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WHAT'S GOING ON IN INTERVAL'S SOCIAL MEDIA WORLD



Meet Thomas, aka TheGipper,

Community's most-engaged member. Here he is at Yellowstone National Park, witnessing a rare double-geyser eruption of Old Faithful and the Beehive Geyser. The photo was taken on a day-trip during his stay at Fairmont Estates Condominiums in Anaconda, Montana.

Community's **25** Most-Engaged Members

- TheGipper
- Krell
- jcislord
- mets
- rogers92026
- MICROZE
- zipporah8
- tshwa2
- ThirdScreenName
- Becky1234
- BlueWaters
- banfo
- marsbar
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"I was very pleased today to find a gift from Interval on the porch. Inside the box was a 20-ounce double-wall acrylic tumbler with [a] straw. Always nice to be recognized as one of the Community's most-engaged members. Trust that many of the other regular posters will enjoy theirs also."
— Banfo

"Thank you, Interval, for the surprise gift with a letter thanking me for my valued contributions as one of Community's most-engaged members. This nicely designed cobalt-blue cup will become my 'favorite cup' for my morning cafe latte that I carry everywhere. I appreciate your remembering me with a gift that I will really use!"
— Annigan



Community is *the* place to discuss all things Interval. And with over 278,000 member profiles and a total of more than 2.3 million pages viewed by members annually — exchange being the top discussion with over 271,000 views — *you* have played a major role in making Community one of the largest timeshare networking forums in the world.

To express our gratitude, Interval gifted Community's 25 most-engaged members a small token of appreciation. Thank you for your valued contribution to Community and for helping fellow members gain a better understanding of Interval's products and services!

LET'S GET SOCIAL

If you're not already following Interval on social media, you're missing out! Never let FOMO (fear of missing out) get the best of you again. For member spotlights, area features highlighting hotspots across the globe, last-minute destination alerts, and more, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. And for travel tips, vacation exchange ideas, and all things Interval, join us on Community.

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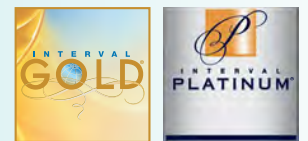
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“If you truly know how to use [your membership], you can go on some of the best trips of your life.”

— Interval member Ebrahim K., Tarzana, CA

THE NEWBIE PAGES

Kick-Start Your Membership

Are you a new Interval member? Read this first.

Congratulations to those of you who have recently become vacation owners!

You've made a smart purchase — one that will provide a lifetime of memorable experiences for you and your loved ones.

START

You might not know this, but along with the resort week or club points that you purchased, you have something that is going to provide even more vacation options and help you save money — when you're traveling or at home: We're talking about an **Interval International® membership**.

Interval is the perfect complement to vacation ownership, and you can start using your membership right now! In fact, this magazine, **Interval World**, is one of many Interval perks, and a great resource for information about all of your other membership benefits. So even if you're new to Interval but not new to vacation ownership — or you've been an Interval member for years — we recommend that you read this magazine cover to cover so that you can get the most of what Interval offers. Which is a *lot*.

Let's Start With Travel

■ You're probably going to want to vacation at your home resort or within your club the first year or two. We totally understand. And with **Getaways**, you can visit your resort *and* enjoy extra vacations. Getaways are very affordable — starting at \$337 for a week. And as a new member, you get \$25 off all Getaways during your first year of Interval membership. Accommodations are often spacious, with the kitchen, living room, and bedrooms that made you become a vacation owner in the first place. They're also available throughout the world. Want some Getaway ideas? Check out page 72.

■ Did we mention we have a full-service travel agency? Through **Interval Travel®**, you can **book cruises** on all of the major cruise lines, **buy airline tickets**, **rent a car**, **enjoy thrilling experiential tours**, **save up to 60 percent on select hotel bookings** (Interval Gold® members save up to 65 percent; Interval Platinum® members save up to 70 percent), and insure your exchange, Getaway, and more. See pages 78 and 81 for tour and cruise offers selected for you.

■ And here's the biggest benefit of all: Once you're ready to explore the world outside of your home resort or club, Interval will be here with a network of nearly 3,200 resorts on six continents. With **vacation exchange**, you can trade your week or points for a week in Tahoe or Thailand, the Austrian Alps or Australia's Gold Coast. Thinking of exchanging? Plan ahead. Turn to page 13 to learn more.



Learn all about your membership with the magazine you're reading right now!

Let's Make It Happen

■ Do Your Research:

After you've read *Interval World*, check out the **Travel Planner**, your members-only guidebook, which showcases hundreds of resorts and features essential activities, day-trips, tips for members traveling with kids, and the best weeks to exchange or buy Getaways. It's available in print and at intervalworld.com.

London is outside this window!



GETAWAYS: spacious, affordable accommodations in places you want to be.

■ Plan at Home:

Go to intervalworld.com and create a member profile. Now you're ready to make an exchange, buy a Getaway, book a cruise, plan vacation activities, get advice from fellow members on Community, and more.

■ Plan on the Go:

Download the **Interval International app** and peruse the enhanced Resort Directory, or buy a Getaway while in line at the supermarket.

■ Know Before You Go:

Find resort and destination videos, and membership tutorials on **Interval HD** at intervalworld.com and on Interval's YouTube channel.



INTERVAL TRAVEL gives you access to the seven seas — often at rates unavailable to the general public.

Let's Demand More From Membership

Upgrade to **Interval Gold** or **Interval Platinum** to take advantage of additional benefits, including **ShortStay Exchange®**, for shorter breaks of one to six nights; and **Interval Options®**, for additional exchange opportunities, including cruises, hotel stays, and experiential travel. You'll also gain access to a range of travel and leisure benefits that will help you save money throughout the year. See the Upgraded Memberships section on page 16 for more information. ■



With VACATION EXCHANGE, you could be here. And by here, we mean Thailand.

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Travel Insurance: PEACE OF MIND — WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

“In 2014, we planned a three-week trip to Italy which was going to be a big investment. For the first time ever, we purchased trip insurance. Three weeks before we were going to leave, I had an emergency appendectomy. Since my appendix had ruptured, I was in the hospital for a week. We had to cancel the first week of our vacation and change flights. After providing the necessary documentation, Allianz Global Assistance reimbursed everything for the week we missed and paid for the price of the flight change. I could not have been more pleased.”

That’s a real-life scenario that happened to Interval member Michelle B. from Glen Dale, West Virginia. Wisely, she protected her substantial vacation investment through Allianz Global Assistance, and got the support and coverage when she needed it most.

Vacation time should be worry-free time. It’s a chance to get away from it all and have some fun with family and friends. But we all know that the unforeseen can happen, and if it does,

you’ll be happy you purchased Allianz Global Assistance travel insurance through Interval to cover your expenses.

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A worldwide leader in travel insurance and services, Allianz Global Assistance offers Interval members a variety of products, so no matter what type of vacation you’re arranging — exchange, Getaway, cruise, or other — you can receive the benefits and plans that best suit your needs. For a fraction of the cost of your escape, you can avoid the anxiety and potential monetary loss of your investment, and take solace in knowing that if something does go awry, you’ll have a safety net — from trip cancellation, trip

“Our last trip was cancelled due to a hurricane that damaged the resort. If we didn’t have insurance, we would’ve lost close to \$1,000.”
— Interval member Charles K., Middlefield, CT

interruptions, and travel delays to emergency medical and dental expenses, as well as emergency medical transportation.

Your Questions, Answered

Thanks to your feedback on Community, social media, and other channels, we’ve been alerted to some very important travel insurance-related questions. Let’s start with the big three:

Why Buy?

Being prepared for the unexpected is always a smart move. In recent times, a variety of natural disasters — from hurricanes to wildfires — have made headlines and disrupted travelers.

Interruptions can also occur when technology breaks down, bringing air travel to a halt. Luggage goes missing, and an illness can strike at the most inopportune moment.

When you protect your Interval vacation, you can get reimbursed, pending the amount of insurance purchased, for your trip costs, including eligible prepaid nonrefundable expenses such as sightseeing tours, airline tickets, or your exchange fee. What’s more, should you need medical attention, Allianz Global Assistance will be there to lend a hand. (Important: When traveling abroad, most domestic medical insurance plans *will not* cover you.) Another great reason to purchase a plan through Allianz Global Assistance: You have at least a 10-day window to cancel

risk-free. Depending on your state of residence, the review period may be longer. That’s plenty of time to decide if you want to travel with coverage or not.

What’s Covered?

Travel insurance is there for you when the **unforeseen** arises, before *and* during your vacation, such as if you have a covered illness or injury. In the case of **unforeseen natural disasters**, such as floods, hurricanes, or winter weather storms ruining your Interval trip, if you’ve purchased a plan before you travel and the storms were not yet named, Allianz Global Assistance, in most cases, can really save the day. But other situations can be covered too, such as



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if you get called for jury duty prior to leaving, or assistance benefits such as help with a lost passport. Certain pre-existing medical conditions can be covered, as well.

What's Not Covered?

A common mistake people make is assuming travel insurance covers anything and everything. In some cases, travel insurance will not cover losses that can arise from an **expected or reasonably foreseeable event or problem**. But with a little extra effort put into your Interval vacation planning, and knowing what isn't covered by travel insurance, there's little reason why you should ever need to worry.

“ I purchased Allianz Global Assistance insurance through Interval to cover a Getaway, prior to a hurricane being named, and we received a full refund. Going forward, I will definitely take out trip insurance.”
— Interval member Colleen G., Toms River, NJ

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For less than \$9 a day, you can protect the cost of your Interval exchange vacation for up to \$1,000. In addition, members have the option to purchase additional insurance to cover their needs. Insurance is also available to protect your Getaway vacations since all escapes are nonrefundable. Want more protection? A variety of additional plans are available.



VACATION EXCHANGE: WINNING STRATEGIES

Good things come to those who plan ahead. Follow these simple tips and get the vacation exchange of your dreams!

SEARCH FOR YOUR EXCHANGE:
IS THE WEEK YOU WANT AVAILABLE?

YES

If you find the exchange you want, you'll receive an **instant confirmation**, and you can **pack your bags!**

NO

If you don't find the exchange you want, **deposit your week.**

Why Deposit?

- When you make a deposit, you receive some **serious flexibility** to make the exchange you want — up to a four-year travel window. You'll have from up to two years before to two years after your week's check-in date, giving you ample time to get the match you want.
- Depositing ASAP increases your **trading power**. For example, if you deposit two years prior to your check-in date, you will have greater trading power than if you deposit six months in advance. And your power is locked in at the time of your deposit. You're not done yet! After you've deposited your week, **it's time to place a request.**

Place a Request

- Select destinations and/or resorts, as well as the time of year you're looking to travel.
- When you're done, you can get on with your routine because here's the best part: Interval will do the searching for you. When we find a vacation exchange that fits your request, we'll let you know it's time to start packing. It couldn't be any easier.
- Keep in mind that pending requests are reviewed before we release weeks to members seeking an instant exchange confirmation, so placing a request really does pay!

Get to the Points
If you own at a points-based club, just place a request. If the week that you want is available, we will verify that you have enough points to make the exchange, then you'll receive a confirmation and will be on your way!



Cover the cost of your Interval vacation. Go to intervalworld.com to purchase your Allianz Global Assistance plan today and travel with confidence!

