a super-salty punch, and is topped with provolone, onion compote, pickled jalapenos, cabbage slaw, and *shoyu* (soy sauce) mayo. Served with fries, this burger is so big, it took two drinks to wash down.

Tiki Iniki is also the place to go for classic Hawaiian cocktails. I began with the Trader Vic's mai tai, served in a teal tiki glass that you can take home. Tiki Iniki's version of the mai tai is made up of Appleton Estate V/X rum 80, fresh-squeezed lime, orange Curaçao, and toasted-almond syrup. The cocktail had a bit of bite from the rum and tang from the fruit. My second was The Iniki, made with El Dorado 3- and 5-year rums, passion fruit, vanilla syrup, freshly squeezed lemon, and pineapple and orange juices. Served in a red tiki glass, the melange is garnished with a tiny

paper umbrella turned inside out to represent the hurricane the bar is named after. The taste is so sweet, you could drizzle it on toast like jam.

POST-HIKE SEAFOOD IN HANAIEI BAY

Just a few switchbacks down the ridge from Princeville and across a one-lane bridge is a breathtaking scene that's reason enough to visit the Garden Isle. Kissed by clear waters and backed by verdant, misty mountains, crescent-shaped Hanalei Bay is where the North Shore's winter surfing is at its best. Kayakers, wind surfers, and hikers all flock here year-round. If you look out into the distance, you can spot Makana Mountain, best-known as the fictional isle of Bali Hai in 1958's *South Pacific*.

Christian and I began our day in Hanalei bright and early with a 4-mile hike along a portion of the Kalalau Valley Trail in nearby Ha'ena State Park. Most travelers undertake the first portion of this StairMaster-like trek from Ke'e Beach to the popular (but too dangerous for swimming) Hanakapi'ai Beach. Only the truly intrepid tackle the entire 11 miles of trail.

Having worked up a sweat, we knew just what would hit the spot: cold beer and fresh-from-the-Pacific seafood. So we headed toward small, tranquil Hanalei Town, nestled just off the bay. A stroll along Kuhio Highway, the town's main street, led us to The Hanalei Gourmet.

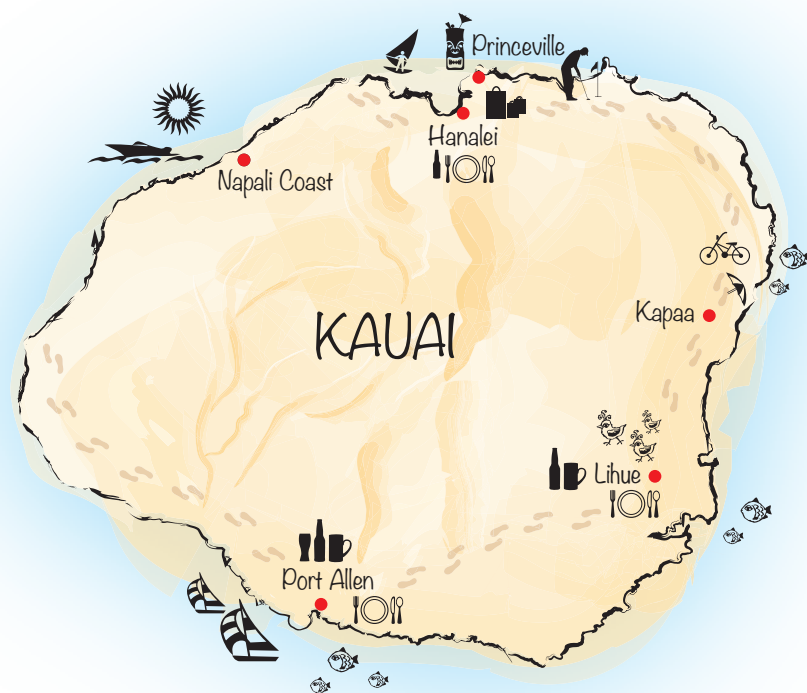
Located in a restored schoolhouse with dramatic waterfall-streaked peaks for a backdrop, the popular eatery serves an ample selection of salads and sandwiches for lunch, and pastas, burgers, and other entrees for dinner. They'll even pack a picnic for you — just ask.

A wall-sized chalkboard decorated with a mermaid provided the day's specials, from which I chose the marlin fish and chips. Hanalei beer batters and deep fries its fish to golden perfection, served alongside fries, Asian coleslaw, and soy-wasabi sauce. Christian had the fish sandwich, which comes charbroiled on a toasted bun, topped with lemon-caper-dill mayonnaise and "the works" (lettuce, tomato, sweet red onion, and sprouts). Both were so fresh, the delicate meat flaked into tiny pieces. We paired our meal with chilled cans of Maui Brewing's Mana Wheat, infused with Maui Gold pineapples.

MORE HANAIEI: HAPPY HOUR, HAWAIIAN STYLE

While best known for its daytime attractions, Hanalei is also a great place to experience what Hawaiians call *pau hana*, or after-work time. (We call it happy hour on the mainland.) Once again we walked





down Kuhio Highway, and this time a bright orange sign with a Kokopelli (a humpbacked, flute-playing fertility deity) caught our eye. Housed in a deep-blue structure that looks like a beach cottage, Kalypso Island Bar & Grill beckons with its outdoor porch seating, bamboo bar, and self-proclaimed “Coldest Beer on the North Shore.”

It's not happy hour without something to munch on, so Christian and I shared a huge platter of macho nachos: fresh tortilla chips piled high with black beans, cheese, olives, tomatoes, jalapenos, green onions, sour cream, and your choice of meat or seafood. Being in Hawaii, we ordered it topped with succulent Hawaiian *kalua* pig. *Kalua* is the Hawaiian word describing the method of slow cooking in a Hawaiian *imu*, or underground steam oven, which makes for a smoky, tender meat. The platter was so big, it became our dinner. We washed it all down with some hoppy IPAs from Oregon's Deschutes Brewery.

Feeling full, we walked off our meal with a shopping excursion through Ching Young Village. Located at the corner of Kuhio Highway and Aku Road, the popular retail center includes a shave-ice shop



LEFT: Ching Young Village's 30-plus offerings include a shave ice shop and a nut roaster that sells, among other treats, a dozen varieties of flavored macadamias. ABOVE: After a few hours of hiking, surfing, or paddle boarding in the bay, Hanalei Town is the perfect place to grab a cool, fruity drink.

and a nut roaster that sells, among other treats, a dozen varieties of flavored macadamia nuts. We left with an armful of souvenirs: board shorts that made us look like surfers (even though we're not), Hanalei Bay T-shirts (so we could boast of our visit back home), and a small black-lacquer surfboard with a carved turtle motif.

BEER FLIGHTS IN PORT ALLEN

As beer enthusiasts, we couldn't visit western Kauai without a stop at Kauai Island Brewery & Grill — known as the world's western-most brewery — in the harbor town of Port Allen. Most of the boat tours in Kauai are based here, so whether you enjoy sport fishing, scuba diving, or just want a spectacular view of Napali Coast from the water, this is where you start. In the midst of all the tour and dive shops is a large metal building that houses the brewery. Often guests will dine here after a day out on the water, only to see the captain and crew of their boat having a post-work beer. Bartender Nat (the creator of the aforementioned magical mystery sauce) suggests that if they did a good job, you should buy them a round.

Nat walked us through a beer sampling with several "tasters,"

which are smaller pours (in this case, five ounces) so guests can try different brews before committing to a pint. I favored the Westside Wheat, an American-style filtered wheat ale made with equal parts wheat and malted barley. It paired nicely with the ahi *poke*, fresh sashimi-style seasoned tuna. Christian, a hops lover, preferred Captain Cook's IPA, which he used to wash down a chili-kalua pork wrap. Nat says the brewery's most popular beer is the Lilikoi Ale, a lighter beer with a hint of passion fruit. The taste is Garden Isle in a glass.

ISLAND-INSPIRED BREWS IN LIHUE

Located on the island's east side, Lihue is its business center, home to the main airport where most visitors land. Before our return to the mainland, we stopped at Kauai Beer Company for one last pau hana. Jim Guerber, owner, founder, and long-time home brewer, opened KBC in 2013 with his son Justin. Guerber has lived on Kauai for more than 20 years and uses Kauai lore in the names of the beers and even the brewery's logo, a rooster. After Hurricane Iniki, the 1992 Category 4 storm that devastated



If you stop for a beer at Kauai Island Brewery & Grill, be sure to tell bartender Nat we say "hello."

the island, farm hens and roosters escaped their pens and no one bothered to recapture them, Guerber says. It's not uncommon to see chickens alongside highways, running through parks and checking backpacks on beaches for snacks.

Munching on soft Bavarian pretzels with spicy mustard, we enjoyed the brewery's signature brew, Black Limousine, a Bavarian *Schwarzbier* that is rich and smooth with hints of caramel and toffee. We finished our visit sipping a Lihue Lager, a Munich *Helles* lager made with tropical hops for a Kauai take on a traditional brew. It was a perfect end to our week in paradise — more 'ono. ■

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Kauai Island Brewery & Grill's ahi poke.

Carrie Dow

AREA RESORTS



Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas (WPV)

This resort sits high atop the lush emerald cliffs that line Kauai's North Shore. Indulge at the on-site restaurant, expansive outdoor pool, and pool bar, or take part in the many guest activities and experiences that are available.



Aston Islander on the Beach (IOB)

Set on 6 beautifully manicured oceanfront acres, Aston Islander on the Beach offers an outdoor pool with barbecues, hot tub, and poolside bar. Its convenient location puts guests within walking distance to nearby attractions, such as the Coconut Marketplace, a hub of 30-plus boutiques, galleries, and eateries. Accommodations include hand-carved furnishings and plantation-style decor.



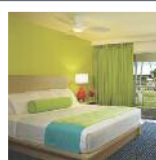
The Cliffs Club (CLF, TCS, CF2)

Situated on more than 22 acres in Princeville on Kauai's North Shore, The Cliffs Club is adjacent to the renowned Prince and Makai golf courses. On-site amenities include concierge service, two tennis courts, a shuffleboard court, swimming pool with waterfalls, two whirlpools, barbecue areas, and a putting green.



Aqua Kauai Beach Resort (KBE)

Lying oceanfront on 25 lush acres, Aqua Kauai Beach Resort offers a convenient location near Lihue Airport and area attractions, including shopping and championship golf. Accommodations at this Hawaiian plantation-style property feature vintage-Hawaiian decor and modern amenities. Guests can enjoy the island ambiance and stroll the long expanse of golden sands.



Kauai Shores, an Aqua Hotel (KSH)

A boutique resort situated on 6 acres of secluded beach and tropical gardens on Kauai's Coconut Coast, Kauai Shores features two outdoor swimming pools with barbecue grills. Accommodations have modern decor and a flat-screen television. Snorkeling, kayaking, shopping, and golf are all available nearby.

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THE LOCAL TAKE:

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

Perched on the southeasternmost point in Virginia, at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, Virginia Beach beckons travelers with 35 miles of coastline and a lively oceanfront boardwalk. But we wanted to know: What lies under the surface? So we reached out to locals for their tips on not-to-miss hotspots. Here's what they said.