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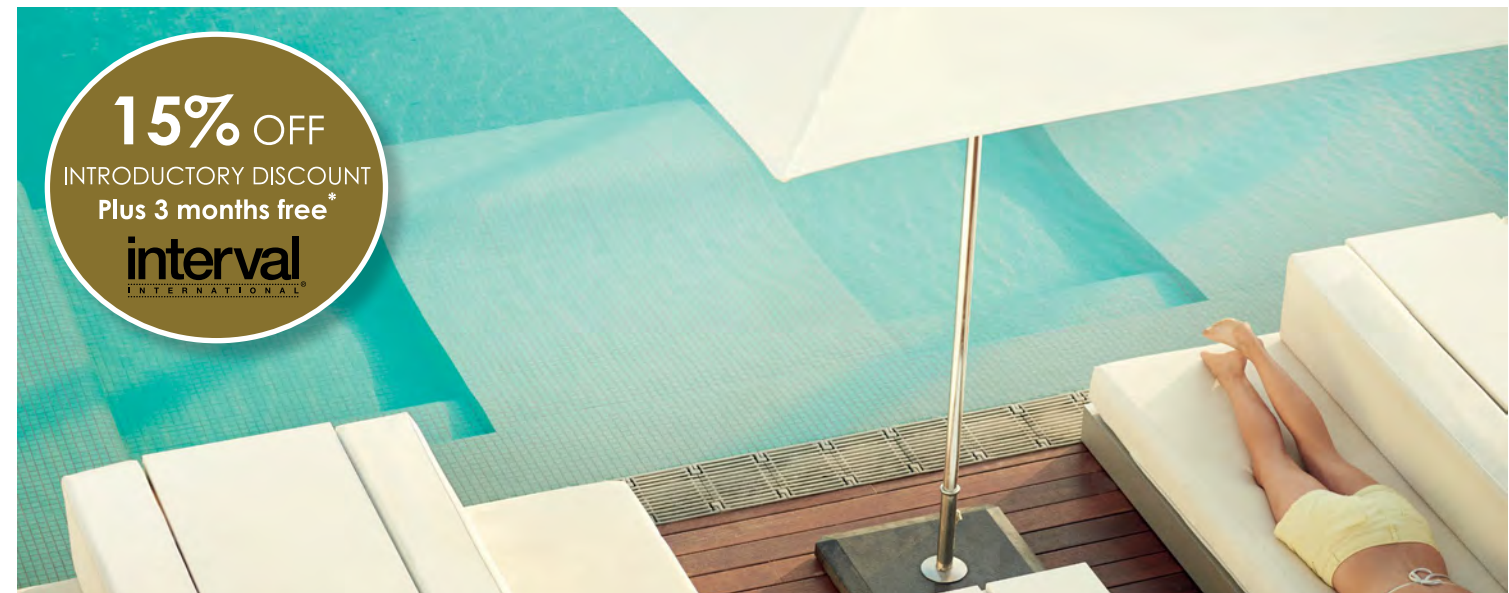
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December 2017's winners are Charles and Janet Hale of Bullard, Texas; January 2018's winners are Wiley and Mary Vivians of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; February 2018's winners are James and Laurie Loman of Aurora, Colorado; and March 2018's winners are William and Deborah Russell of Stratton, Maine.



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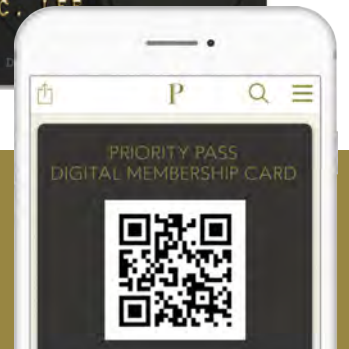
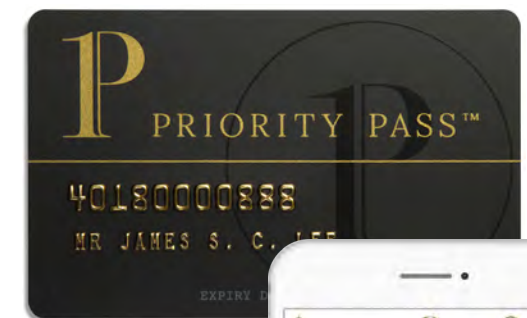


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Daytona Beach Area, Florida
SANDY SINGALONGS

A trip to Daytona Beach always sounds like a good idea, but things will really start to rock in May when the 2018 Bandshell Summer Concert Series begins. Live shows take place at 7 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night through September in the renowned coquina amphitheater that dates back to 1937 — and is positioned mere steps from the surf. Saturday performances are free and followed by a fireworks display. Splurge for the Friday-night VIP ticket — still just \$10 (regular admission is \$3 on Fridays) — and you'll get a reserved seat. Snacks and beverages also are available.

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New York City, New York
SUMMER IN THE CITY

Since New York City never sleeps, there are plenty of opportunities to experience the energy of the Big Apple. And summer is the best time to take in all that the city has to offer, from the many stores, restaurants, and museums (there are more than 80 across the five boroughs) to iconic spots such as Times Square, Central Park, and Rockefeller Center. With so many attractions, deciding what to see and do can be daunting. Here are some not-to-be-missed activities and events that are worth adding to your New York City itinerary:

- **SummerStage** — The city's largest outdoor performing arts festival draws quite the crowd. Concerts, dance parties, poetry readings, theater performances, and more take place in various venues throughout the city and are free to attend. **June – August** | cityparksfoundation.org/summerstage
- **Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit** — Artists from around the world display their work — from fine art and photography to handicrafts and sculpture — at this biannual sidewalk show. **May 26 – 28, June 2 – 3, and Sept. 1 – 3, 8 – 9** | wsoae.org
- **Movies With a View** — Relax in front of the big screen and under the stars during this outdoor summer film series. Screenings take place Thursday evenings on the Harbor View Lawn in Brooklyn Bridge Park. **July – August** | brooklynbridgepark.org/event-series/movies-with-a-view
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BERKSHIRES, MASSACHUSETTS
FANCIFUL AMERICANA

With an endless rotation of displays and an always-impressive lineup of visiting exhibits, the Norman Rockwell Museum should make your must-do Berkshires itinerary every time you're in the area. This spring, *Never Abandon Imagination: The Fantastical Art of Tony DiTerlizzi*, which runs through May 28, will delight fans of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and DiTerlizzi's other works. Equally striking, Gloria Stoll Karn's unmistakable 1940s-era dime store magazine-cover art is featured in a display fittingly titled *Pulp Romance* until June 10.

MYRTLE BEACH AREA, SOUTH CAROLINA
CALL OF THE WILD

Myrtle Beach Safari is known for providing guests with an up-close wildlife encounter that most zoos simply can't match. For example, depending on when you visit, you may get to feed an elephant, interact with an ape, or play with tiger cubs. And things get even wilder on the newest tour, a night safari billed as an "active adventure," during which animals' nocturnal behaviors can be observed. The night safari tour is typically available Saturdays from March to June, and requires reservations.

MESQUITE, NEVADA
FREE FALLIN'

Mesquite has casinos with all manner of exciting table games and a few top-notch golf courses. Its most thrilling attraction, however, may still be one of its least known. Skydive Mesquite is Nevada's largest, most comprehensive skydiving operation. First timers are welcome and can be airborne — as in free falling 120 miles per hour from 13,000 feet high — in a matter of minutes. Which makes all those exciting table games seem pretty ho-hum.

PARK CITY AND SNOWBIRD, UTAH

SUDS AT THE SUMMIT

Summertime in the mountains means hiking through pine forests and meadows peppered with wildflowers, shopping at quaint stores in charming little towns, and beer festivals. Oktoberfest at Utah's Snowbird — one of the state's most popular community celebrations — begins in mid-August and lasts for approximately eight weeks, with live music and other festivities happening every Saturday and Sunday, plus Labor Day. More than 50 brews are available, including traditional imports and locally crafted favorites, and menu items run the gamut from bratwurst and sauerkraut to spaetzle and apple strudel.



San Diego Area, California
TAKE THE PLUNGE

The joy of Legoland is immersing yourself in the world of the iconic building blocks. When the Lego City Deep Sea Adventure attraction opens at the Carlsbad location this summer, you'll be able to submerge yourself, too. The new ride features real Lego-style submarines that take 12 passengers at a time on an underwater adventure in search of sunken treasure. Besides interacting with the famous toy minifigure dive team, guests will maneuver among some 2,000 live aquatic animals, including various rays and sharks.

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Breckenridge, Colorado
THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING

The spring and summer months require that visitors to Colorado's ski resort areas shed The North Face gear and shush the schussing for a bit. Here are three reasons to pay a visit to Breckenridge when the white landscape turns green.

■ **Downtown Dining** — Treat yourself at Breckenridge's newest fine-dining restaurant, Legends Steaks & Italian. The eatery began serving up high-end steaks, seafood, and indulgent house-made pasta in fall 2017. In addition to delectable dinners and an impressive wine list, the atmosphere is cozy. The walls are adorned with old-school black-and-white photos of some of Colorado's historical figures — from Barney Ford to Butch Cassidy — so you can journey back in time as you sip your Prohibition-era cocktail. Tables at this downtown hotspot are in high demand, so be sure to make a reservation in advance.

■ **Treasure Trove** — Previously known as the Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum, the transformed Colorado Snowsports Museum is set to reopen this year after an extensive \$2.4 million remodel. The upgraded center is expected to house six new exhibit bays, featuring a vast collection of snow-sport artifacts, in addition to original exhibits, such as the Colorado skiing timeline, the evolution of skis, and a historic overview of the Vail Valley. Stop by to discover the world of winter sports.

■ **Brave New Heights** — If you're craving adventure and an adrenaline rush, the new-and-improved Epic Discovery fun park welcomes visitors of all ages. Now encompassing peaks 7 and 8, the park boasts an all-new Alpine Camp that features the bigger, better Gold Summit Climbing Wall, standing 40 feet high with 16 different routes to navigate, and an exciting, multistage canopy ropes course that is sure to test your strength and agility. And don't miss the 10-tower zip-line experience, offering bird's-eye views of the surrounding mountains, and a chance to traverse a 200-foot-long aerial bridge.

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Oahu
FRUITY REFRESHERS

Hawaii's first hard cider company hit the shelves last year after two bartenders noticed a demand for the drink and decided to create their own local brew. Paradise Ciders can be found at several Honolulu establishments, such as Yard House, Maui Brewing Co., The Reef Bar & Market Grill, and Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar in Waikiki. Batches are handcrafted with native fruit flavors and include the refreshing Pineapple Cruzer, citrusy Mango Daze, and semisweet Kickit Ginger, among other seasonal blends.

BIG ISLAND
HOLD YOUR HORSES

Ocean Rider Seahorse Farm has welcomed its newest arrivals — seahorses native to the Philippines and the amazing ribboned sea dragons. The aquarium, located on the Kona coast, provides guided tours that offer guests the opportunity to touch and feed these charming ocean critters. Explore the facility, learn about the different species, and see the freshly hatched fry (seahorse babies). The cherry on top? The funds from ticket purchases are used to prevent seahorse extinction through research, education, conservation, and propagation.



ALGARVE, PORTUGAL
MEGAMALL

Central Algarve has welcomed a new shopping complex in Loulé, featuring an indoor shopping mall, designer outlet village, and the area's first Ikea. MAR Shopping Algarve has more than 85 stores, 25 restaurants, and a state-of-the-art cinema with eight theaters and cozy love seats. The center is also home to a nearly 2-acre outdoor leisure area with water fountains, walking paths, and innovative children's playgrounds. Whether you're a foodie or fashionista, or just want the perfect souvenir, this shopper's paradise is worth a visit.



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As with all Celebrity ships, the *Edge* will certainly appeal to those who enjoy the finer things in life. But this ship delivers more than luxury: With a host of first-in-the-industry features, the *Edge* should be at the top of the wish list for new and veteran cruisers who want a glimpse into the future of oceangoing voyages.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Thanks to Michelin-starred chef Cornelius Gallagher, who oversees menus for Celebrity's entire fleet, no matter which ship you're on, the meals are impeccable. Aboard the *Edge*, the dining venues are equally magnificent. The most intriguing may be what's known as Dinner on the Edge. It's an alternative evening restaurant set at the very top of the ship in the moving, multipurpose Magic Carpet, the world's first cantilevered, floating platform that reaches heights of 13 stories above sea level. The Eden Restaurant, with unparalleled ocean views, and Rooftop Garden Grill, situated amid living green space, are also sure to impress.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAYS AT SEA?