By Joshua Pramis



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The Insiders



KATY BLEVINS

FAMILY BLOGGER

Katy Blevins is a founder of chaosandkiddos.com.

Fly the Coop “The petting zoo at Hunt Club [Farm] ❶ is always a favorite with my entire family. They love being able to go into the chicken coop and goat paddock.”

Surf and Turf “Taking the kids to the beach can be a huge project and I often find they are quickly looking for something to do apart from just ‘being there.’ Grommet Island [Beach Park] fixes all that. The kids have a top-notch playground to keep their attention, and we can hop down to the water and sand whenever we want.”

Dinner and a Show “The comfortable seating and dinner-table design [at Cinema Cafe] allow my children and me to enjoy dinner and a movie without the fidgeting that often comes in a traditional movie theater.”

Kid-Approved Eats “Mona Lisa’s [Pizza] is a fabulous, family-friendly restaurant that is locally owned and [has] some of the best Italian food on the planet.”

Day-trip: Morris Farm Market “This is the farmers market to beat all farmers markets. It has an outdoor bar with live music, homemade ice cream, peanut butters, salsa, baked goods, crafts; you name it.” (1:00)



GEORGE CULVER

RESIDENT FOODIE

George Culver is the “eater-in-chief” at i-heart-food.com.

Aw, Shucks Metropolitan Oyster Exchange ❷ “is casual but still has a little fancy flair. Great lighting and a nice selection of oysters from Virginia and beyond.”

Hidden Gem Judy’s Sichuan Cuisine is “tucked away in a strip mall near the Virginia Beach Town Center. If you like spicy, this is the place for you! Try the roasted duck braised in beer or the *xiao long bao* (soup dumplings).”

Asian Fusion “Hashi is the best food truck in Virginia Beach.”

Better Burger “You can get a burger everywhere, but one of my favorites is the galaxy burger at the local brewpub Home Republic. It’s topped with bacon and a beer-cheese sauce that I wish I could get in a bowl.”

Drinks Before Noon “Just across the street from the Chesapeake Bay, [Bay Local Eatery] serves the delicious bloody bay — a bloody mary with a house seasoning.”

Day-trip: Head Inland “Shopping, Busch Gardens, nature trails, fine dining, not-so-fine dining — Williamsburg has it all.” (1:05)



JENNIFER CARR

PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Carr specializes in landscape and seascape photography.

Aquatic Action “The Virginia Aquarium ... offers dolphin and sea life-watching trips, which are a really fun way to gain a unique perspective on Virginia Beach.”

The Perfect Backdrop “The dunes around 84th Street are an absolutely breathtaking location. Plan your photograph about 30 minutes before sunset to get the prettiest light.”

Sunup Till Sundown “Virginia Beach is full of amazing photography opportunities! The First Street Jetty is an excellent sunrise option. ❸ Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge is my favorite spot for sunset.”

Tunnel Vision “The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is a spectacular sight. It’s easily seen from Chicks Beach, near Buoy 44 Seafood Grill.”

Brunch Bites “Doc Taylor’s is a great [brunch] option. My favorite breakfast there is the granola pancakes.”

Day-trip: The Revolutionary City Colonial Williamsburg is “filled with rich history, but still fun enough to entertain the kids.” (1:05)



SARAH SHIELDS DRIGGS

ARCHITECTURE EXPERT

Sarah Shields Driggs is a Virginia architectural historian.

The Cavalier Hotel ❹ “The 1927 Classical Revival, cupola-crowned brick hotel is undergoing a desperately needed restoration right now, due to be finished in 2017, but you can get visions of its glory days even under the scaffolding.”

Colonial Digs “Oceanfront Avenue, which runs parallel to the beach north from 42nd Street, shows the full-circle evolution of Colonial Revival-style beach cottages through midcentury styles all the way back to the favored current style.”

Historic Homes “Both the Adam Thoroughgood House and the Lynnhaven House are heavily built, brick vernacular, late medieval hall-parlor plan houses that remarkably survived and are open to the public. The Lynnhaven House even retains some of its original farmland.”

Worth a Visit “The Old Cape Henry Lighthouse was the first federally funded lighthouse, built near the landing of the English in Chesapeake Bay.”

Day-trip: Up the Coast Head up “the Eastern Shore to little 18th- and 19th-century towns like Onancock and Accomack and, if you go far enough, Chincoteague, home of the famous wild pony Mistry.” (1:35 – 2:00)

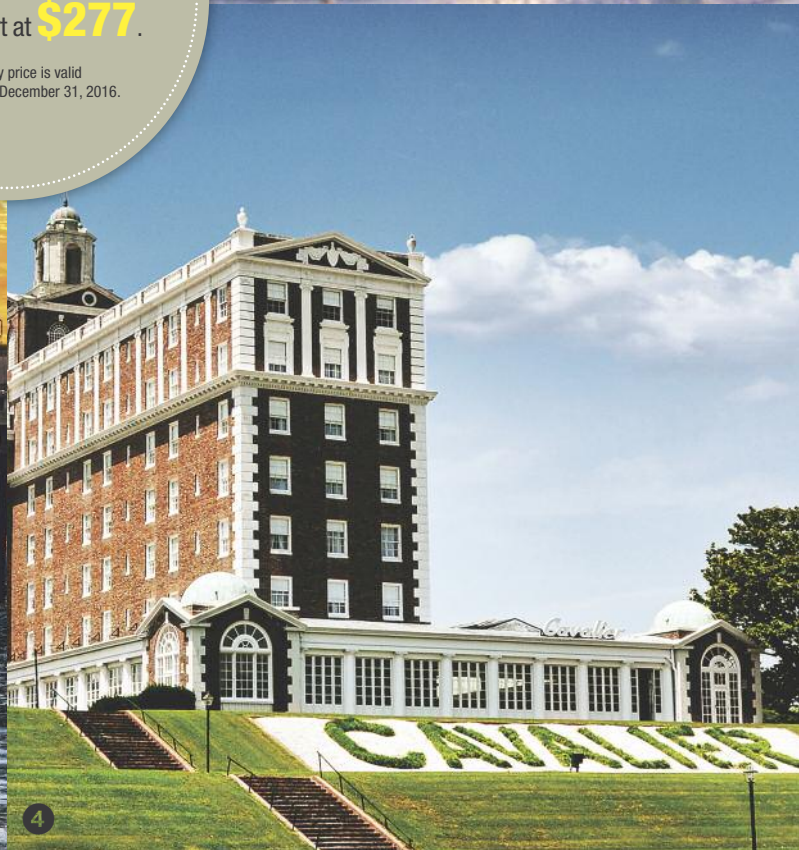


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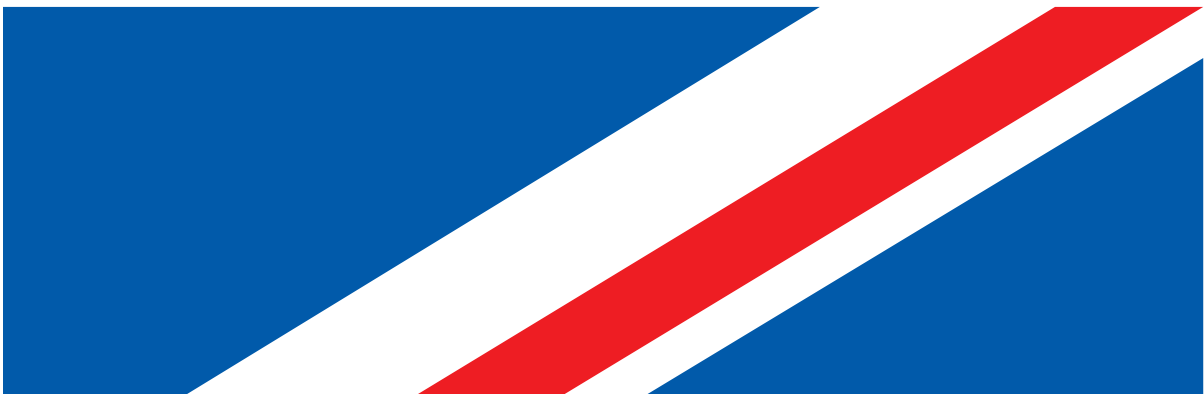
Ocean Beach Club and Oceanaire at Ocean Beach Club (OCB & OCI)

Ocean Beach Club features two towers for different vacation experiences. Families will enjoy the indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, and game room at Beach Tower, while Oceanaire Tower is more adult-oriented, with a 21-and-up indoor pool and a martini bar.

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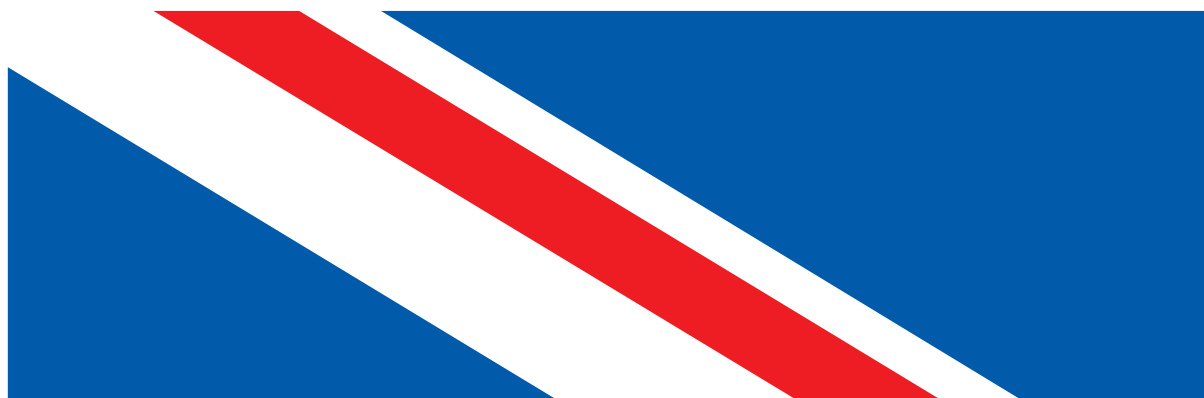


AN ANGLOPHILE'S GUIDE TO BARBADOS





Where to take your tea, admire architecture,
and catch a cricket match on this most
British of the Caribbean isles. BY DIANA LAMBDIN MEYER



Claimed in the name of King James I in 1625, Barbados was originally named Little England.

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BITS AND BOBS

For more than three centuries, Barbados was a British colony, its most enduring presence in the Caribbean until the 1960s, when the little island and many others in the region gained their independence from the Crown. Its Parliament was established in 1639, making Barbados the third-oldest parliamentary democracy in the Commonwealth. Today, it is broadly recognized as the most British of the Caribbean islands.



Be sure to catch the weekly changing of the sentry, a ceremonial reproduction of what once was a frequent routine at the former British military post.

Yet, technically, Barbados is not in the Caribbean. It is the farthest east of the Lesser Antilles in the West Indies and is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. The east coast receives breezes across 3,000 miles of open water that some say is the freshest air on the planet. The west side of the island, which is just 21 miles long and 14 miles wide, is greatly influenced by the calm waters of the Caribbean, but still, it's the Atlantic that you'll dip your toes in here.

Of course, English (with a touch of African patois) is the official language, and the local lingo includes many of the British expressions that make most Anglophiles swoon. Sometimes it's just the smallest of things, such as calling an elevator a lift or a television a telly, or your presence in Barbados a holiday rather than a vacation. And, of course, it's not what they say so much as how they say it. Even while on crowded roadways, where automobiles are on the left, there is a sense of courtesy and dignity that remains consistent with their British heritage.

One other note — the people of Barbados call themselves Bajans, and invite you to do so as well.

BARBADOS' BRITISH ARCHITECTURE

To kick off your Anglophile explorations, it's only appropriate to start where the first British settlers came ashore on Barbados' western coast. Originally named Jamestown in homage to their king, today the area is known as Holetown, a nod to the small channel known as "The Hole" where incoming ships once dropped anchor. An obelisk near the police station memorializes the inaugural English arrival.

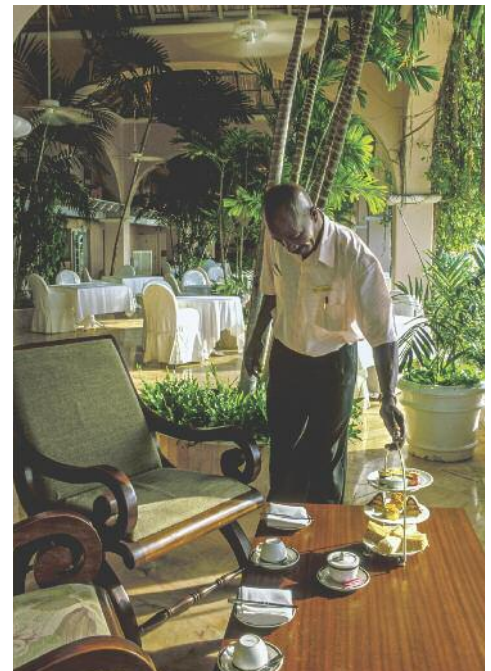
Anyone intrigued by history or architecture will want to spend some time taking in Holetown's St. James Parish Church. Surrounded by massive mahogany trees and an ancient cemetery with moss-covered headstones, the light-stone structure stands on the oldest piece of consecrated land on the island, lovingly called "God's Acre" by parishioners. First constructed of wood in 1628, the church has gone through multiple rebuilds in the wake of destructive hurricanes. Its current structure dates to 1874, but the original church bell, cast in England in 1696, remains to this day. Parishioners modestly note that their bell is 162 years older than the bell at London's Palace of Westminster.

For a uniquely Caribbean-British melding of architectural styles, set aside some time to admire the vibrant little shopping area of Chattel Village. Also in Holetown, this open-air retail hub's stores are built in the style of plantation chattel houses. In the early days of colonization, these compact wooden working-class homes were built to be quickly disassembled and moved to another plantation as workers followed the crops. Despite their original simplicity, they are painted in bright colors and decorated with Victorian architectural features such as ornate fretwork and carved-wood banisters.

On the other end of the architecture spectrum, take in where Barbados' more monied citizens once lived on a stroll through Speightstown, the second-largest community on the island. You'll find many original British colonial structures, once home to the island's wealthy merchant class. Located in St. Peter parish, Speightstown



TOP: Combine souvenir shopping with a glimpse of Barbados' architectural past at Chattle Village in Holetown. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Afternoon tea continues to be a cherished tradition across the island. **BOTTOM LEFT:** St. Nicholas Abbey's movie-star good looks and storied past earned it a spot on Barbados.org's Seven Wonders of Barbados.





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Completed in 1874, Barbados' historic Parliament buildings continue to function as the island's legislative hub.

carries the nickname "Little Bristol" because of the historic shipping route directly from Speightstown to Bristol, England.

Yet none of Speightstown's historic buildings can hold a candle to the elegant circa-1650 St. Nicholas Abbey, also in St. Peter Parish. One of only three remaining Jacobean mansions in the Western Hemisphere, the Abbey sits atop Cherry Tree Hill, the second-highest point on the island. The Great House and grounds are a majestic showcase of Jacobean, Tudor, and Georgian architectural styles. The first floor of the Great House is filled with period furnishings and family portraits, and is open to the public for guided tours. Once a massive sugar plantation, the property includes a rum distillery and steam press; visitors can purchase the plantation's signature rum at the on-site gift shop.

HISTORIC BRIDGETOWN, PARLIAMENT, AND TRAFALGAR SQUARE

With a population of about 110,000, Bridgetown is a bustling little city with an energy that outpaces its size. Street vendors peddling fresh produce and snow cones blend with tourists shopping duty free and downtown employees working to keep a country moving.

Take plenty of time to roam the streets of Bridgetown, particularly Broad Street, where goods that appeal to the islanders' British heritage are tucked away in any number of grocery and department stores. You might discover a fine selection of English teas and jams for your afternoon indulgence, as well as other imported British goods.

But don't spend all your time shopping: Tucked in alongside multistory office buildings and commercial centers are historic buildings that date to the island's earliest inhabitants. The military garrison and much of Bridgetown, including the Parliament, were named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2012. A fun time to visit the garrison is on Thursday for the weekly noontime changing of the sentry. A drum corps, clothed in colorful uniforms originally decreed by Queen Victoria for the West India Regiments in 1858, leads the procession and keeps time during the high-stepping ceremony. Buckingham Palace it's not, but it's still an impressive event.

Stroll along the banks of the Constitution River until you reach Upper Broad Street and National Heroes Square, formerly known as Trafalgar Square. Among the many heroes immortalized here is Admiral Lord Nelson, who also has a statue in his name at London's Trafalgar Square. However, the Bajans quietly point out that this particular statue was unveiled in 1813, just eight years after the 1805 Battle of Trafalgar, a good 30 years before the similar honor in London.

On the other side of Broad Street you'll find Parliament, a series of buildings that showcase neo-Gothic architecture and the governing influence of Great Britain over modern-day Barbados. To learn more about how a parliamentary form of government operates, visit the Parliament Museum and National Heroes Gallery in the West Wing for a surprisingly interesting presentation.

AFTERNOON TEA AND OTHER BRITISH FARE

Few experiences for an Anglophile on holiday are as immersive as the food and drink native to the U.K. And on Barbados, traditional afternoon tea is as common and popular as rum punch on the beach. Finding a place to enjoy your cup of Earl Grey and scones with clotted cream is not at all trying.

To sip tea in a picturesque historic setting, visit St. Philip parish's Sunbury Plantation House, a more than 300-year-old grandly furnished great house that is open for touring. A lovely courtyard is the setting for afternoon tea, complete with freshly baked scones, mini sandwiches, and sliced cake.

Another excellent choice is Bajan Blue, the restaurant inside St. James parish's Sandy Lane Hotel, which serves a classic English tea on an elegant terrace shaded by mahogany trees. Although the



Polo has been played on Barbados since the 1800s, and remains a popular spectator sport.

setting is undeniably Caribbean, the finger sandwiches and delicate pastries served on tiered trays are undeniably British.

Looking for something a bit more substantial? Patisserie Bistro Flindt, in Holetown, offers a “Full-On” English breakfast, including sausages, bacon, eggs, roasted tomato, mushrooms, and baked beans served with toast. And in Christ Church parish’s St. Lawrence Gap, the Bay Bistro offers a “Full Monty” British breakfast daily and a roast beef and Yorkshire pudding special on Sundays.

For sweets lovers, The Tides Restaurant in Holetown is an excellent destination for a nice evening out or a special lunch where you’ll find the best sticky pudding on the island.

SPORTS AND BARS TO WATCH THEM IN

Looking for a great bar to cheer on your favorite team in an English Premiere League match or other live sporting event? There are plenty of TVs to go around at Bert’s (24 flat screens, to be exact), showing international sports coverage both indoors and poolside. Known for its banana daiquiris and relaxed island feel, this Christ Church parish hotspot’s menu includes traditional Bajan dishes, sandwiches, and stone-fired pizzas. And you won’t go thirsty: Choose from a selection of frozen drinks and beers, including buckets of Banks, which is brewed on Barbados.

Also in Christ Church parish, Bubba’s Sports Bar & Restaurant is another popular pick, with three 10-foot screens plus 12 additional TVs. Its massive drinks menu runs the gamut from signature cocktails and margaritas to beers, wines, and shooters. Food options include plenty of appetizers, and sliders, burgers, seafood, and steaks.

If you want to enjoy live spectator sports popular with the Brits, find your way to Kensington Oval, just outside of Bridgetown in St. Michael Parish. As early as 1895, this field hosted an English touring team. Over the decades, the legendary names of cricket have played here, including Barbados’ own Sir Garfield Sobers, who is widely recognized as the best cricketer to have ever played the game. Daily tours of Kensington Oval will help you better understand the game and the passion behind it.

You’ll also want to make time for a visit to the Cricket Legends of Barbados, an unexpectedly high-tech museum across the street from Kensington Oval that explains the game, its history, and its heroes. Guided tours are available Monday through Friday.

Of course, there are additional cricket grounds all about the island. If you see a game in progress, pull over and watch, just like the locals.

The same is true if you see a polo match underway. The most prominent fields are Holder’s Field in St. James, and Lion Castle and Clifton Polo Field, both in St. Thomas. Prince Charles and his son Prince Harry have played at the exclusive Apes Hill Polo Club. The polo season on the island typically runs January to May, but special events and private lessons are possible throughout the year. ■

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AREA RESORTS



The Club, Barbados Resort & Spa (TCE)*

An adults-only resort situated amid 5 acres of lush tropical gardens with panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea, The Club, Barbados Resort & Spa is located in St. James parish on Barbados’ west coast. On-site amenities include three freshwater swimming pools, a hot tub, tennis, and water sports.



Sea Breeze Beach Hotel (SZB)*

Located on 2.5 acres of beachfront in Christ Church parish on Barbados’ southern coast, Sea Breeze Beach Hotel offers spacious, air-conditioned accommodations with private balconies, most of which have ocean views. Guests can enjoy the on-site adults-only pool, whirlpools, and an open-air restaurant.



Sugar Cane Club Hotel & Spa (SUK)

Nestled in a spectacular garden setting on Barbados’ northwest coast, Sugar Cane Club Hotel & Spa is a boutique adults-only retreat. All units have a balcony or patio, and on-site offerings include two restaurants, an outdoor swimming pool, and the Sugar Cane Spa.