The *Celebrity Edge* isn't just a new vessel; it's a new philosophy. Whereas the vast majority of cruise ships inherently focus passenger attention inward, the *Edge* was purposefully designed with outward-facing spaces so that travelers can connect with the ocean and maximize views of each approaching destination. The centerpiece is Eden. It comprises three stories of windows and a nearly 12,000-square-foot expanse that transforms from a casual morning sitting area to a space for afternoon cooking classes and wine-tasting

seminars to Eve at Eden, a blend of experiential cuisine mixed with innovative live performances and nightlife. The Magic Carpet is transformational, too, as the platform moves from deck to deck. When positioned on deck 2, it's a dock for shore excursions. It provides seating for alfresco dining on deck 5, and has a cool cocktail bar for lounging around the pool on deck 14.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAYS IN PORT?

Puerto Rico is a fascinating destination with wide-ranging excursions, from zip-line tours at La Marquesa Forest Park to learning how to mix the ultimate mojito during a trip to Casa Bacardí with the ship's onboard mixology expert. Go snorkeling in the tranquil waters around Tortola. St. Maarten's beaches are beautiful, but it's the cuisine that makes this island truly stand out. Book one of the food tours to taste for yourself. ■

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ALL CHOCOLATE EVERYTHING

What's better than a chocolate buffet? How about a chocolate parade? Decadent dessert lines are undoubtedly a highlight of almost every nautical vacation. The only rub is waiting in said line to reach the decadence. Holland America has alleviated that minor inconvenience with its fleetwide Chocolate Surprise parade. Instead of going to the treats, servers meander about the Promenade deck's bars and lounges, carrying platters stacked with delights including bittersweet chocolate and buttercream bites, double-chocolate cupcakes, dark chocolate hazelnut pops, milk chocolate raspberry tarts, and chocolate-dipped marshmallows, all for passengers to sample while mingling in the social areas.



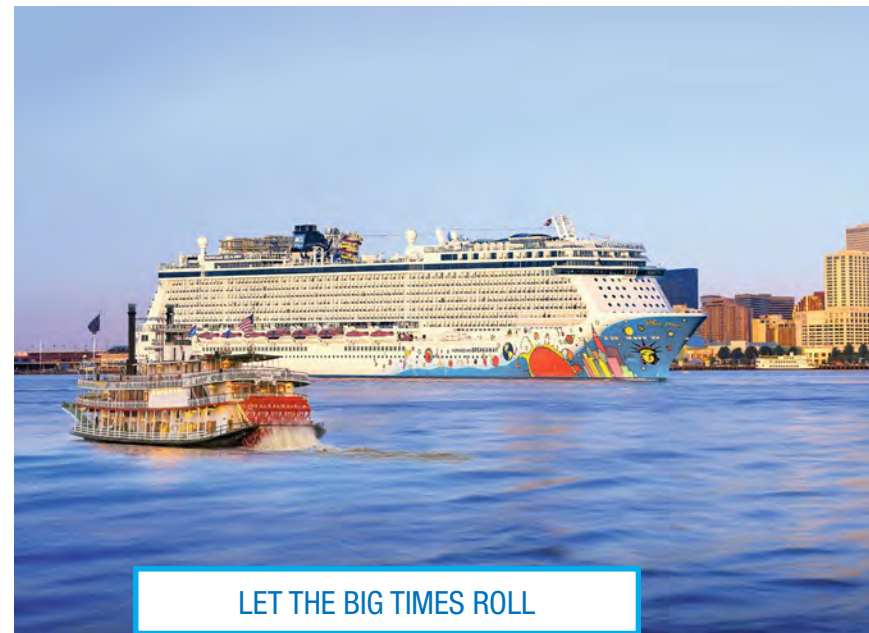
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ON THE HORIZON

It should come as no surprise that the newest amenities on Carnival's latest ship, the *Carnival Horizon*, are focused on fun. For starters, the vessel is home to the line's only Dr. Seuss-themed water park, with the Cat's Hat spiral slide and plenty of whimsical splash features. There's an Imax theater, too, and for dinner and a show, check out Bonsai Teppanyaki, Carnival's very first teppanyaki restaurant. Enjoy miso soup, pork belly with asparagus fries, grilled tofu with vegetables, a filet mignon and lobster tail combination, and more, while watching your talented chef make volcanoes out of onion rings.



LET THE BIG TIMES ROLL

The *Norwegian Breakaway* will become the biggest ship ever to sail from the Big Easy when it repositions to the Port of New Orleans for the 2018 – 2019 winter season — making for a perfect complement to a Bourbon Street-inspired exchange vacation. The 4,000-passenger vessel will ply Caribbean waters, with seven-, 10-, and 11-night trips that call on popular destinations including Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; and Roatán, Honduras. And each itinerary will make a stop at Harvest Caye, Belize, where travelers can take advantage of an exclusive 7-acre beach, zip lining, various lagoon activities, and a large pool with a swim-up bar.



BON APPÉTIT

It's hard to know what seasoned passengers appreciate about Oceania Cruises more: the onboard culinary experiences or the line's unique and far-flung itineraries that call on some 370 ports around the world. The latest gastronomic revelation, however, will most certainly tip the scales in favor of the food. La Cuisine Bourgeoise is a seven-course affair highlighted by a Maine lobster and cheese soufflé, roasted beef tenderloin, and baked Alaska — all paired with wines carefully selected to complement the meal's distinct flavors. It's currently available on *Marina* and *Riviera* sailings. Reservations for the 24-seat banquet are required.



SALUTE

AmaWaterways' themed wine cruises have proven to be some of the line's most popular. For obvious reasons: Sailing oenologists will visit European wine regions and charming riverside towns, and have the opportunity to learn from guest wine hosts — typically career winemakers and vineyard owners — during onboard lectures and wine tastings. Wine hosts for the 2018 season will represent a variety of North American labels and territories, including L'Ecole N° 41 from Walla Walla Valley, Washington; Ceja Vineyards from Napa, California; and Messina Hof Winery from Bryan, Texas.



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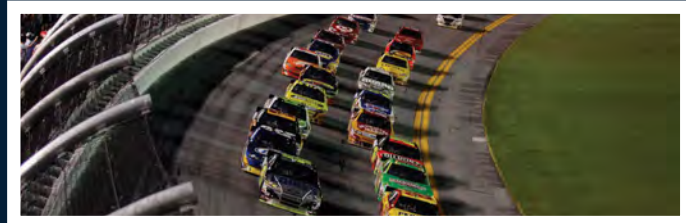
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Hail to the Chef

OFF CAMERA, CELEBRITY CHEFS ARE SERVING UP UNFORGETTABLE MEALS AT THEIR OWN RESTAURANTS.

BY REBECA PICCARDO

They're on TV every week, demanding more caramelization on the *mirepoix* and less reduction on the rosemary-balsamic marinade. As judges for reality cooking competition shows, celebrity chefs entertain audiences with their critiques (and clever insults) while they challenge contestants in a professional kitchen. Their words carry weight. Many are already household names in the culinary world after years of honing their flawless techniques. And as the world's fascination with celebrity chefs skyrockets, one can't help but wonder what it would be like to savor one of their ingenious and carefully crafted recipes.

Here, we've rounded up our top celebrity chef restaurant picks in Interval resort vacation destinations. Having an exceptional meal created by your favorite as-seen-on-TV food genius can be as simple as calling ahead to reserve a table when planning your next trip.

Bazaar Mar, Bazaar Mar

MIAMI, FLORIDA

JOSÉ ANDRÉS: BAZAAR MAR

Famous for his inventive dishes using a technique called spherification (reshaping liquid into a semi-solidified sphere), the Spanish-American chef is widely recognized for bringing the small plates-dining concept to the U.S. Andrés owns a group of 26 restaurants around the world, including **Bazaar Mar**, which opened within the SLS Brickell Hotel & Residences at the end of 2016. Seafood takes center stage here, from the name and menu to the decor itself. The blue and white dining room is like a mythical seascape: A giant fish-head sculpture with horns is mounted behind the bar, tiles are decorated with designs depicting mermaids and half-lobster people, and golden crabs appear to crawl up the walls.

As Seen on TV: *Made in Spain, Iron Chef America, Top Chef*

Must Try: At Bazaar Mar, every plate is presented with a whimsical, sea-themed twist. Take the California "funnel cake," for example: a thin seaweed wafer topped with avocado, blue crab, tobiko (roe), mayo, and cucumber served on a silver octopus-shaped stand. Tapas are also featured, and include Maine lobster croquetas and the world-famous marinated "Ferran Adrià" liquid olives (if you want to see what spherification is first-hand). For dessert, order the Key lime pie "our way" — Key lime ice cream with a graham-cracker crumble in the shape of a sand castle, served with a lime foam.



MIAMI, FLORIDA

SCOTT CONANT: SCARPETTA

Establishing himself as a chef by working in popular Manhattan Italian kitchens for nearly 30 years, the finicky TV judge eventually opened his own restaurants, which have consistently earned starred reviews and awards. One of his well-known outposts is **Scarpetta**, at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach hotel. Although Conant's menu items sound simple, his intricate cooking methods bring bold flavors out of the most basic ingredients. For one, he makes his pastas from scratch daily, and seasons them with herb-infused oils. And he doesn't cook them completely in boiling water — he finishes off by transferring them al dente to a pan of sauce, adjusting its thickness by adding pasta water from the pot.

As Seen on TV: *Chopped, Top Chef*

Must Try: Conant's creamy polenta is silky smooth and served with a fricassee of truffled mushrooms. His spaghetti with tomato and basil is a standout dish for the chef, who takes a meticulous approach to preparing a sauce that involves boiling, peeling, and deseeding fresh plum tomatoes before mashing them.



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

GIADA DE LAURENTIIS: GIADA

This Food Network darling is best known for her laid-back charm, and always looking glamorous in the kitchen. Her shows and cookbooks pay homage to her Italian roots, as she demonstrates how to whip up easy-to-make versions of old family recipes. Although her cooking existed only in the TV



realm for many years, the Emmy Award-winning celebrity chef opened her first restaurant, **Giada**, inside The Cromwell hotel in 2014.

As Seen on TV: *Giada at Home, Everyday Italian, Food Network Star, Iron Chef America*

Must Try: Giada features Italian cuisine with California influences, bringing a lighter touch to classic dishes by incorporating vegetables or healthy ingredients (plenty of greens, herbs, and citrus). De Laurentiis' classics, such as her chicken cacciatore and rigatoni with vegetable Bolognese, are on the menu. One of the most popular plates is lemon spaghetti with shrimp and basil. The sauce is made by whisking together olive oil, Parmesan cheese, and lemon zest and juice. The dish is garnished with fried capers.

GORDON RAMSAY: HELL'S KITCHEN

TV's favorite explosive, foul-mouthed chef opened his newest restaurant **Hell's Kitchen**, the first-of-its-kind, at Caesars Palace this past winter. Inspired by Ramsay's high-stakes cooking competition show, the interior is designed in blue and red team sections, with the two busy kitchens as the centerpiece. Guests are smack in the middle of the action, as if participating on the show, and get to try the chef's recipes from the TV series, as well as some of Ramsay's specialties, such as crispy skin salmon and beef Wellington.



As Seen on TV: *Hell's Kitchen, MasterChef, MasterChef Junior, Kitchen Nightmares*

Must Try: Steak lovers *have* to order the beef Wellington, a traditional British dish made with seared filet mignon covered with Parma ham and duxelles (a mushroom paste), and baked inside a puff pastry. It's served sliced in half and accompanied with a red wine demi-glace. For something sweet, Ramsay's sticky toffee pudding with ice cream is legendary.

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

ALEX GUARNASCHELLI: BUTTER

You could say cooking was this Iron Chef's destiny: The daughter of a cookbook author, Guarnaschelli grew up kneading bread and tasting soufflés in her home kitchen. The classically trained chef worked in prestigious restaurants in New York and Paris before becoming the executive chef at **Butter**, located in midtown Manhattan. The upscale eatery features seasonal dishes, inspired by ingredients Guarnaschelli finds at Union Square Greenmarket.



As Seen on TV: *Iron Chef America, The Next Iron Chef, Chopped, Alex's Day Off*

Must Try: Butter serves a varied menu, from roasted Mexican street corn and avocado toast burrata to poached shrimp and steak tartare. One of the restaurant's signature desserts is raspberry beignets with a vanilla bean dipping sauce.

ANNE BURRELL: PHIL & ANNE'S GOOD TIME LOUNGE

The feisty, spiky-haired chef worked in restaurants in New York and Italy before her breakout Food Network appearance cooking as a sous-chef on *Iron Chef America*. Since then, she's been a network staple, hosting several hit shows and using her years of industry experience to inspire home cooks to become kitchen rock stars. And now, she's putting her food out there, with the opening of her own establishment in Brooklyn. The Mediterranean-Italian style restaurant and bar is a joint venture between Burrell and New York bar owner Phil Casaceli. The funky neighborhood hotspot, with metallic orange wallpaper and bright-green tufted banquettes, serves cocktails crafted by Casaceli and appetizer-sized dishes developed by Burrell.



B[U]Y THE BOOK

Make your own gourmet meal at home with easy-to-follow recipes penned by your favorite celebrity chefs, who reveal tips, tricks, and time-saving techniques. Here are a few noteworthy titles you'll want to keep on your kitchen counter:

Tapas: A Taste of Spain in America

José Andrés talks tapas, Spain's gift to the culinary world. Using simple Mediterranean ingredients, these little dishes are easy to make at home and fun to eat with friends and family.

Cook Like a Rock Star

Anne Burrell shares recipes and techniques to help home cooks gain confidence and ability in their own kitchens.

The Scarpetta Cookbook

Scott Conant walks you through more than 100 of his restaurant's signature dishes, from ingredient shopping and proper cooking methods to tips on entertaining guests at home.

Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Cookery Course

Ramsay distills his expertise into this guide for home cooks, taking aspiring chefs all the way back to the basics (like how to properly chop an onion).

Old-School Comfort Food: The Way I Learned to Cook

Alex Guarnaschelli tells stories of her personal culinary journey, and shares recipes and some of her secrets to great home cooking.

As Seen on TV: *Iron Chef America, Worst Cooks in America, Secrets of a Restaurant Chef*

Must Try: The menu at **Phil & Anne's Good Time Lounge** is divided into light, medium, and heavy plates, and features recipes from Burrell's *Cook Like a Rock Star* cookbook, including dry-rubbed rib eye with potato bacon fontina cake, and braised chicken with mushrooms and almond puree.

NAPA, CALIFORNIA

MASAHARU MORIMOTO: MORIMOTO NAPA

The Iron Chef of Iron Chefs, Morimoto was one of the kitchen stadium's original resident chefs when *Iron Chef America*, a spinoff of a Japanese TV show, was launched. Off-screen, Morimoto worked at some of Manhattan's prestigious restaurants, including as head chef at Nobu, before opening his own eponymous eateries. His Napa outpost introduced the chef's signature high-end sushi and Japanese-fusion dishes (tuna pizza, anyone?) to the West Coast in 2010. The restaurant has an outdoor dining terrace overlooking the Napa River, and the area's only sake and Japanese whisky bar.

As Seen on TV: *Iron Chef, Iron Chef America, The Next Iron Chef*

Must Try: The contemporary Japanese menu includes just about everything, from pork, duck, and beef to fresh seafood and sushi. Try one of the more unique selections at **Morimoto Napa**, like sea urchin carbonara or duck meatball soup, or stick to one of the most popular offerings: toro (tuna belly) tartare, served on a washboard with a little rake and pads of wasabi, nori paste, sour cream, and sturgeon caviar.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RICK BAYLESS: FRONTERA GRILL AND TOPOLOBAMPO

The Oklahoma native began to specialize in authentic Mexican cuisine after living in Mexico with his wife while researching their first cookbook in the 1980s. When they returned to the U.S., the couple wanted to open a restaurant reminiscent of their travels. And so, in 1987, they founded the casual **Frontera Grill**, with colorful Mexican folk art hanging on the walls and mariachi music resonating in the dining room. Shortly after, Bayless and his wife opened the more upscale **Topolobampo** right next door, in the River North neighborhood. The side-by-side eateries share an entrance, but Topolobampo's menu is more inventive and refined than its sister establishment.



As Seen on TV: *Mexico: One Plate at a Time, Iron Chef America, Top Chef Masters*

On the Menu: Frontera Grill highlights authentic dishes and flavors — from ceviche and enchiladas to moles and tacos — made with fresh ingredients from local farms (they even list their sources on the menu). At Topolobampo, guests can choose between three tasting options (two five-course and one seven-course). The items — such as rabbit with a sauce made from the fermented Mexican beverage *pulque*,



TORO TARTARE

as well as a creamy avocado sorbet with cherry-tomatillo salsa — mix tastes, textures, and sauces.

ART SMITH: BLUE DOOR KITCHEN & GARDEN

Art Smith spent much of his career cooking as the personal chef to Oprah Winfrey and two Florida governors before starting his own Southern-themed restaurants. His appearances on TV shows and numerous food festivals around the world also launched him into superstardom. Although his fried chicken made him famous, Smith decided to shift the focus from Southern comfort food to a farm-to-table concept at his Gold Coast restaurant, which reflects Smith's own lifestyle changes to improve his health over the past few years.



As Seen on TV: *Iron Chef America, Top Chef, Top Chef Masters, Chopped*

Must Try: Seasonal ingredients dictate the menu at **Blue Door Kitchen & Garden**, and popular options include the Brussels sprouts and kale salad, with toasted almonds, Parmesan cheese, bacon, and maple tahini vinaigrette; and the organic salmon served with rutabaga latkes, Brussels sprouts, creme fraiche, and apples. Two of Smith's specialty dishes are a nod to his old favorites: buttermilk fried chicken with garlic mashed potatoes, and shrimp and grits with andouille sausage and tomato stew. ■

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Swap Till You Drop

BY SAMANTHA MONAHAN

Flea markets have been around for hundreds of years, beckoning bargain hunters and collectors from cities (and even states) away with great deals on a range of one-of-a-kind items. Whether you enjoy the haggle, need a souvenir from your travels, or just want to walk down memory lane, the market has you covered.

These fleas are filled with new, old, homemade, and handcrafted finds. Entertainment — performances, demonstrations, activities — takes place at some, concessions and fresh produce are available at most, and all are within a one-hour drive of resorts in Interval's network. So grab some cash, lace up your walking shoes, and set out to score some steals.

DAYTONA FLEA & FARMERS MARKET

Stray from the seashore to stroll among the 1,000-plus booths at the Daytona Flea & Farmers Market, Florida's extensive indoor/outdoor market, which draws more than 2.5 million visitors every year. The selection does not fall short at this attraction, featuring a smorgasbord of items including tires, vacuums, live plants, handmade soaps, and leather apparel. There's even a booth dedicated to As Seen on TV products, and a variety of services — such as watch repair and teeth whitening — are available. The grounds host monthly events, including an Arts and Crafts Show and the Classic Car Cruise-In, where more than 300 vintage cars and trucks are displayed.

Sport a new pair of shades from Dolly's Sunglasses, and pick up some delicious jams, fruit butters, and salsa from the Honey Hut. Want to check out the scene from above? Climb aboard for Leading Edge Helicopters' aerial tour.

Details: Open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday year-round, except Christmas Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | daytonafleamarket.com

Area alternatives: All Aboard Flea & Farmers Market in Port Orange, and the DeLand Flea Market

WELLFLEET FLEA MARKET

The coastal town of Wellfleet, on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, boasts one of the largest and most popular flea markets in New England. Each weekend, hundreds of merchants assemble in the parking lot of the local drive-in movie theater to showcase an assortment of unique finds. Beyond the painted wooden wall signs and T-shirts emblazoned with "Cape Cod," antiques and knickknacks fill the tables, from art, books, and home goods to handicrafts and nautical items. The nearest strand is just a few miles away, so take the opportunity to stock up on the necessary beach gear, such as chairs, pail and shovel sets, coolers, and towels.

Details: Open every Saturday and Sunday year-round, and on

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Wednesdays and Thursdays in July and August, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | wellfleetcinemas.com/flea-market

Area alternatives: The Sandwich Bazaar Flea Market and the Brewster by the Bay Flea Market on Cape Cod

SMILEY'S FLEA MARKET

Described as one giant yard sale, this flea market in Fletcher, North Carolina (just a 40-minute drive from the resort town of Lake Lure), is like a small village, and gathered around the hodgepodge of trinkets is a welcoming community of vendors. When Friday comes, locals and out-of-towners hit the booths for some haggling. While produce is a guarantee, you never know what merchandise you'll find, but you'll likely stumble across baseball cards, ornaments, used board games, wall art, and electronics. The early bird gets the worm here, so arrive in the morning if you want your pick of the litter. And if you're feeling nostalgic, don't hesitate to take a spin on the on-site carousel.

Details: Open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday year-round, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. | smileysfleamarkets.com/north-carolina

Area alternatives: Uncle Bill's Flea Market in Whittier, and the Jamestown Flea Market in Morganton

GREAT SMOKIES FLEA MARKET

In Kodak, Tennessee, less than a one-hour drive from Gatlinburg, more than 1,000 rotating vendors display their treasure troves across this 200,000-square-foot property. From tools and sporting equipment to delicious baked goods and collectors' items, each booth is worth a browse. That is, if you can manage to see it all in one day; this market is one of the largest and most visited in the state. Expect to find homemade candies and jams, cowboy boots and engraved leather goods, and a plethora of handy kitchen gadgets. Free entertainment and Wi-Fi is available, and the Liquidation Outlet offers discounts on already low-priced items.

Details: Open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday year-round, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | greatsmokiesfleamarket.com

Area alternatives: Flea Traders Paradise in Sevierville, and Bargain Hunters in Knoxville

ALEMANY FLEA MARKET

California's San Francisco area is home to several secondhand markets, but a common favorite is this gem in the city's Bernal Heights neighborhood. With the exception of handmade arts and crafts, new products are prohibited here, leaving visitors with an exquisite array of vintage and antique items to rummage through. You'll spy housewares, vinyl records, statuary, toys, clothing, tools — and the list goes on. For the best deals, plan to arrive in the afternoon or be willing to hang around. End-of-day bargains are worth the wait here, especially on larger items.

Details: Open every Sunday year-round, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Area alternatives: Berkeley Flea Market and The San Jose Flea Market

TANQUE VERDE SWAP MEET

Enjoy fresh air and family fun at this swap meet in Tucson, Arizona. Along with new and used merchandise galore, the Tanque Verde Swap Meet offers carnival rides, an obstacle course, bounce houses, and a children's theater. Performances liven the scene every Friday and Saturday night, and there are a variety of food stands to curb every craving — try the tacos at Mercado Grill, have a beer on tap, and treat the little ones to ice cream (available in 24 flavors).

Details: Open year-round every Friday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. | tucsonswap.com

Area alternative: Tohono O'odham Swap Meet in Tucson ■



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EAST END MARKET

Main Street U.S.A.

Orlando's actual neighborhoods are not only ripe for exploration, they're packed with genuinely delicious options — some of which are sold by the pint.