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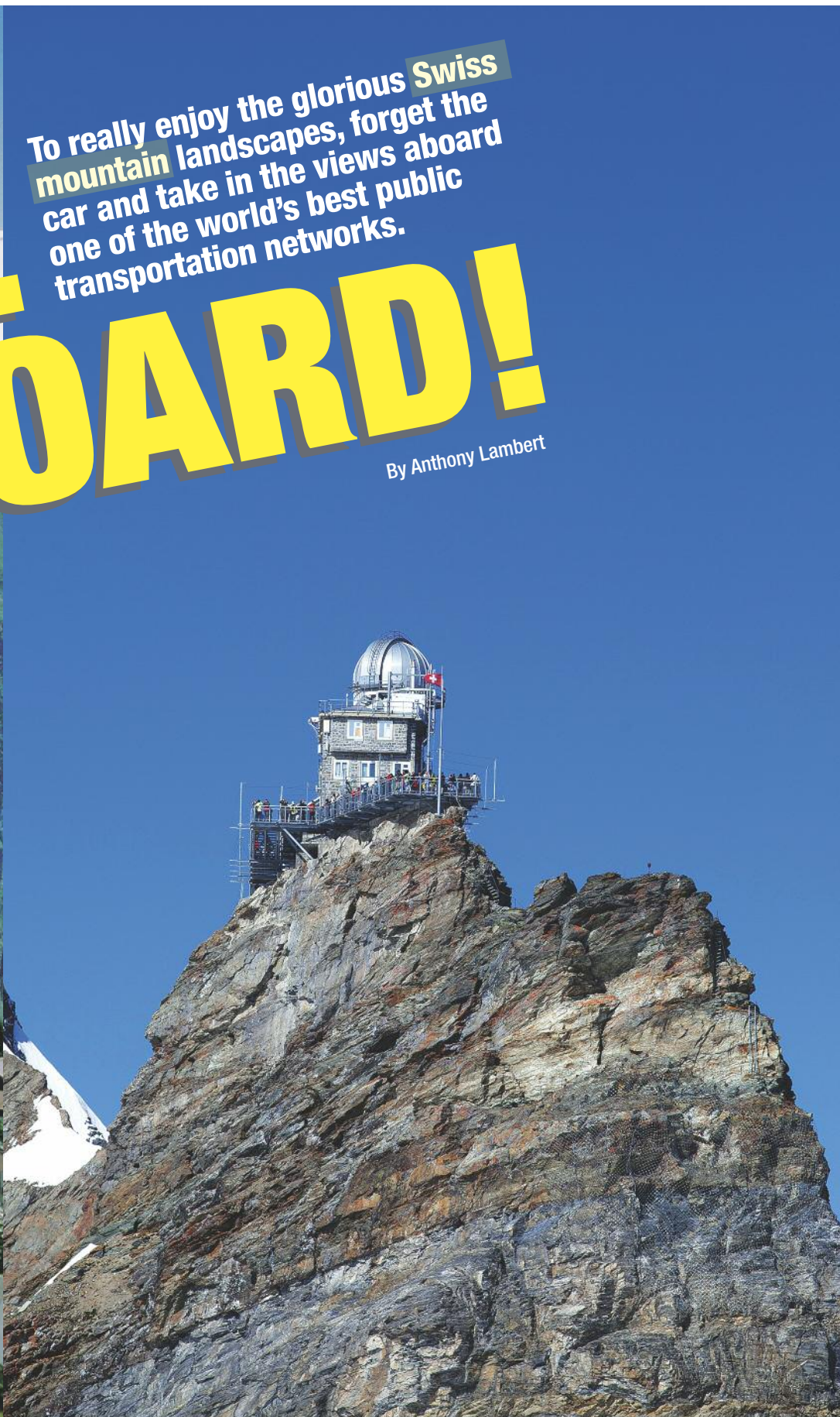
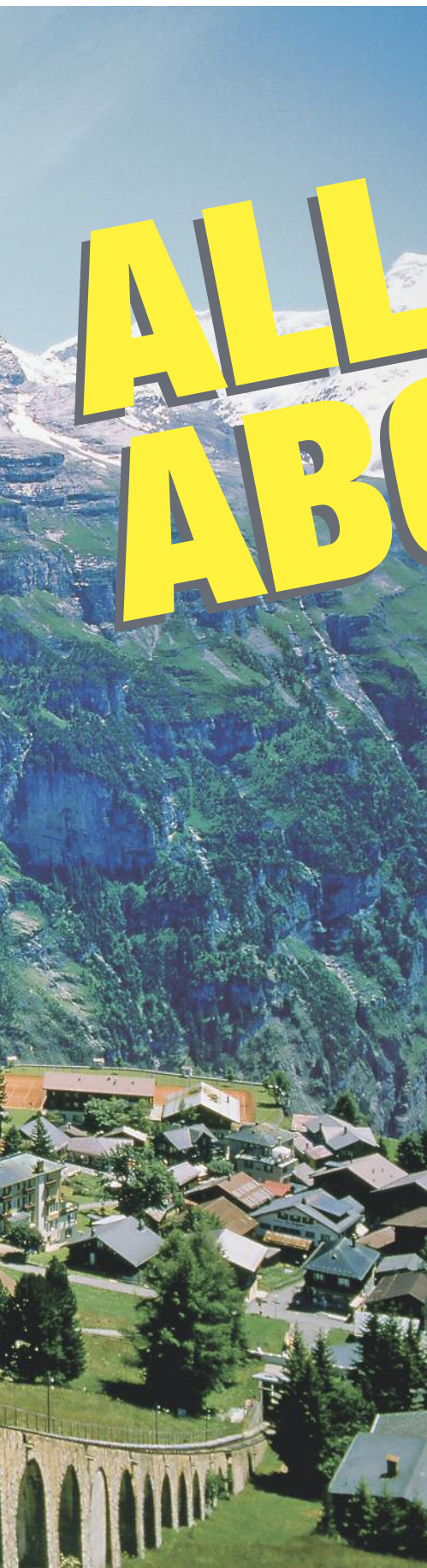


Parts of Switzerland's mountainous terrain are inaccessible to cars, but can easily be reached with other modes of transportation.

ALL ABOARD!

To really enjoy the glorious **Swiss mountain** landscapes, forget the car and take in the views aboard one of the world's best public transportation networks.

By Anthony Lambert



Ascend (by rail, of course) to the lofty Sphinx Observatory crowning the Jungfrau peak.

If you're not used to public transportation being so good that you prefer to leave the car behind, you are in for a treat in Switzerland. Millions of residents don't even own a car because they rely on the Swiss Travel System of trains, buses, and boats — yes, people even commute via waterways. You will find all the modes of transportation to be clean, comfortable, and, most importantly, integrated so that everything connects to provide a seamless and stress-free journey. The wonderful canary-yellow PostBuses drop you off right outside train stations and provide quick connections. Nearly everyone speaks English, so you can always ask for help — though signage is usually a model of common sense. And all systems run on time like the proverbial Swiss watch.

There is hardly a dull rail journey in Switzerland — even some commuter trains pass through scenery that people travel halfway around the world to see. Here are six magnificent rail day-trips around three popular resort areas: Flims, Lenzerheide, and Wengen. And even assuming start times no earlier than 8:00 a.m., all will get you back to your resort in time for supper.

FROM FLIMS Steam Over the Furka Pass

Catch a bus to the award-winning (really!) bus station at Chur, and descend the escalators for a train to Realp. This takes you along part of the route of the famous Glacier Express, which runs between St. Moritz and Zermatt. The whole journey takes eight hours, but you will enjoy one of the best sections on your ride to Realp.

After crossing over the confluence of the two Rhine tributaries, you follow the Vorderrhein headstream through the spectacular Ruinaulta gorge, known as the Swiss Grand Canyon, where great cliffs of white limestone tower over the line. The train climbs from pasture into more rugged country, passing the huge white monastery at Disentis. The source of the Rhine is close to the 6,670-foot summit of the line at the wild Oberalp Pass and the start of a dizzying descent via a series of dramatic U-shaped curves down to the ski resort of Andermatt.

The train continues to Realp, where it is a short walk to the station of the Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke (DFB), a steam-powered historic railway that climbs at fierce gradients to the Furka Tunnel and drops down through a spiral tunnel to Oberwald. The DFB operates



TOP: A cruise around shimmering Lake Lucerne offers a different vantage point to take in the picture-perfect Alpine scenery. **BOTTOM:** The Rhaetian Railway travels a spectacular route of soaring and winding track.

a relatively short season, so be sure to check dates and times.

From Oberwald, take the train back through the lower-level Furka Base Tunnel to Chur and the PostBus back to Flims.

Paddling on Lake Lucerne

This day-trip requires a few changes and may appear complicated, but like all Swiss journeys, it's much simpler than it sounds. Take a bus to Chur for a train to Thalwil past the lovely lake waters of Walensee, backed by sawtooth mountains. At Thalwil, take the train to Zug and change to the route to Flüelen. A few minutes' walk from



TOP: Bright yellow PostBuses form an integral part of the nation's convenient and efficient public transportation system. **BOTTOM:** The historic Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke (DFB) railway operates only part of the year and follows a breathtaking (and somewhat perilous in winter) route that is now bypassed by modern trains.

the station is the pier for the boats on mountain-ringed Lake Lucerne, five of them vintage paddle steamers from the early 20th century.

Consult a timetable of the day's boat trips and work out how far you can go, perhaps having lunch on board, before returning to Flüelen midafternoon. Take the train south through the famous spirals and loops of the Gotthard Pass to Göschenen. Beside the station is the platform for the narrow-gauge rack train that grinds its way through the Schöllenen Gorge past the Devil's Bridge to Andermatt.

To return, take the train through Disentis to Ilanz, where a bus from

Before you travel,

investigate the ticket options at swisstravelsystem.com. The Swiss Railways website is outstanding: log on to sbb.ch/en, key in your start and end points, and it will give you all the bus, train, or boat times, including platform numbers and any walking time between them — usually just a few minutes.

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outside the station will deliver you through the snowboarding paradise of Laax and then home to Flims.

FROM LENZERHEIDE

Take the High Road

This day of PostBus and train journeys takes you over elevated passes among the mountains of Graubünden, and allows you plenty of time to have lunch and explore in the celebrated resort town of St. Moritz. The mountain passage known as Julier Pass is so altitudinous that buses can only operate from early June to mid-October; in high season (July and August), it's advisable to book a seat in advance on the website, postbus.ch.

Pick up the Julier Pass Route PostBus at the Lenzerheide Post stop on its way to St. Moritz; no changes are required. Besides St. Moritz's upmarket shops, there is the Segantini Museum, showcasing a fine collection of pictures by this internationally renowned landscape painter.

Make the return journey by train on one of only three UNESCO World Heritage-site railway lines in the world, the section of the narrow-gauge Rhaetian Railway over the Albula Pass. The descent from the summit tunnel down through a series of spiral tunnels and corkscrew viaducts is breathtaking. On arrival at Chur, ascend the escalators to the bus station for a bus back to Lenzerheide.

Adrenaline Rush

Here are two activities that will practically guarantee a good night's sleep after a day of excitement and fresh air. Take the bus to Chur and a train toward Brig as far as Ilanz, where the river rafts of Swissraft (swissraft.ch) take to the waters of the Vorderrhein. Donning a wet suit, life jacket, and helmet, you board a blue rubber raft, wriggling one foot into a floor-mounted strap as an anchor.

You will have seen the milky cliffs and peculiar contortions of the Ruinaulta gorge from the train on the way to Ilanz, but the views from the water provide a different appreciation for its beauty.

The half-day paddle comes to an end at Reichenau-Tamins,

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where there is a station for trains back to Chur. From there, take the bus to Lenzerheide. Or, if you are still up for more thrills, get off the bus at Churwalden Post and walk a short way through the village to the Suspension Rope Park on Pradaschier Mountain and the adjacent rail-mounted dry toboggan run. On this 2-mile track, you'll hurtle down the mountain through a series of canted U-bends and rollercoaster drops.