By Amy Drew Thompson

It's day three of your Central Florida vacation. You've been to Disney and/or Universal and/or SeaWorld, but you're not quite ready for that do-nothing-but-lounge-around-the-resort-pool day just yet. That's when you remember the hometown listed on the nametag of the great Disney cast member who helped you find the perfect souvenir at Epcot: Orlando, FL.

Indeed, Orlando is a real place! With real, live, non-Imagineered people! So where do the locals go for fun? you wonder.

"Orlando is more than just the home of the Mouse," says Ricky Ly, author of the *Food Lovers' Guide to Orlando*. "It's also home to many eclectic neighborhoods — each with its own culture and flavors. You could stroll along Winter Park's Park Avenue and dine on French macarons and croissants, or visit the Mills 50 area, home of the largest Vietnamese business district in Florida, and enjoy a delicious bowl of pho [beef noodle soup]. The diversity is what makes Orlando special."

Thanks in part to that diversity, Orlando's "Main Street" neighborhoods are thriving. In recent years, so many new businesses have sprung up — restaurants in particular — that the city has been receiving all kinds of foodie accolades, from write-ups in *The New York Times*, to being voted one of the



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Best Foodie Cities in America by WalletHub.com, to multiple visits by various Food Network stars — Alton Brown and Guy Fieri, to name a couple — looking for great places to profile.

And independent food artisans know that Orlando's local 'hoods are where it's at. So if you're looking to take a pass on your FastPasses for a day in order to get to know the city on a more personal level, here are a few districts (and dishes) to check out.

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN DISTRICT TAKES THE CAKE

This eco-minded community is home to **East End Market**, a collection of local merchants offering fine foods, phenomenal home goods, and loads of knowledge to those seeking to adopt a more farm-to-table lifestyle. Coming for dinner? **Domu** serves up some of the best ramen in the city, along with Asian small plates and exceptional cocktails in a modern, inviting space.

The **Olde Hearth Bread Co.** and **Gideon's Bakehouse** also are located at East End Market. The former is a purveyor of all manner of breads, rolls, tarts, and granola; the latter is a cookie-lover's mecca. Gideon's cookies (and cakes), inspired by recipes that date back to the late 1800s, are truly timeless — and delightfully chocolate chip-encrusted.

Across the street, the **Blue Bird Bake Shop** beckons with its award-winning cupcakes in eight everyday flavors and a host of varieties that branch out. Way out. On any given visit you might find options in Kahlúa and cream, coffee toffee, or strawberry balsamic. A few doors over, you'll find **P is for Pie Bake Shop**, where from-scratch pies come in traditional tins, hand pies, glass jars, and even pie pops.

The **Gourmet Muffin** is one of this neighborhood's newest additions. Here, the proprietor makes all kinds of muffins, along with cannoli, brownies, bread pudding, and a unique muffin-croissant hybrid known as the "cruffin."

ART IS EVERYWHERE: MILLS 50

Art abounds in Mills 50, so much so that aside from the many beautiful murals gracing the building facades, you'll find it on the electrical boxes, on the sewer drains, and yes, even on the dumpsters. The neighborhood's various urban-art projects have made the scenery around Mills 50, which bills itself as "the intersection of creativity and culture," as colorful as the dishes served at its many independent eateries.

But let's start with the name: Mills 50. That's actually the intersection where Mills Avenue meets Colonial

Drive (also known as State Road 50). It's about a mile north of downtown and just south of the city's museum zone, where various hubs of science and art draw culture seekers in droves.

It's also an intersection of Asian influences. Orlando has a large Vietnamese community, and visitors would be remiss not to try one or more of the authentic restaurants concentrated here. **Pho 88** and **Anh Hong** are no-lose propositions, but they're hardly the only games in town. There are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Thai eateries, too.

Only have time for one? Consider **Hawkers Asian Street Fare**. True to its name, the small plates are inspired by the street hawkers found in Malaysia, China, Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, and Thailand.

"What started as a forgotten neighborhood on the edge of downtown has blossomed, over the [past] five years, into the epicenter for eclectic eateries and entertainment in Orlando," Kaleb Harrell, co-founder of Hawkers, says of Mills 50.

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It's Crafty

Whether you spend your time at the parks, power shopping, or simply soaking up the abundant sunshine, there's no doubt you're going to work up a thirst. Not to worry. Central Florida's microbrew scene is beginning to rival Tampa's. And Orlando's local brewers are not only a convivial bunch, they're collaborative.

"We were always recommending other breweries for our customers to check out," says Mike Wallace, co-owner of **Ten10 Brewing Company**, a cool Mills 50 taproom. And so he and several other area brewers got together to help create the Central Florida Ale Trail.

"It's not a new idea," he continues. "A lot of other cities do it and, with all the breweries opening, we thought it would be a great idea so that people could eventually visit all the local places."

The map — available at Ten10 and all the other participating stops — reps the region with retro-postcard appeal, and dou-

bles as a stampable "passport." Hit up the establishment, get your map stamped, and if you manage to finish, you'll be rewarded with a special growler to mark the accomplishment. If not, the map itself is a neat souvenir, and you'll have sampled some great local beer.

Ten10 is within easy walking distance of the aforementioned **Hawkers Asian Street Fare**. In the Audubon Park Garden District, **Redlight Redlight Beer Parlour and Brewery** began its life as a craft beer bar, and expanded to include its own specialty sours and wild beers a few years ago. Up in Sanford, the list keeps growing. Ale Trail breweries include **Sanford Brewing Company**, where dogs are not only welcome, they're offered homemade treats made from the brewery's own spent grains, and **Wop's Hops Brewing Company**, with fun brews such as the Hail Caesar and Smokin' Hot Italian that keep beer lovers coming back.

"I tell all my friends from out of town that when they get tired of the parks, to make the 20-minute drive to Mills 50 to explore Asian eats, and some of the coolest bars and shops Orlando has to offer!"

If you're headed to the Orlando Science Center — or any of its adjacent museums — Mills 50 also is the place to wet your whistle after a day of enlightenment. Stop by **BART** for a craft beer and to play the video games you remember from the '80s, or have an expertly poured cocktail at **The Guesthouse**.

SMALL TOWN CHARM AND SUDS IN SANFORD

Northeast of Orlando lies the town of Sanford. It retains its small-town charm in part because it retains its town. The brick-lined streets and buildings are authentic, and the phenomenal residential architecture that surrounds it only bolsters the sleepy, but increasingly hip, vibe. Sanford, for years on the upswing, has definitely arrived. It was voted Best Kept Secret in *Orlando Weekly's* 2016 Best of Orlando issue.

"Orlando has world-class attractions. It's why more than 65 million people each year come here," says Dan Ping, founder of *The Bokey*, a blog about Sanford and Seminole County. "But it's much more than that. When you visit Sanford or other Main Street neighborhoods, what you find is a community that embraces the culture of craft when it comes to food, drink, arts, entertainment, and shopping. You're also visiting a town that is truly historic, not make-believe."

Ping isn't knocking the parks. In fact, a successful visit to any of them only serves to make his point. What they do is expertly manufactured. What Sanford offers is 100-percent real and local.

It's one of the many reasons Anne McNamara and Brad Plummer chose to open their restaurant, **The District**, right in the heart of Sanford.

"We liked the neighborhood and wanted to be part of the revival," says Plummer. "Being one of the oldest cities in Central Florida, it has that charm and the people are great! They're wonderful



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and courteous and kind, and it's very much a community here in Sanford."

The District opened in spring 2017, and its scratch-made America-inspired fare has been winning over diners in the months since, with hearty dishes such as bourbon bone-in pork chops and classic shrimp and grits. The bar does well, too. Locals amble in and wash the day away with their choice of more than a dozen beers on tap — including a few brewed in the area — and six signature cocktails.

As for shopping, Sanford has long been known as an antiquing town (and to some degree, it still is), but these days, shoppers have far more to peruse than dusty racks. **Washburn Imports** features breathtaking home furnishings from exotic, far-flung corners (plus, there's a cool wine and cocktail bar inside). **Magpies Modern General Store** sells gifts of all sorts, from jewelry to home goods to delicious artisan popsicles that'll keep you cool while strolling about. And an abundance of little galleries offer one-of-a-kind items unlike anything you'll find in the resort zone.

Speaking of one of a kind, how about some gourmet marshmallows? You'll find them at **Wondermade**, where friendly workers will fire 'em up special for fresh s'mores, or you can just buy a box for later — maybe the birthday cake or gold Champagne flavors — while you enjoy the homemade ice cream.

Of course, as is the case with other area neighborhoods, Sanford boasts a mix of culinary — and entertainment — choices, some of which are quintessentially American and others that are decidedly not.

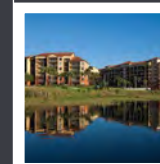
"A five-minute walk in any direction in downtown [Sanford] will lead to multiple food options: Greek, German, Jamaican, Korean, American, seafood, gastropubs, barbecue, gourmet ice cream, diners, and bar grub," Ping rattles off. "We have breweries, craft cocktail bars, a handful of juke joints, and **[The Alley]**, the best place to see live blues music in Central Florida."

And the coolest part? In the Main Street neighborhoods of Orlando, that's all just the beginning. ■

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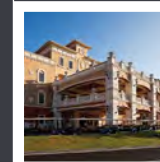


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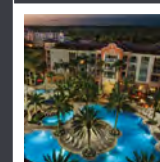
Westgate Lakes Resort and Spa (RYS)

Located right in the heart of Orlando's theme park action and just 20 minutes from downtown Orlando, Westgate Lakes Resort and Spa offers accommodations ranging from studios to spacious four-bedroom villas, which feature full kitchens, and patios or balconies. Guests can enjoy seven outdoor heated pools, hot tubs, a marina and dock, or, after a long day of park hopping, relaxation at Serenity Spa.



Westgate Town Center (WTG)

Located just 1 mile from Walt Disney World, Westgate Town Center has all the comforts of home. On-site amenities include 14 outdoor heated pools, 14 hot tubs, a children's wading pool, pool bars, dining at Cordovano Joe's pizza and Drafts Sports Bar & Grill, Starbucks, a minimarket with deli, an exercise facility, the Disney Movie Theater, and a lakeside marina and dock.



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The Local Take:

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

BY BETSY SHELDON

For history buffs, there's no place like Greater Williamsburg in Virginia. With a triangle of world-class living history museums and the second-oldest college in the country, it's hard to beat this destination for lively lessons in the country's Colonial past. But 1607 (when the first permanent English settlement in North America was established in Jamestown) was just the beginning of the area's appeal to travelers. Today, amusement parks, wineries, golf courses, art galleries, dining, and more compete for visitors' attention. To winnow out the best, four insiders help identify not-to-be-missed experiences.



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The Insiders



GULAY BERRYMAN ARTIST

Gulay Berryman is the director of the Williamsburg Art Gallery.

Date Night “For the gourmet, you can’t beat Le Yaca French Restaurant on High Street in Williamsburg. The owner and chef learned his culinary arts from some of the biggest names in France. For a special romantic evening a bit out of town, under a starry sky, Café Provençal at The Williamsburg Winery is hard to beat.”

Selfie Shot “Nobody wants to leave Colonial Williamsburg without having had their photo taken seated alongside the bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson ❶, who can be found reading on a bench in front of the Kimball Theatre in downtown Merchants Square.”

Golf, of Course “You don’t have to go to Florida to play golf year-round. Try Colonial Heritage Club (most challenging), Ford’s Colony Country Club (multiple choices), or Kingsmill Resort, Two Rivers Country Club, or Golden Horseshoe Golf Club (scenic or traditional). This is a golf resort destination for many visitors.”

Music Fest “Bruce Hornsby has really got a super musical event going with Funhouse Fest, which takes place in [late June] on the lawn of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg. Two stages and food trucks provide a night of music and eating.”



MATTHEW MEYER WINEMAKER

Matthew Meyer is executive vice president and winemaker for The Williamsburg Winery.

Spirited Encounters “Follow the Williamsburg Tasting Trail that connects wineries, breweries, meaderies, and distilleries [such as Copper Fox] ❷, and sample their products. A bottle of something locally made makes a great souvenir.”

Thrills and Spills “For family adventure, head to Busch Gardens and Water Country USA. Busch Gardens has roller coasters, Water Country USA has water rides, and both have many other activities.”

Recess for Grown-Ups “Try happy hour at Opus 9 Steakhouse or the newly renovated patio at the Williamsburg Inn. Both places are inviting and have a great staff.”

Capital Idea “The Virginia Capital Trail connects the state capital with the original Colonial capital, the Jamestown Settlement. You can visit breweries, wineries, and plantations as you bike or walk along the [52-mile] trail.”

Free-for-All “The area’s best freebie is Freedom Park. There are bike trails, nature trails for wildlife viewing, historic attractions, a playground, and — although not free — the Go Ape experience, where you can zip-line through the trees. An all-around great day. ...”



BRANDY CENTOLANZA FREELANCE JOURNALIST

Brandy Centolanza writes for health, parenting, and lifestyle publications and websites, including several based in Williamsburg.

Fun for All “My husband and I enjoy taking our two kids to Waller Mill Park to fish, kayak, picnic, or hike.”

In a Nutshell “Virginia is famous for its peanuts, and Williamsburg has at least two options to enjoy this staple. The kids like the free samples offered downtown at The Peanut Shop [of Williamsburg] ❸, while my husband and I recently discovered Whitley’s Peanut Factory. Peanut brittle and chocolate-covered peanuts make great gifts.”

Sweet Treat “Williamsburg has countless ice cream and [frozen yogurt] shops, but our favorite is Sno-to-Go. We love their ice cream/shaved ice combos.”

Fit Bit “Head over to The Williamsburg Winery for their 5K run/walk on Thursday evenings [from August to November], or bring your bike out for their Cycling Club group ride on Sunday mornings [from March to November]. The clubs are noncompetitive and family-friendly, and the best part is, you can enjoy a glass of wine afterward.”



NICOLE BROWN CHARACTER INTERPRETER

Nicole Brown portrays Ann Wager, a Colonial schoolmistress, for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Cheap Eats “By far, the best are the Jamestown Pie Company and Pierce’s Pitt Bar-B-Que. They are on opposite sides of Williamsburg, so no matter where you’re headed, you can have a delicious meal. The Jamestown Pie Company has everything from pizza to pie, always fresh! Pierce’s has the best affordable barbecue in the area.”

Summer Serenade “Sunset Serenade at Chowning’s Tavern ❹ is an absolute must. Every Friday night from June to September, live music from incredible local bands plays outside this historic tavern. It’s a great experience and a wonderful way to blend amazing food and drink with spectacular music.”

New Brew “The Virginia Beer Company is a great place to go for atmosphere, exceptional beer, and fantastic live music. They recently opened, and have both outdoor and indoor seating, as well as [corn bag toss] for the kids.”

Extra! Extra! “Purchase a copy of the 18th-century *Virginia Gazette* in the Colonial Williamsburg Post Office (which actually does function as a post office today). All kinds of exciting stories will be found that link our past to our present!”

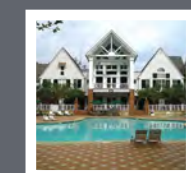
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LAND'S END *and* **BEYOND**

BY CHRIS SANDS

**Teeming with marine life,
the waters around Cabo, Mexico,
offer leisure pursuits aplenty.**

Forming the spine of Baja California Sur state, the Sierra de la Laguna mountain range dominates the center of the peninsula between La Paz, the state capital, and Los Cabos, the state's most popular travel destination. These mountains reach nearly as high as 7,000 feet before descending on all sides into desert. The stark landscapes are guarded by lonely sentinels and towering specimens of cardón, the world's largest cactus species. To the south, east, and west, the desert slowly shifts as it nears the coast, its coarse-grained, gravelly sand gradually becoming — like coal into diamonds — the fine golden powder of Cabo's picturesque beaches. It truly is a stunning geographical transformation, from rocky pinnacles to sunbaked desert to wave-lapped shorelines, all in the space of a few short miles.

But as captivating as this strange and beautiful area is, virtually everyone agrees that the region's most spectacular natural features lie just beyond its Land's End promontory, where sparkling azure waters fan out from the peninsula's southern tip.

MARLIN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Cabo San Lucas' tourism industry was built on fishing. During the first half of the 20th century, when the town's population numbered about 300 people, its cannery was one of the most productive in Latin America. By the 1960s, resorts were popping up along the coastline between Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo, soon to be the twin hubs of the Los Cabos municipality. There was no highway at the time, and little in the way of service and amenities, but fishermen heard the rumors about big catches and soon arrived.

The area's overwhelming abundance of billfish, marlin in particular, has earned Cabo San Lucas its nickname, The Marlin Capital of the World, and birthed both a fishing fleet and a host of high-profile fishing tournaments. The most famous of these competitions by far is Bisbee's Black & Blue — aka the Super Bowl of Sport Fishing — which takes place in October and has been turning fishermen into millionaires for over three decades. The tournament's 2006 cash payout of more than \$4 million remains the largest in sport fishing history.

Conservation efforts and catch-and-release policies have kept the Cabo San Lucas fishing industry strong, and today, visiting anglers can still strap themselves into a fighting chair on the aft deck of a cabin cruiser and battle marlin, sailfish, and tuna the size of small cars. What has changed are the variety of charter options and the introduction of some rather posh amenities.

Blue Sky Cabo, for example, offers ground transportation (including limousine upgrades) for guests, a fishing fleet that

includes an elegantly appointed 60-foot Bertram yacht, and VIP extras that range from mixology to meal service. Blue Sky also welcomes women, a shift in marketing focus that's on the rise in Cabo's traditionally male-dominated fishing industry. During the summer of 2017, a tournament exclusively for women, the Señoritas Blue Water Classic, premiered on the Los Cabos municipality's beautiful East Cape.

FEROCIOUS WITH LIFE

Nobel Prize-winning novelist John Steinbeck, on a specimen-collection expedition in 1940 with marine biologist friend Ed Ricketts — the inspiration for the character Doc in *Cannery Row* — memorably described the Sea of Cortez as "ferocious with life." It's an apt description for a body of water with some 875 species of fish, and myriad other forms of marine life.

On the East Cape, the offshore government-protected sanctuary of Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park boasts the single-highest concentration of fish in this remarkable sea and, as such, is the region's premier snorkeling and scuba diving site. Cabo San Lucas companies Cabo Adventures and Cabo Expeditions both offer regularly scheduled dive trips to the marine sanctuary, which also claims one of the

oldest and largest living coral reefs in the Western Hemisphere.

Cabo San Lucas-based tour operators more commonly offer snorkel trips to pristine sites in the Chileno and Santa María bays, which are located much closer to Land's End, along the corridor that connects the cape cities. Land's End itself is also a snorkel and dive destination of note, thanks to an upwelling effect from the confluence of the Sea of Cortez and Pacific Ocean that produces particularly fish-friendly conditions at sites like Pelican Rock and The Point.

In 2014, Hurricane Odile uncovered a previously buried shipwreck near Land's End, the S.S. *Harry Lundeberg*, a cargo ship that sailed to its doom in 1954, adding a newly formed artificial reef to the list of spectacular dive sites.

THE BIGGEST CREATURES IN THE SEA

Los Cabos is famous for its whale-watching. Every year, 5,000 to 10,000 whales leave their arctic feeding grounds for winter in warmer waters, while females birth calves in shallow-water inlets and coves around Baja California Sur. Humpbacks and grays are the most frequently sighted whales, but fin and sperm whales, and even orcas and blue whales (the largest mammal ever to have lived on earth), can occasionally be spied from local resorts, golf courses, and tour boats.

And whales aren't the only leviathans cruising the local waters. Whale sharks, the largest fish in the world — which reach up to 40 feet in length, and weigh as much as 47,000 pounds — also enjoy the temperate conditions, typically taking up residence around La Paz between the months of August and May. Vacationers can swim with these gentle giants, that subsist solely on plankton. Round-trip transportation from Los Cabos is provided by several well-respected operators, including Cabo Adventures and Cabo Expeditions.

RED SAILS AT SUNSET

Known for excellent sailing beyond its protected bay, Cabo San Lucas hosted the 2017 finals of the Extreme Sailing Series, a global racing competition between high-tech, carbon fiber yachts capable of speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour.

More leisurely excursions are available from a variety of local companies, including Cabo Sails and Cabo Sailing, both of which feature romantic sunset cruises. Cabo Adventures offers the most upscale tours in the area, luxurious day-trip sails aboard its splendidly outfitted French-built yachts. Guests cruise the coast, then drop anchor in a protected cove for a bit of snorkeling or paddleboarding before lunch and cocktails.

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PLAYA EL MÉDANO

LEFT: Prolific seas and expert charter crews make Cabo's sport fishing excursions some of the best in the world.

ABOVE: Casual alfresco dining is the standard at Playa El Médano, where fresh ceviches taste as good as they look. RIGHT: Snorkel the reefs at Cabo Pulmo National Park for face-to-face time with sea turtles and an abundance of other marine life.



ABOVE: Chill out and soak up some sun on the deck of a luxury yacht, courtesy of Cabo Adventures' scenic sailing tour. BELOW: Cabo del Sol's Ocean Course is renowned for its top-rated greens, with two holes ranked among *Golf Magazine's* 500 Best Holes in the World.



CASTLES IN THE SAND

For those whose idea of a perfect vacation doesn't include rolling decks or saltwater submersion, Los Cabos offers plenty of other attractive options. Playa El Médano is the largest and most popular beach in Cabo San Lucas, a 2-mile stretch of golden sand that looks out across the bay toward the evocatively shaped granite monuments that comprise much of the city's half-mile Land's End headland. These iconic formations mark the southernmost point of the nearly 800-mile Baja California peninsula. El Arco, the most famous, is an arch-like barrier between the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean, weathered to its signature shape by millions of years of watery erosion.

Playa El Médano is an idyllic spot for sunbathing and building sandcastles, and is welcoming to walks along its wave-kissed shores and long afternoons sampling fresh local seafood and salt-rimmed margaritas at an abundance of bars and restaurants where barefoot lounging trends.

THE SPORT THAT JACK BUILT

In the early 1990s, Los Cabos began its shift from a simple fishing escape to a sophisticated high-end destination, when a developer named Don Koll brought in legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus to design a championship-level course at Palmilla Golf Club. Flash forward to today, and The Golden Bear's total of locally designed courses has risen to six, including Cabo del Sol's gorgeous Ocean Course, which ranked among *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 Courses in the World.

The most acclaimed course in Los Cabos' brief but glorious golf history, however, is Davis Love III's Dunes Course at Diamante,

a rugged links-style loop that's currently placed 36th-best in the aforementioned list. Love's masterpiece and two neighboring courses from fellow major champion Tiger Woods remain exclusively private, but tee times are available to timeshare guests at The Resort at Diamante, who can also enjoy access to the celebrated Greg Norman design at Rancho San Lucas — a layout exquisitely contoured to Cabo San Lucas' breathtaking Pacific Coast.

DESTINATION RELAXATION

Big-game fishing, beautiful beaches, and challenging golf are just some of the popular draws to Los Cabos; there's also a proliferation of pampering spas positioning the region as an attractive option for destination weddings and romantic escapes.

Spas have now grown so expansive and all-encompassing in their services that they are largely distinguished by their signature treatments. Popular experiences include *temazcal*, a traditional sweat lodge ritual that dates to the time of the Aztecs, and wellness therapies that emphasize the curative properties of the Sea of Cortez's mineral-rich waters.