FROM WENGEN The Top of Europe

This is the advertising slogan of the railway to the highest station in Europe, Jungfrauoch, at 11,332 feet above sea level. It is simplicity itself to reach the station: From Wengen, narrow-gauge rack trains claw their way up the mountain to Kleine Scheidegg on a saddle in the mountains beneath the Eiger summit. There passengers move to an adjacent train for an extraordinary tunnel journey. Two stops along the way allow passengers to gaze through a picture window in the tunnel at the impressively steep north wall of the Eiger.

This is one of the most remarkable railway tunnels in the world, having taken 16 years to bore and opening in 1912. From the unlined rock cavern where trains terminate, lifts take passengers to different levels at the Jungfrau peak. Visit open-air platforms and the Sphinx Observatory, which has a glazed observation hall to give views in all directions and down the gently curving 14-mile Aletsch glacier. Don't miss the Ice Palace, a vast cavern of wildlife ice sculptures and other exhibits.

Bond on the Slopes

This excursion takes you to the Schilthorn, the peak from which George Lazenby and Diana Rigg set off skiing in one of the most thrilling sequences of the James Bond film *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

Take the train from the car-free resort of Wengen down to Lauterbrunnen. Walk through the short tunnel to the cable car for Grütschalp, followed by the train along the cliffs to another car-free resort, Mürren. The views of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau summits are superb.

A walk through the attractive village brings you to the cable car station for the Schilthorn. Part of the pleasure of a trip up the mountain is the panoramic views from the Piz Gloria revolving restaurant, which doubled as the lair of Bond's nemesis.

Retrace your steps to return to Wengen. ■

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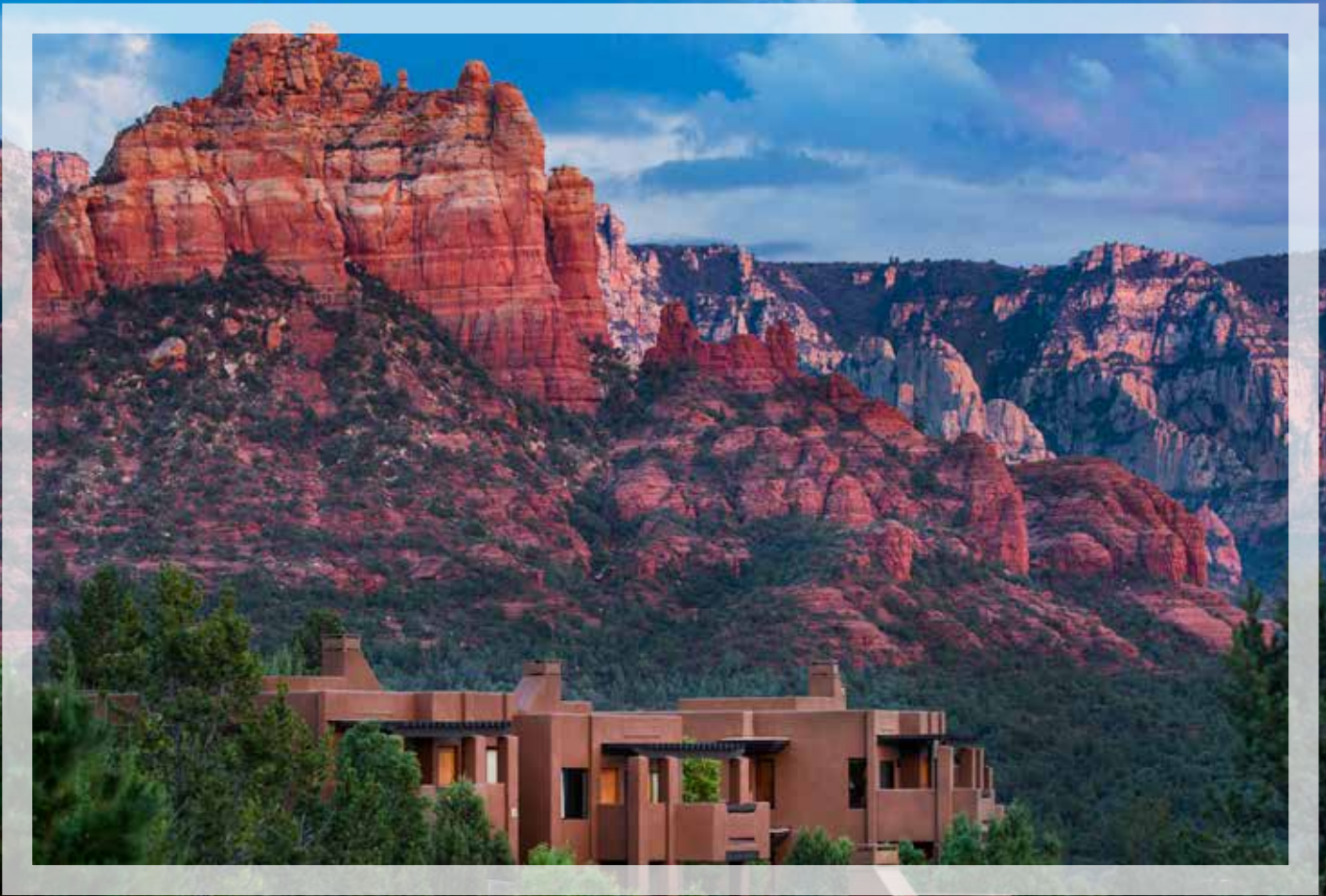


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Orlando, Florida

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What to do: Make a splash! There are plenty of water parks where you can stay cool. Or head, instead, for the great indoors: Museumgoing and shopping are fun ways to beat the heat. And when the sun goes down, check out Orlando's dining scene, offering everything from well-known chains to haute cuisine.

Where to do it: Disney's Blizzard Beach features the daredevil Summit Plummet water slide, Typhoon Lagoon offers sand and surf,

and Discovery Cove invites you to swim with the dolphins. Orlando's hopping shopping scene ranges from The Mall at Millenia to Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets. And International Drive is a veritable United Nations of restaurant choices.

Why go now: Independence Day celebrations light up the skies at SeaWorld Orlando, Universal Orlando Resort, Walt Disney World, and Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando. And September is Magical Dining Month — dig into prix fixe dinners at in-demand restaurants.

Insider's tip: Orlando may be fairly flat, but that doesn't mean it doesn't have access to great city views. The Orlando Eye observation wheel presents panoramas of Orlando and the surrounding area from 400 feet above the ground.

**ADDITIONAL
ANTICIPATED
destinations
in the East:**

**Florida, Cocoa Beach
Pennsylvania, Poconos**

Grand Cayman

Water, water, everywhere — and so many options to indulge. Not surprisingly, Grand Cayman promises lots of aquatic-based pastimes. Duty-free shopping and dining round out the vacation agenda.

What to do: Dive in — or *under*! Whether wading in the Caribbean surf, swimming with stingrays, or plunging below the surface, Grand Cayman's generous beaches and surrounding waters offer plenty of opportunities to swim, snorkel, scuba dive, or otherwise encounter fascinating sights from shipwrecks to forests of coral.

Where to do it: Seven Mile Beach's sugar-white sands and clear-as-green-glass waters promise endless hours of sun and fun. And at Stingray City, discover how affectionate its strange namesake fish can be when offered food! Offshore, a glass-bottom boat ride takes you on a viewing tour of technicolored coral reefs and sea life.

Why go now: Low-key Grand Cayman is even more laid-back during the summer months. You'll have more of the beach to yourself.

Insider's tip: Spend an afternoon admiring the gorgeous grounds of Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, awash in tropical flowers, blue iguanas, and a jaw-dropping orchid collection with four species that exist only in the Caymans.

ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED international destinations

Mexico, Cancún
Mexico, Riviera Maya
Mexico, South Baja
Mexico, Nuevo Vallarta
and Riviera Nayarit
Mexico, Mazatlán
Mexico, Ixtapa
Bolivia
Colombia, Cartagena
and Santa Marta
Argentina, Buenos Aires
Argentina, Mar del Plata
and Pinamar
Argentina, Patagonia Coast
Spain, Canaries,
Fuerteventura
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A Trip for the Generations

FORREST AND MEGHAN PLESKO |
BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, ENGLAND

Forrest and Meghan Plesko have always enjoyed traveling the world as a family, and their recent seven-day trip to Central England was no exception. This vacation was an extra-special event, as Forrest's father joined the group for the first time since his wife unexpectedly passed away three years earlier. "It was an emotional experience," recalls Forrest, "but we were also grateful to be able to go." Along with their 3-year-old son, also named Forrest, the foursome got settled at their home base at Wychnor Park Country Club in Barton-under-Needwood, rented a minivan, and took off. "Besides visiting tourist hotspots such as Stonehenge, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Bath, we spent some time off the beaten path," Forrest says. Such sites included the historic town of Shrewsbury; the sprawling medieval Worcester Cathedral; and what was perhaps most enjoyed by the toddler in tow: An afternoon of play at Thomas Land, a theme park based on the children's show *Thomas and Friends*.

Paradise Found

KELLY AND DENNIS ANDERSON | GRENADA

Seeking a tropical escape, Kelly and Dennis Anderson traveled to the Caribbean isle of Grenada for a two-week exchange at the Blue Horizons Garden Resort. "I cannot begin to tell you how beautiful Grenada is," Kelly says. "The breathtaking scenery, especially Grand Anse Beach, blew us away." Beyond its beauty, the Andersons also found Grenada to be exceptionally wallet-friendly. "The exchange rate was great," recalls Kelly. "We literally only spent \$600 ... for two weeks' stay [including] food, drink, T-shirts, gas, etc. We did make all of our meals, so that made it very affordable." The couple's favorite activity? Spending days taking in the seemingly never-ending expanse of breathtaking scenery, whether on Grand Anse Beach or in L'Anse Aux Epines, a lush coastal community on the southern tip of the island. They loved their experience so much, Kelly is daydreaming of a post-retirement future living on Grenada half of the year.



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A Reunion to Remember

MARIE HILL ■ HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA

When Marie Hill and her four siblings decided to plan a big trip together and bring along all of their children — 22 in total — they knew they would need to secure multiple units to make it work. So they put in requests for exchanges at Marriott's Monarch at Sea Pines on Hilton Head, South Carolina, and much to their delight, the five units they needed were all confirmed. "Family arrived throughout the day by plane and cars," Marie says, with people traveling in from six different states. "New family members were introduced; great homemade food was masterfully prepared buffet style." Some took advantage of local excursions, heading out for day-trips to shop, kayak, fish, and go horseback riding. But most of the group barely left the resort, happy to take advantage of the on-site amenities and kick back, reminiscing.



Up Close With Nature

JACQUE AND CHRIS LEONARD ■ SINGER ISLAND, FLORIDA

Every year, Jacque and Chris Leonard place an exchange request for their family's summer vacation. Yet for their 2015 trip, they were concerned that their request — which was limited to Fourth of July week — might be difficult to fulfill. As luck would have it, the Leonards got just what they were hoping for: a week-long exchange to Marriott's Ocean Pointe, located in Palm Beach Shores on Singer Island, Florida. It "felt more like a Caribbean escape than a U.S. destination, with its laid-back atmosphere and open-air restaurants and bars," Jacque says of Singer Island's vibe. The family of four enjoyed learning about the sea turtles nesting nearby and, at one point, the couple's son spotted a manatee, and the whole group was able to quickly don their snorkel gear in time to swim alongside it. Jacque adds: "Our week chilling as a family couldn't have been any better."