In Cabo, sooner or later, everything comes back to its waters. ■

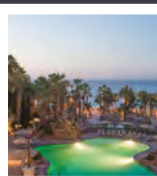
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AREA RESORTS



Hacienda Encantada Resort & Spa (HEC)

This contemporary Mexican hacienda-style resort features accommodations with spacious balconies that provide breathtaking views of the Arch of Cabo San Lucas and the Sea of Cortez. On-site offerings range from beachside and cliffside restaurants and two infinity-edge swimming pools to a kids' club, full-service spa, whirlpools, swim-up bars, a market, and delicatessen.



Villa del Palmar-Cabo (VDC)

At Villa del Palmar-Cabo, Spanish mission architecture complements the enchanting sight of the Pacific Ocean meeting the Sea of Cortez. On-site amenities include a 10,000-square-foot European health spa, salon services, a boutique, and fitness center. Enjoy the resort's nine-hole putting green, fishing tournaments, beachfront water sports, and more.



The Westin Los Cabos Resort Villas & Spa (WLX)

Perched on the cliffs overlooking the Sea of Cortez, The Westin Los Cabos Resort Villas & Spa is an architectural landmark and ideal vacation retreat. Play in one of the resort's refreshing swimming pools, recharge at Spa Otomí, and relax on the private beach. Explore San José del Cabo, with its colorful buildings, cobblestone streets, and numerous fine arts galleries, or have dinner in Cabo San Lucas — both just a short drive away.

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VACATION WISDOM

The island of **HAWAII** schools a family about our vibrant planet — and how to make the most of a trip to paradise.

BY MICHELE BIGLEY

A glow rose from the caldera mere seconds after the sun sank into the Pacific. Eerily red and orange, as if churning to escape Earth's crust, the lava spit a firework into the night sky. My older son drew his breath; no longer complaining about the hours we'd spent walking and driving to experience the world's most dependable volcanic display. My younger boy reached up to clasp my hand, his voice low, he echoed the whispers around us on the overlook, "It's alive. Amazing."

Frankly, "amazing" was an understatement. The island of Hawaii (also known as the Big Island) might just be the most interesting natural environment on the planet. The largest land mass in the Hawaiian chain is ever-changing: You can see an active volcano spewing lava into the sea, a snowcapped dormant Mauna Kea, and dazzling beaches hugged by lush landscapes — all in a day.

However, the island's sheer mass can overwhelm visitors, especially those, such as us, on vacation with young children. Like most parents, we desperately needed some real relaxation. We fantasized about hours lazing around white-sand beaches, swimming in the warm ocean among sea turtles and reef fish, and dining with the waves lapping nearby. Yet, we also understood the island held a prime educational resource for our children. Where else can you watch new earth being birthed right before your eyes? So we knew we had to brave the island's size, add some time and patience to our itinerary, and take a road trip to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

But not until after we clocked some serious beach time.

LAY OF THE LAND

Imagine this particular landmass as fraternal twins. The rainy Hilo side, which is closer to the Kilauea volcano, seeps with history. The ancients created triangular farming regions meant to sustain the community on the lush mountainsides, and today, home to one of Hawaii's premier research universities, Hilo

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Hike the trails at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to see plumes of smoke and bright lava flowing from the Kilauea volcano. LEFT: One of the most active volcanoes on Earth, Kilauea has almost continuously erupted since 1983.



bustles with street markets, rocky beaches, and international eateries.

Because we wanted more dependable weather, we chose to stay on the sunnier Kona side, which essentially runs the length of the island's western seaboard, and is split into two main regions: the Kohala Coast (including the Waikoloa resort area) and Kailua-Kona itself.

Lava rock dots the arid topography, evoking a lunar landscape that spills into the impossibly blue sea. Regal resorts line prime beaches (all of which remain public), and plenty of restaurants for all budgets hug the various complexes. Kona, the largest community on this side of the island, features walkable commercial stretches along the coast, including Alii Drive, a popular spot for travelers because of the varied eateries, boutiques, and bars.

THE SEA OF POSSIBILITIES

A local friend instructed us to make the resort village of Waikoloa our base. "Its proximity to the Kohala Coast and Kona make it a good choice with kids," Lisa told us. While it may seem a bit bustling for those wanting to escape the masses, we appreciated that a grocery, farmers market, and plenty of restaurants were within walking distance of our accommodations.



Kailua-Kona's main street, Alii Drive, is home to the Kona Farmers and Crafts Market, where you can browse for souvenirs and sample fresh produce.

Two prime shopping areas (the Kings' Shops and the Queens' MarketPlace) offered nightly live music, serious aloha souvenir-hunting opportunities (as in Honolulu Surf Co. and Reyn Spooner), and various dinner options, including Roy's Waikoloa, where the crispy blue crab cakes, organic farmer's salad, and pepper-crusted Big Island ahi will not disappoint.

During our first couple of days, we chilled out at Anaehoomalu Beach, otherwise known as A-Bay — a choice snorkeling spot, swimming area (though watch out for flying boogie boards), and year-round stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) destination. On the edge of the beach, the sand-in-your-toes restaurant Lava Lava Beach Club made it all too easy to sidle up each evening for fruity cocktails and pork nachos while watching the sun set over the sea.



Stop by the side of the road along the Hilo coast for breathtaking views and an authentic Hawaiian shave ice.



Fierce wood-carved statues called *kii* protect a sacred temple inside Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park.



Pristine waters abundant with coral and tropical fish make Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park a favorite for snorkeling and diving.

Before we got too acclimated to the slow pace of the tropics, though, we signed up for a snorkel tour with Fair Wind Big Island Ocean Guides to Kealakekua Bay. It's quite possibly the island's most pristine area to spot sea life. The knowledgeable guides strapped the boys in life vests, offered them boogie boards with eyeholes, and led us all on a four-and-a-half-hour morning journey to swim with sea turtles and witness the Hawaiian state fish (humuhumunukunukuapuaa) feeding around the colorful coral that rings the shore.

Excited by the abundant sea life, the boys begged us to book another boat trip — this time a whale-watching journey with captain Dan McSweeney. Twice daily during most of winter and spring, McSweeney, a life-long researcher and conservationist, pilots his boat out to view the local humpback whale breeding grounds. Although, the whale spouts didn't excite my boys as much as the acrobatic spinner dolphins that frolicked in the boat's wake while we motored about the ocean.

PASSAGE OF THE ANCIENTS

The island of Hawaii's identity is built upon its land as much as its sea, which is why a sojourn to the island's most famous landmark proved impossible to pass up. But the distance between Waikoloa and Volcanoes National Park is vast, so we made a full day of it. After breakfast at Island Lava Java, we headed south for a quick morning stroll around Kona town to see Ahuena Heiau — a former

home of King Kamehameha — and to purchase picnic fixings at the beloved Da Poke Shack.

Above town, the esteemed Kona Coffee Belt is revealed. This region is characterized by verdant hillsides and a low-key vibe. Sensing it was a good time to let the boys out of the car, we stopped at Mountain Thunder Coffee Plantation, one of the largest organic coffee farms in the state, and signed up for the Roast Master Experience (mainly because we got to roast about four pounds of beans to take home). Our fun guide even charmed the kids into learning about the entire life cycle of the coffee bean.

As we said goodbye, he suggested we visit Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park for our next pit stop. So about an hour later, we pulled up to 180 acres of beachfront property that was once one of native Hawaiian society's most significant destinations.

In ancient times, if someone had broken a sacred law, called *kapu*, they could be sentenced to death. To mainlanders, the kapu system was extreme, but to Hawaiians, it was how they kept order. Fortunately, the natives allowed one get-out-of-jail-free card: If the offender could evade capture en route to the place of refuge — a *puuhonua* — he could absolve himself and return to society.

At the site, Pacific Islander architecture and statues line the sea, and for a place with such a nerve-racking history, it could not be more picturesque. We wandered amid thatched-roof *hales* (homes), burial sites, fishponds, and the Hale o Keawe, a temple

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constructed in the late 1600s or so. We struggled to tear the boys away from the cultural demonstrations (especially the traditional Hawaiian games), but the promise of seeing a real volcano finally got them moving.

When we rounded the horn of the island, we bypassed the turn-off to Kalae, the southernmost point in the U.S., in favor of racing to Naalehu's famed Punaluu Bake Shop & Visitor Center for the island's best *malasadas* — delicious Portuguese doughnuts — and other treats.

A few miles later, the "vog" (volcanic smog) rolled in, and then we entered the domain of Pele, Hawaiian goddess of fire: Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. There were barren, ashen landscapes and dense, seemingly out-of-place fern forests. This geologic wonder, where lava has been erupting — or at least oozing — from Kilauea's Puu Oo vent since 1983, continuously drops jaws of all ages.

Start your sightseeing at the Visitor Center. There's an endless amount of information available, as well as rangers who are happy to instruct you about how to plan your time at the park. Since we'd already been in the car for a few hours, we skipped Crater Rim Drive, an 11-mile circumnavigation of the summit's caldera. Instead, we stopped briefly at the Kilauea Overlook and then parked at the Kilauea Iki Overlook. We hiked a short section of the rim, and watched a handful of brave folks descend some 400 feet into the Kilauea Iki Crater for a 4-mile trek around the fossilized lava lake bed.

Afterward, we meandered onward to the Thurston Lava Tube to submerge ourselves in the Jurassic forest of dripping ferns and namesake subterranean cavern. Before the sun could set, we joined the masses in watching the stunning scene at Halemaumau Crater, which is home to a living lava lake that glows an ominous red after dark. Staring into this natural phenomenon, we taught the boys about the magma that formed the entire island, as well as her sisters. A ranger popped his head in to tell them about the new island being birthed underwater as we spoke.

The next morning, the boys chatted about the magnificence of our planet and how they wanted to come back to Hawaii to see the new island — not to mention the actual lava flow (which is possible with trained guides who take the intrepid on hikes, boat trips, or helicopter rides). It was all very exciting — and I'm already looking forward to these next Big Island adventures.

Still, when we asked what we should do for our last day of *this* trip — posing options for hiking, biking, or surfing — they gave it about two seconds' thought before explaining that they wanted to leave some of that for next time, and asking if we could simply return to our favorite stretch of sand, A-Bay, for some swimming, yummy eats, and, most importantly, some of that relaxation we'd been talking about. ■

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Explore the wavy textured walls formed from a molten river of lava that solidified to create the hundreds-of-years-old subterranean Thurston Lava Tube.

AREA RESORTS



Aston Shores at Waikoloa (ASW)
Aston Shores at Waikoloa offers upscale at-home comforts and an exclusive gated entryway. Guests can take advantage of complimentary tennis on two courts then unwind in the swimming pool and jet spa, or relax on their unit's lanai. Nearby are fine-dining and family-friendly restaurants, and Kings' Shops, offering an array of one-of-a-kind stores.



Aston Kona by the Sea (KBS)
Bordering a magnificent rocky shoreline, Aston Kona by the Sea is an oceanfront resort offering breathtaking views. On-site amenities include a sandy lounging area and barbecue facilities. The property is located just south of historic Kailua-Kona and its charming shops, dining, and nightlife.