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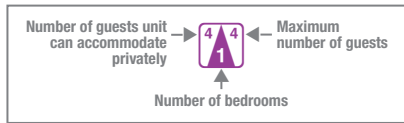
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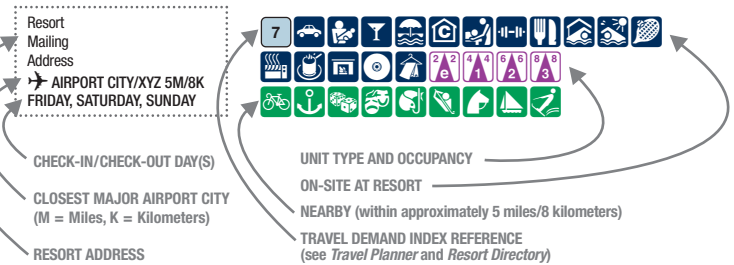
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GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

Resort Example



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



Guide To Symbols

			On-site	Nearby	Unit Type and Occupancy
	Babysitting Referral		Golf		Skiing (Downhill)
	Bar/Cocktail Lounge		Grocery or Convenience Store		Swimming Pool (Indoors)
	Beach		Horseback Riding		Swimming Pool (Outdoors)
	Bicycle Trails		Lake		Tennis
	Boat Marina/Launching		Playground		Waterskiing
	Car Rentals		Racquetball		Whirlpool Spa or Hot Tub
	Casino Gambling		Restaurant		Air Conditioning (In Units)
	Clubhouse		Sailing/Rentals		Cooking Facilities (In Units)
	Day Spa		Sauna or Steam Room		DVD or VCR (In Units)
	Entertainment (Live)		Scuba Diving		Fireplace (In Units)
	Exercise Room (Equipped)		Skating (Ice)		Laundry Facilities
	Fishing		Skiing (Cross-Country)		Pets Allowed

	Lock-Off		Wheelchair Accessible
	Travel Demand Index Chart Number		
	Hotel Room (Usually no cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		Three Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
	Efficiency/Studio (Usually with cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		Four Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy
	One Bedroom Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		
	Two Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/ maximum occupancy		

EXCHANGE/AMENITIES AVAILABILITY

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

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NEW MEMBER RESORTS



MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB PULSESM, SOUTH BEACH • MQB

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA • 786.517.6200
marriottvacationclub.com

Marriott Vacation Club PulseSM, South Beach showcases a Mediterranean Revival style, with graceful curves and trademark red-roof tiles, an enchanting mix of historical design and contemporary sophistication. Modern and elegantly appointed accommodations feature comfortable, streamlined furnishings that create open and airy interiors, capturing the essence of South Beach. Enjoy a rooftop terrace, where refreshing ocean breezes help you relax and unwind. The resort is conveniently located within walking distance of restaurants, galleries, boutiques, nightclubs, and other points of interest.

1410 Ocean Drive
 Miami Beach, FL 33139
 ✈️ MIAMI/MIA 11M/18K
 MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
 SATURDAY, SUNDAY



MARRIOTT VACATION CLUB PULSESM, NEW YORK CITY • MNY

NEW YORK, NEW YORK • 212.448.1024
marriottvacationclub.com

Marriott Vacation Club PulseSM, New York City is a stylish boutique property located in the heart of the city's Fashion District, on 37th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Accommodations are well-appointed guestrooms with an array of amenities, including elegant furnishings, plush bedding, spa-inspired bathrooms with sleek granite counters atop custom wood cabinetry, high-definition televisions, and complimentary Wi-Fi. An all-weather rooftop lounge offers views of the iconic Empire State Building and cityscape.

33 West 37th Street
 New York, NY 10018
 ✈️ NEW YORK CITY/LGA 11M/18K
 MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
 SATURDAY, SUNDAY



SANDCASTLE RESORT & CLUB • SKS

PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS • 508.487.9300
sandcastlecapecod.com

Sandcastle Resort & Club is set on a private beach with spectacular views of Cape Cod Bay and Provincetown Harbor. Guests can enjoy an indoor heated pool and hot tub, seasonal outdoor pool and grill, gym, tennis courts, beach volleyball, horseshoes, table tennis, and shuffleboard. The property is located 2 miles from the center of picturesque Provincetown, which offers whale watching, world-class restaurants, art galleries, and eclectic shops. The pristine beaches and sand dunes of Cape Cod National Seashore are 15 minutes' drive from the resort.

929 Commercial Street
 Provincetown, MA 02657
 ✈️ BOSTON/BOS 115M/184K
 SUNDAY



BEAR CREEK LODGE • BKL

TELLURIDE, COLORADO • 970.369.4900
bearcreeklodgetelluride.com

Located in Mountain Village, Bear Creek Lodge offers the best of both worlds — easy access to all of the activities the area has to offer along with a relaxing atmosphere nestled in a forest of spruce. Nearby, vacationers will find boutique shopping, fine dining, and world-class skiing and golf. Bear Creek Lodge is an all-season mountain getaway with service and amenities to please every guest.

135 San Joaquin Road
 Telluride, CO 81423
 ✈️ MONTROSE/MJT 68M/109K
 MONDAY, SATURDAY



NEW MEMBER RESORTS



TIERRA MAPUCHE • HTH

ESQUEL, CHUBUT, ARGENTINA • 02945.45.6644
tierramapuche.com.ar

Built on the La Zeta hillside, Tierra Mapuche is surrounded by the breathtaking natural beauty of Patagonia's Andean region. Accommodations are efficiency and two-bedroom units and suites. Each is equipped with central heating, whirlpool bath, LCD TV, and an in-room safe. Amenities on-site include a health club, Wi-Fi, and a daily shuttle to Los Alerces National Park and La Hoya ski resort.

Avenida Hipólito Yrigoyen 1475
Esquel, Chubut 9200
Argentina
✈ ESQUEL/ESQ 16M/26K
SATURDAY



CLUB MARINA GOLF RAPEL • MGF

LAS CABRAS, CHILE • 56.72.2987882
marinagolfrapel.cl

Club Marina Golf Rapel is located on 320 acres of beautiful landscape on the shore of Lake Rapel. The resort is just 87 miles from the capital city of Santiago and offers a marina, nine-hole golf course, tennis, pool, private beach, landing strip, and disco. Guests will enjoy a beach bar, pizzeria, and lakeside restaurant, Marina Rapel. Activities include hiking, horseback riding, waterskiing, and pastimes for children.

Camino el Estero s/n
Las Cabras, VI Región
Chile
✈ SANTIAGO/SCL 90M/144K
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY



HOTEL MIRADOR LAS PALMAS • HMP

LA TEBAIDA, QUINDÍO, COLOMBIA • 311.634.4313
hotelmiradorlaspalmas.com

This mountaintop resort in La Tebaida offers endless views of the Colombian Andes. The property has an Olympic-sized pool, spa, nature trails, soccer fields, and meditation spots. Vacationers will enjoy international and local cuisines, as well as a wide array of indoor and outdoor activities. Hotel Mirador Las Palmas is in proximity to many attractions, including Parque del Café and the PANACA agricultural theme park. Small towns typical of this coffee-growing region are also nearby, and colonial Salento is just an hour's drive away.

Km. 6 Vía La Tebaida a Cali
La Tebaida, Quindío
Colombia
✈️ ARMENIA/AXM 5M/8K
FRIDAY



SANGAY SPA HOTEL • SGY

BAÑOS, TUNGURAHUA, ECUADOR • 3.274.0490
sangayspahotel.com

Sangay Spa Hotel is situated adjacent to a cascading 262-foot waterfall in Baños. Accommodations include rustic, warmly colored cabins with wood and brick finishes. On-site, guests can enjoy spa treatments, outdoor swimming, tennis, racquetball, and cocktails at the bar. Directly across the street — at the base of the waterfall — is Las Piscinas de la Virgen, a popular thermal pool, heated by the active Tungurahua volcano. Do not miss a stroll through the main square, including a stop by the Church of the Virgin of the Holy Water.

Plaza Isidro Ayora #100
Baños, Tungurahua
Ecuador
✈️ QUITO/UIO 130M/208K
SATURDAY





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NEW MEMBER RESORTS



HOTEL PATIO ANDALUZ • PAX

QUITO, PICHINCHA, ECUADOR • 2.228.0830
hotelpatioandaluz.com

Hotel Patio Andaluz is located in Quito, the first city to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. This stylish boutique hotel was built in the colonial style of the late 16th century, featuring large arches and courtyards. The hotel is just 490 feet from the Plaza of Independence, and it is a short walk to many museums, churches, and historical sites.

García Moreno N6-52 (entre Olmedo y Mejía)
 Quito, Pichincha
 Ecuador
 ✈️ QUITO/UIO 93M/149K
 SATURDAY



ROKA PLAZA HOTEL BOUTIQUE • RKA

AMBATO, TUNGURAHUA, ECUADOR • 3.242.2360
hotelrokaplaza.com

Roka Plaza Hotel Boutique is located in the center of the Ambato. This historic house was restored to maintain its majestic and elegant stone structure. Ambato is famous for its Festival of Fruit and Flowers and is an appealing tourist destination, offering a wide range of activities, shops, and cultural attractions.

Avenida Bolívar, entre calles Quito y Guayaquil
 Ambato, Tungurahua
 Ecuador
 ✈️ QUITO/UIO 93M/149K
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London, England

FROM \$779 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$112

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Follow in the footsteps of royalty at Buckingham Palace and view the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London. Go shopping along historic Regent Street, and search for bargains in offbeat Camden Market. And for a fun night out, the pubs in Soho never disappoint.

Washington, D.C.

FROM \$1,059 PER WEEK

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A week in America's capital seems like plenty, but with nearly 20 Smithsonian museums alone, you're going to have to prioritize your schedule. Start with the National Mall, which is home to the city's most famous monuments, along with many of the aforementioned museums, and branch out from there.

Paris, France

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Escape to the City of Light for a culture-rich vacation. Go to the top of the iconic Eiffel Tower, peruse the haute shops along the Champs-Élysées, view famed masterpieces in the magnificent Louvre, or dine at an outdoor cafe and let the world come to you.

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The national slogan emblazoned on license plates across this Southern Caribbean island says it all: Aruba is "One Happy Island." Home to some of the most postcard-worthy white-sand beaches in the region, it's also popular with divers seeking up-close encounters with submerged shipwrecks. And of course, there are plenty of beach bars to frequent for a cool cocktail in the shade.

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Oahu, Hawaii

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Interval Platinum From **\$659 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$684 Per Week**

Spend an afternoon at Lanikai Beach. This surf-free shore offers calm waters for swimming and observing native green sea turtles. Paddleboard or kayak to the picturesque Mokolua Islands, where you can snorkel amid the coral heads.

Phuket, Thailand

FROM \$449 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$65

Interval Platinum From **\$399 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$424 Per Week**

Thailand's largest island is famed for its emerald waters and geographical magnificence. Admire both while kayaking or sailing on Phang Nga Bay, where incredible limestone karsts on James Bond Island (featured in *The Man With the Golden Gun*) stretch toward the sky.

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Williamsburg, Virginia

FROM \$307 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$44

Interval Platinum From **\$257 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$282 Per Week**

Located between the James and York rivers, Williamsburg is rich with American history. Experience it for yourself while touring the Governor's Palace, a onetime home of numerous famed politicians, including Thomas Jefferson. The 10-acre, brick-walled complex boasts a manicured boxwood maze and tiered gardens.



Palm Desert, California

FROM \$267 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$39

Interval Platinum From **\$217 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$242**

No need to worry about rain delays here — this iconic vacation destination is bathed in some 350 days of sunshine each year. With all that endless, practically cloud-free blue sky, it's no wonder that the Coachella Valley is renowned as a golfer's paradise, home to more than 100 courses. It's also a hotspot for outdoor adventurers, thanks to ample hiking trails amid picturesque desert and mountain terrain.

Breckenridge, Colorado

FROM \$317 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$46

Interval Platinum From **\$267 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$292 Per Week**

Best-known for its enviable ski slopes, Breckenridge was once a hub for a very different type of endeavor: gold mining. Relive those days of yore at the Country Boy Mine, where you can try your hand at panning.



Antigua*

FROM \$229 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$33

Interval Platinum From **\$179 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$204 Per Week**

You won't have to look hard for prime beaches here — it's said that Antigua has 365 to choose from. There's also plenty more to explore: Take a glass-bottom boat tour at Dickenson Bay national park or admire the 360-degree harbor views from Shirley Heights, a restored military lookout.

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Riviera Maya, Mexico

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Interval Gold From **\$242** Per Week

Stretching along the coast of the Yucatán Peninsula, Riviera Maya is home to several of Mexico's most celebrated Mayan ruins. Take in Caribbean Sea views from the ancient city of Tulum, and venture deep into the jungle to see the site of Coba.

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FROM \$249 PER WEEK

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Interval Platinum From **\$199** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$224** Per Week

Soar across the sky to heights of over 300 feet on a zip-line adventure with Los Veranos Canopy Tour. Prefer to keep your feet on the ground? Enjoy the botanical hiking trail and hold exotic creatures at the animal sanctuary.

Algarve, Portugal

FROM \$559 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$80

Interval Platinum From **\$509** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$534** Per Week

A stunning coastline with scenic beaches, secluded coves, and colorful cliffs are just some of what the Algarve has to offer. It's also a prime golf destination, home to championship-caliber golf courses designed by Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo, and Seve Ballesteros.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

FROM \$549 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$79

Interval Platinum From **\$499** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$524** Per Week

Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife as you speed across the Florida Everglades aboard an airboat — day or night — at Sawgrass Recreation Park. View panthers, tortoises, iguanas, and peacocks at the wildlife exhibit, and snap a photograph while holding a baby alligator.



Acapulco, Mexico

FROM \$249 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$36

Interval Platinum From **\$199** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$224** Per Week

Once a favorite escape for the rich and famous, from Elizabeth Taylor to Elvis Presley, Acapulco's beachfront remains as beautiful now as it was then. Stroll the *zócalo* (town square), or go parasailing high above the sands of Playa Icacos. Or, for some historical insight, tour the 17th-century Fort of San Diego.

St. Maarten/St. Martin

FROM \$399 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$57

Interval Platinum From **\$349** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$374** Per Week

Ready for some duty-free shopping? Make a beeline for Philipsburg's Front Street, brimming with stores selling jewelry, cosmetics, electronics, and clothing at up to 40 percent off domestic prices. On the island's French side, the Marigot market offers local crafts, artwork, fresh seafood, and spices.

Sedona, Arizona

FROM \$1,119 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$160

Interval Platinum From **\$1,069** Per Week

Interval Gold From **\$1,094** Per Week

Stroll down sycamore-lined cobblestone streets and peruse the galleries and specialty shops of Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village. Designed in the style of a traditional Mexican village, this open-air landmark offers visitors the chance to watch artists at work.



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6-Night Pacific Coastal From \$599

DATE: April 29, 2017

SHIP: Princess Cruises' *Ruby Princess*

ITINERARY: Los Angeles (embark) and San Francisco, California; Astoria, Oregon; Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia (disembark)

Starting off your Pacific coastal sailing in the City of Angels is a highlight unto itself, but after a relaxing day at sea you'll call on another of California's best — San Francisco. Explore eerie Alcatraz Island, cross the Golden Gate Bridge, and visit Muir Woods, or have a bayside lunch while serenaded by a raucous throng of sea lions at historic Fisherman's Wharf. Astoria provides the opportunity to pair local, small-batch wines with fresh seafood, followed by a day in Victoria, a lively seaside town with beautiful architecture and insightful museums. Disembark in gorgeous Vancouver, where Chinatown, Granville Island, Stanley Park, and Gastown await.

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$155 per person are additional.



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3-Night Bahamas From \$495

DATE: February 23, 2017

SHIP: Disney Cruise Line's *Disney Wonder*

ITINERARY: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida; Nassau and Castaway Cay, Bahamas; Port Canaveral

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From dining in the colorfully enchanted Animator's Palate restaurant to Pirate Night complete with fireworks under the stars, you might be tempted to skip this itinerary's ports of call. But alas, the beaches of the Bahamas beckon! In Nassau, recline on a tranquil strand such as Caves Beach or on ever-popular Cable Beach, then pop into the Bay Street Straw Market and pick up the perfect souvenir. On Castaway Cay, you can reserve a beach cabana and enjoy a smorgasbord of tropical fun. Be sure to go snorkeling on the marked underwater trail in search of the submerged Mickey statue!



Quick Trips

3-Night Bahamas From \$269
November 6, 2016
Celebrity Infinity
Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$91 per person are additional.



ITINERARY

Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Nassau and CocoCay, Bahamas; Fort Lauderdale

SEASIDE BLISS

Experience a slice of paradise at Cabbage Beach. Located just across the bridge from Nassau, its crystalline waters are perfect for floating on or snorkeling under, and a rum-filled coconut in hand is the epitome of refreshing.

4-Night Western Caribbean From \$189
November 27, 2017
Carnival Victory



Miami and Key West, Florida; Cozumel, Mexico; Miami

While you surely will spend time in the pubs and shops along Key West's famous Duval Street, step off the beaten path for a drink in the eccentric, and refreshingly authentic, Green Parrot Bar, which has been serving them up since 1890.

4-Night Bahamas From \$334
December 12, 2016
Norwegian Sky



Miami, Florida; Grand Bahama Island, Nassau, and Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas; Miami

Take a short boat ride through Nassau Harbour to the fun-filled Blue Lagoon Island, where you can sip tropical concoctions at the beach bar, enjoy a variety of water sports and activities, or just watch the gently rolling waves as they take your stress with them back out to sea.



7-Night Alaska From \$559

DATE: May 26, 2017

SHIP: Celebrity Cruises' *Celebrity Millennium*

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

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$205 per person are additional.

Alaska is one of those magical places that awakens the soul. Perhaps it's the crisp, clean air, or the scent of pine riding a breeze. You're sure to feel it when you witness a bear fishing in a salmon-spawning stream, or a bald eagle taking flight with a sockeye in its talons. Maybe it happens when you go zip lining through a rain forest outside of Juneau, or when you stand, jaw open, on your shipboard balcony in front of the massive 6-mile-wide Hubbard Glacier as it spawns icebergs into an awaiting ocean. Whatever it is, you'll know it when you experience it.

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7-Night Mexican Riviera From \$599

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ITINERARY

San Diego, California; Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; San Diego

DISCOVER THE PAST

In Cabo San Lucas, visit the stone Iglesia de San Lucas church. A bell beneath a curved archway commemorates its 1746 completion.

7-Night Mediterranean From \$419

November 20, 27; December 4, 11, 2016;
January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2017
MSC Splendida



Genoa, Civitavecchia (Rome), and Palermo (Sicily), Italy; Valletta, Malta; Barcelona, Spain; Marseille (Provence), France; Genoa

Take a taxi to the ancient port of Ostia Antica, which has well-preserved ruins offering a fantastic view back in time to when the Roman Empire flourished.

7-Night Western Caribbean From \$542

December 11, 2016
Norwegian Getaway

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Miami, Florida; Roatán, Honduras; Harvest Caye, Belize; Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico; Miami

Take a guided Costa Maya shore excursion to the ruins of Chacchoben, where you'll view ancient sacred sites and climb its ritual hub, the Gran Basamento, above the treetops.

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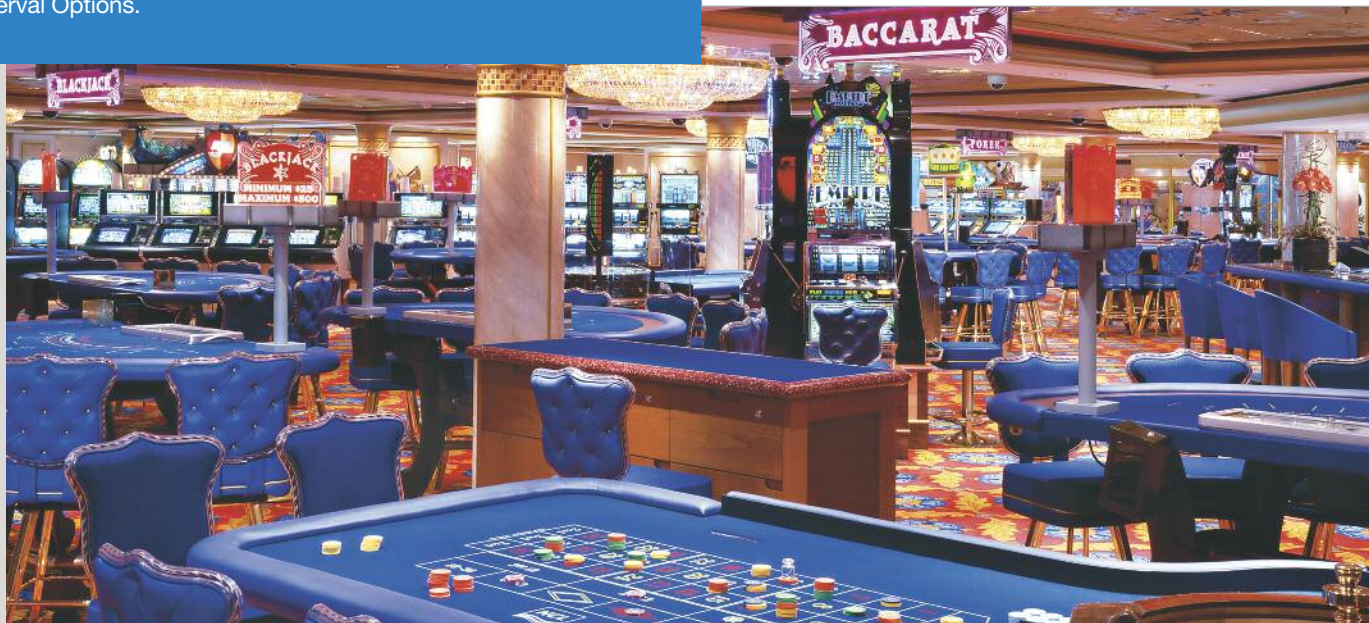
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7-Night Western Caribbean From \$469

DATES: January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5, 19, 2017

SHIP: Norwegian Cruise Line's *Norwegian Dawn*

ITINERARY: New Orleans, Louisiana; Cozumel, Mexico; Roatán, Honduras; Harvest Caye, Belize; Costa Maya, Mexico; New Orleans



Set sail from the Big Easy for an easygoing beach break aboard the *Norwegian Dawn*, which boasts an exceptional array of restaurants. In the mood for Asian fusion? Glide into Bamboo. Ready for a night of French cuisine? Le Bistro is an elegant affair that recalls the intimate eateries of Paris. When you've had your fill, toast to your journey in The Pearly Kings Pub, sip cognac in the Havana Club, catch up with friends back home in the Internet Café, or roll dice in the Dawn Club Casino. All this before you make your first call in Cozumel!

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Beach Escapes

6-Night Eastern Caribbean From \$310



December 4, 2016
Carnival Conquest

ITINERARY

Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Amber Cove, Dominican Republic; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; Nassau, Bahamas; Fort Lauderdale

TAKE A DIP

Ride a speed boat to Paradise Island, a coral isle in the Dominican Republic, and take a guided snorkeling tour of the surrounding reef.

7-Night Western Caribbean From \$1,141



December 2, 2016
Disney Wonder

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

In between spending time with the kids and a host of Disney characters, be sure to break away and relax for a while with a delicious frozen beverage in hand at the adults-only Quiet Cove Pool.

5-Night Bermuda From \$625



October 8, 2016
Grandeur of the Seas

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

Baltimore, Maryland; King's Wharf, Bermuda; Baltimore

For a different look at Bermuda, go subterranean at the Crystal Caves, estimated to be 30 million years old. You'll view unbelievably clear underground lakes, massive stalactites and stalagmites, and a variety of limestone formations.



7-Night Tuscany & Rivas From \$2,099

DATE: October 14, 2017

SHIP: Azamara Club Cruises' *Azamara Quest*

ITINERARY: Civitavecchia (Rome; embark), Livorno (Florence and Pisa), and Portofino, Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Marseille (Provence) and Sète, France; Barcelona, Spain (disembark)

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CUNARD

7-Night Transatlantic From \$829

December 8, 2016
Queen Mary 2

ITINERARY

New York, New York (embark);
Southampton, U.K. (disembark)

ONBOARD ENJOYMENT

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January 7, 2017
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Take a yoga, Pilates, cycling, or aerobics class at the onboard Canyon Ranch SpaClub.

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8-Night Mediterranean From \$2,899

November 8, 2016
Seabourn Odyssey

Monte Carlo, Monaco; Toulon, France;
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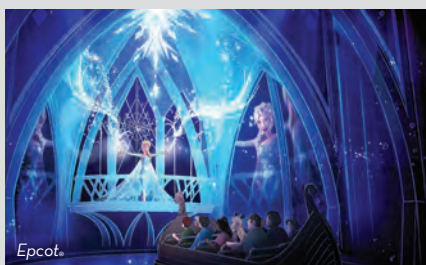
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10-Day Discover Africa

VALID MARCH –
NOVEMBER 2017

From \$8,599
per person

ITINERARY: Cape Town, South Africa; Chobe River, Botswana; Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Five nights of hotel accommodations, four nights of balcony stateroom accommodations aboard the *Zambezi Queen*, nine breakfasts, five lunches, and five dinners

THE BEST OF

- Journey to the summit of Table Mountain aboard an aerial tramway

- See hippopotamuses and elephants along the Chobe River, and lions, giraffes, and zebras during a visit to Chobe National Park
- Take a guided tour of Victoria Falls

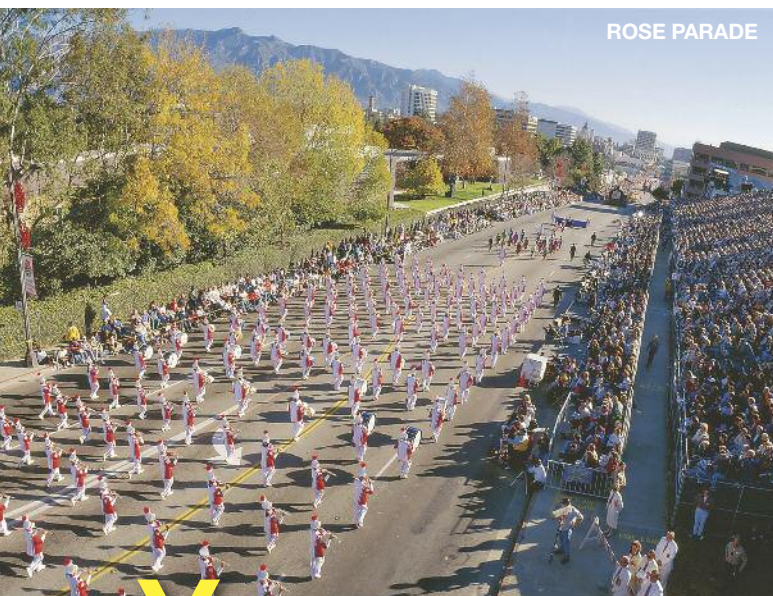
THE DRILL DOWN

- Visit the Cape of Good Hope and marvel at the African penguins that reside at Boulders Beach
- Interact with children and learn from the elders during your visit to a traditional African village
- Enjoy a celebratory Zambezi River sunset cruise with drinks, tapas, and music

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5-Day Tournament of Roses

VALID DECEMBER 2016

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ITINERARY: Los Angeles, California

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Four nights of accommodations, four breakfasts, and two three-course dinners, including a farewell supper aboard the *RMS Queen Mary*

THE BEST OF

- Inspect the floats (flower by flower if you like!) in the pre-parade viewing area
- View the Rose Parade, one of the world's most famous processions, from reserved grandstand seats
- Celebrate the new year with live music and plenty of party favors at a special dance gala

THE DRILL DOWN

- Explore the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
- Consider the Getty Museum's expansive collection of art, which spans from the Middle Ages to present day
- Visit the Los Angeles area's top sights, including the TCL Chinese Theatre, Santa Monica Pier, and the Sunset Strip

9-Day Exploring Costa Rica

VALID DECEMBER 2016 – MARCH 2017

From \$4,590 per person

ITINERARY: San José, Carara National Park, Monteverde, Arenal Volcano, Tortuguero, and San José, Costa Rica

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Eight nights of accommodations, eight breakfasts, seven lunches, eight dinners, and park-entrance fees

THE BEST OF

- Venture into Monteverde's famous cloud forest, a stunning ecosystem that supports countless animal species and lush foliage
- Explore the jungle landscape, complete with hanging bridges, that thrives in the shadow of Arenal Volcano
- Sail the canals of Tortuguero National Park in search of howler monkeys and caimans

THE DRILL DOWN

- View and photograph a multitude of tropical birds at Carara National Park
- Learn about local coffee farming and pick coffee cherries on a guided excursion
- Stock up on decadent sweets at Sibú Chocolate

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7-Day Historical South

VALID AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2016

From \$1,299 per person

ITINERARY: St. Augustine, Florida; Jekyll Island and Savannah, Georgia; Beaufort and Charleston, South Carolina

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Six nights of accommodations, six breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, and all transfers

THE BEST OF

- Take a city tour of St. Augustine aboard a trolley and explore the Castillo de San Marcos fort
- Stroll Savannah's River Street and around the entire Historic District, known for its gorgeous architecture and public squares
- Embark on a comprehensive jaunt along Charleston's cobblestone boulevards

THE DRILL DOWN

- Take a detour to Jekyll Island and discover entertaining stories about this exclusive enclave's colorful history
- See some of Beaufort's notable sites from a horse-drawn carriage
- Shop for souvenirs and more at Charleston's City Market

8-Day Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

VALID AUGUST – OCTOBER 2016

From \$2,890 per person

ITINERARY: Halifax and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Digby and Halifax, Nova Scotia

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Seven nights of accommodations, seven breakfasts, four lunches, five dinners, ferry to Prince Edward Island, and airport transfers

THE BEST OF

- Enjoy a private tour of the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, strategically situated on a hill overlooking the harbor
- Document wildlife sightings during an outing to Prince Edward Island National Park
- Chart a course to Digby Neck in search of humpback whales, seals, and other aquatic animals

THE DRILL DOWN

- Choose between a walking tour of Lunenburg or a visit to the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic
- Walk at your leisure along Charlottetown's boardwalk and Peake's Wharf, where a variety of unique shops awaits
- Stop in to the namesake farmhouse that helped inspire Lucy Maud Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* novel

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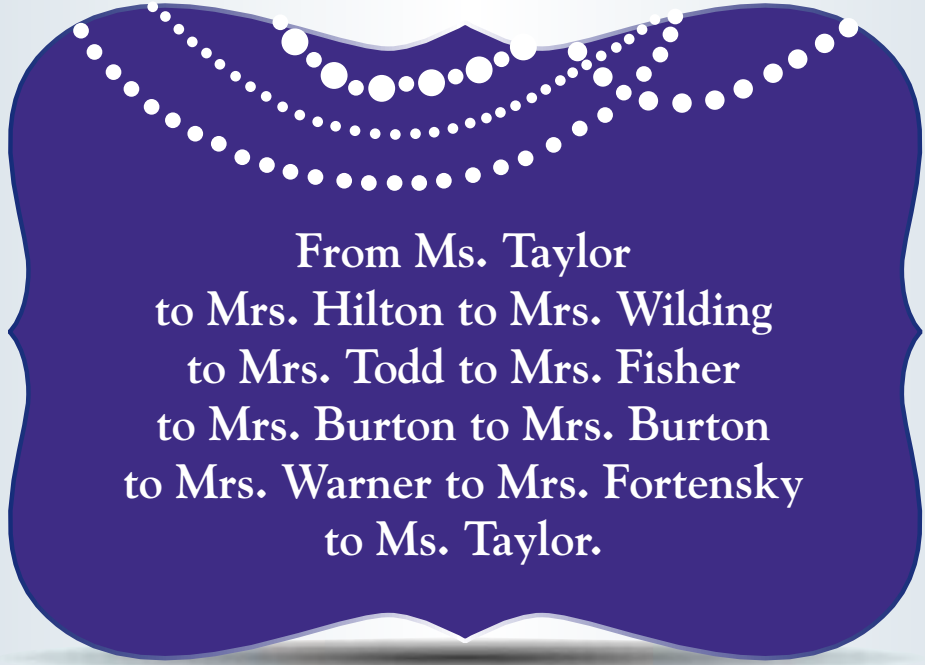
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In particular, divers should be on the lookout for whale sharks. Despite the name, these mammoth creatures are actually fish — the biggest on Earth, reaching lengths of up to 40 feet. But don't be afraid to swim alongside one of these gentle giants: They normally travel solo, and their dietary preference is a hearty meal of plankton.



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