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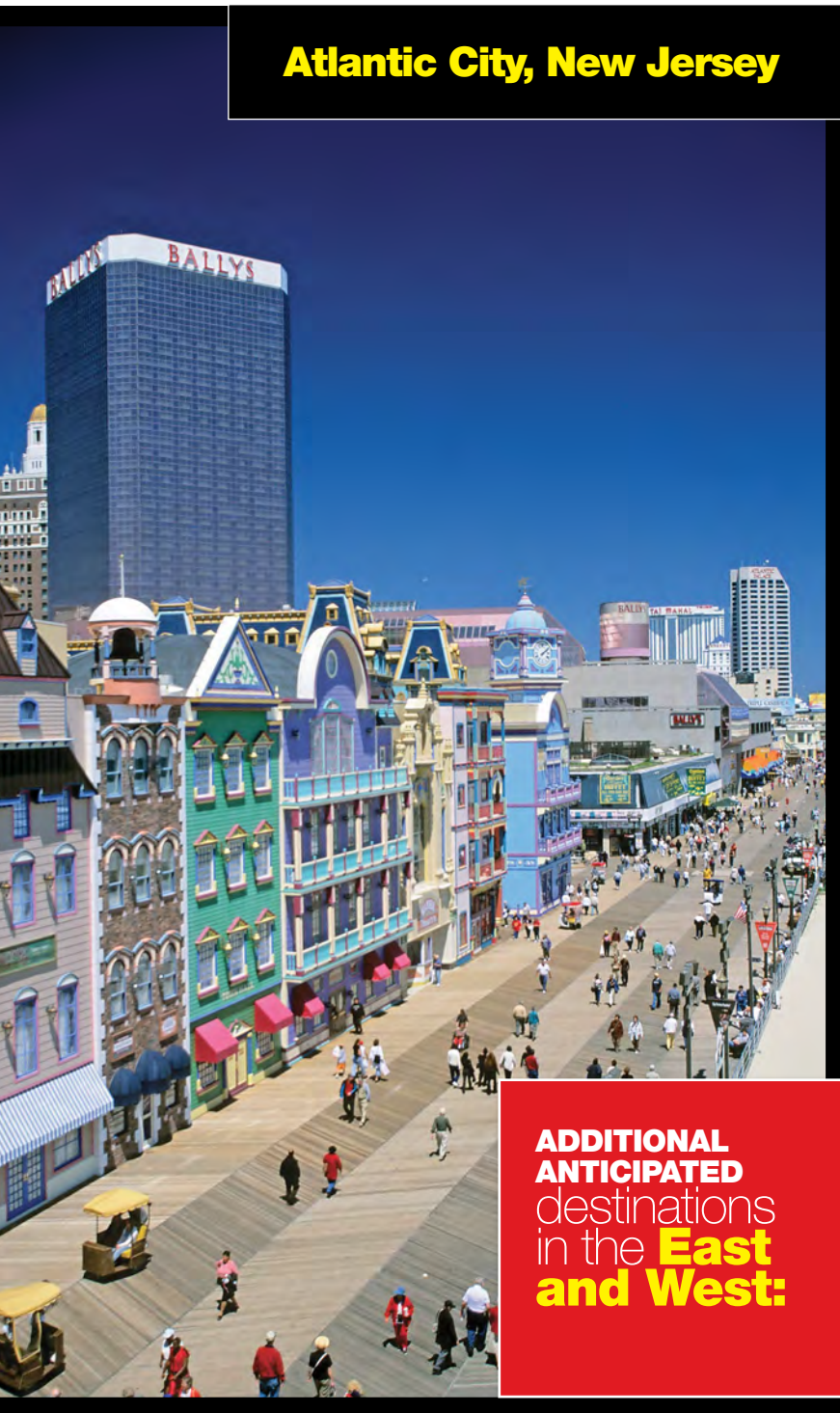


Once a home of King Kamehameha, Ahuena Heiau — one of the most historic sites in all of Hawaii — makes the perfect backdrop for oceanic adventures, much like the Big Island itself.

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Known as the Jersey Shore — or simply the Shore to locals — New Jersey's coastline stretches for 130 miles and is peppered with rustic towns and peaceful beaches. The epicenter is Atlantic City, an urban playground bordered by one of the world's most famous boardwalks.

What to do: Stroll the iconic boardwalk — or hire one of the equally famous rolling chairs for a leisurely ride up and down the promenade. It's lined with kitschy shops, saltwater taffy and pizza stands, and an assortment of other attractions. Double down at the casinos, hang ten in the surf, and witness some great sights of pure Americana.

Where to do it: Whether you prefer slot machines or table games, the Borgata won't disappoint. It has a 161,000-square-foot casino floor with more than 3,475 slots and 250 tables. Experienced surfers can head straight to Crystal Beach, but if you're looking for lessons, check out the AC Surf School. Don't miss Lucy the Elephant south of town in Margate.

Why go now: The casinos are fun year-round. But when the weather warms up during late spring and summer, Atlantic City becomes a full-blown beach destination, too. It's like a two-for-one vacation experience.

Insider's tip: Tony's Baltimore Grill is hardly a secret. Indeed, it's been a landmark eatery since 1927. Most visitors order the pizza. And the specialty pies — with clam sauce or Buffalo chicken or cherry peppers — are hard to resist. But locals will suggest you try the fried-shrimp platter.

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Fuerteventura, Canaries, Spain



With incessant sunshine and nearly 100 miles of beach, Fuerteventura is a warm-weather, outdoor-lover's delight. In fact, thanks to its volcanic landscape, paleontological sites, and that aforementioned coastline, the entire island was designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2009.

What to do: Beach hop. Digging your toes in the sand and working on your tan is the name of the game here. The only challenge is deciding which strand best suits your style. There are plenty of stretches where lounging is about as active as things get, but windsurfing is very popular, too.

Where to do it: Flag Beach at the north end of the island and Costa Calma in the south are prime places to learn how to windsurf —

or show off your moves if you're already a pro. If peace and quiet is what you seek, consider La Concha and Cofete Beach. Cofete is tough to reach (you'll need a four-wheel-drive vehicle), but the unspoiled setting is worth the trip.

Why go now: Spring is generally regarded as the least crowded time of year, while the influx of summer visitors means a more festive island vibe.

Insider's tip: Sample the local cheeses. La Villa dairy farm in Llano de Santa Catalina is a perfect place to start. They produce a variety of artisanal goat's milk cheeses and offer tours of the facilities.

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Vacation Celebration

ROGER AND KATHY BOETTGER
KAILUA-KONA, BIG ISLAND, HAWAII

For 10 years, Roger and Kathy Boettger had been planning a Hawaii vacation with their daughter Katie and granddaughter Abby. When Abby was a baby, she loved to gaze at the beautiful colors of a Hawaii photo that decorated Kathy and Roger's home, so they made a promise that one day the family would travel together to the Aloha State. The trip would be to celebrate three milestone birthdays among each generation — Abby's 10th birthday, Katie's 40th birthday, and Kathy's 70th birthday. When the time came, the Boettgers exchanged their home resort through Interval to spend a fun and relaxing two weeks at The Kona Coast Resort in Kailua-Kona, on the Big Island. The family was finally able to experience their dream vacation, participating in fun-filled activities and cultural encounters. "We enjoyed exploring, horseback riding, snorkeling, and one of the island's luaus," says Kathy. They even tasted some regional treats. "We sampled poke, mango, Kona coffee, and the amazing white pineapple." It was truly an unforgettable trip for the Boettgers.

Fun With Friends

SCOTT AND JAN MACK
ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Scott and Jan Mack always exchange their home resort for a stay on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. "Sometimes we go with family, other times with friends," says Jan. Their good friends, Tammi and Bob, who introduced the Macks to timeshare many years ago, accompanied them on this trip. "Since they live in South Dakota and we live in Texas, sharing our timeshare vacations is a great way to get together," says Jan. The group stayed at Marriott's Frenchman's Cove, situated on picturesque Pacquereau Bay, on the south side of St. Thomas. They enjoyed the sunny retreat and spent time swimming, relaxing, and taking in the beautiful island views. "Having friends with timeshares is a great way to double your vacation pleasure," says Jan. The four have already planned their next trip together.



Adventures in South America

REBEKAH AND NATHAN TAYLOR
SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA

Since their wedding nine years ago, Rebekah and Nathan Taylor have traveled abroad every year. This time, the couple brought their 1-year-old daughter Scarlett along on the adventure. "It was her first time traveling internationally, and we decided to go to Santa Marta, Colombia," says Rebekah. The Taylors made an exchange to Zuana Beach Resort. "It's a beautiful place on the ocean surrounded by mountains, with nice beaches, pools, restaurants, and activities. We thoroughly enjoyed our one-bedroom condo, which had a large patio overlooking the pools," says Rebekah. The couple took turns visiting the beach during Scarlett's nap time, explored the eclectic city of Santa Marta — the oldest surviving city in all of South America — and swam in the resort pool every day (which was Scarlett's favorite activity). "It was a wonderful week full of relaxation and fun as a family," says Rebekah. "The staff were accommodating and helpful, especially as we weren't fluent in Spanish. We look forward to our next Interval trip in the near future."



Mountain Memories

S.L. AND PHYLLIS WALLER
TELLURIDE, COLORADO

Seasoned travelers S.L. and Phyllis Waller were thrilled when they exchanged for a week at The River Club in Telluride, Colorado. "The River Club, on the river in old downtown Telluride, is the best Interval location we have visited," says S.L. The Wallers enjoyed a range of outdoor activities in the beautiful mountain setting. They spent two days snowshoeing in the high country, and two more exploring national parks on hiking excursions. "We visited Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Mesa Verde National Park for some great day hikes on two day-trips," says S.L. "Using the Interval exchange program allows us to go to more exciting places all over the U.S.A." The Wallers will be traveling again soon to celebrate their 50th anniversary, and are looking forward to their next adventure.

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Resort Example



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 RESORT CODE
RESORT NAME • XYZ
 CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, COUNTRY • 000-000-0000
 resortwebsite.com
 RESORT PHONE NUMBER

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

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



LAKWOOD RESORT • LKD
 OSAGE BEACH, MO • 573-348-5506
 lakewoodresort.com

Located on the Lake of the Ozarks, the resort is a haven for water-sports enthusiasts. One- and two-bedroom accommodations are fully furnished and include an indoor fireplace and an electric barbecue on the deck, which overlooks the lake. An outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, and playground are on-site. Enjoy waterskiing, parasailing, boating, and fishing on the lake, or explore the wealth of nearby attractions, shopping options, and restaurants. All units have steps, and the resort does not have elevators.

1029 Lakewood Circle
 Osage Beach, MO 65065
 ST. LOUIS/STL • 166M/267K
 SATURDAY



THE BLUE WHALE • BWH
 OCEANSIDE, CA • 760-722-8849
 thebluewhale.info

Located in Oceanside, California, The Blue Whale offers quaint studio, one-, and two-bedroom accommodations. Each unit has a unique layout, a kitchen with full-size appliances, and Wi-Fi. This beachfront property was once a retreat for Henry Ford and famous race car driver Barney Oldfield, and is central to Southern California's major attractions. With consistent mild temperatures, the area boasts an ideal climate for year-round outdoor activities, including fishing, golfing, sailing, and scuba diving. The resort is less than a one-hour drive from San Diego International Airport.

904 North the Strand
 Oceanside, CA 92054
 SAN DIEGO/SAN • 42M/68K
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
 SUNDAY



GRAND SOLMAR AT RANCHO SAN LUCAS • GSD
 CABO SAN LUCAS, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO • 624-143-7575
 ranchosanlucas.com

Grand Solmar at Rancho San Lucas is situated in a private resort community on the Los Cabos coast. Accommodations are air-conditioned studio, one-, and two-bedroom units. Enjoy oceanfront living and on-site amenities that include a shopping village with restaurants and leisure options, a park with a lake, hiking and biking trails, family picnic areas, and more. There are a variety of activities available nearby, from lounging on the beach and relaxing at the spa to fishing, sailing, and swimming.

Cabo San Lucas
 Baja California Sur, Mexico
 SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/SJD
 35M/56K
 SATURDAY, SUNDAY



BAJA POINT AT THE WESTIN LOS CABOS • BPW
 A Vistana Signature Experiences villa resort
 SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO • 624-173-9000
 vistana.com

Baja Point at The Westin Los Cabos has studio and one- to three-bedroom villas, each with a spectacular view of the Sea of Cortez. The resort shares amenities with The Westin Los Cabos Resort Villas & Spa, including a playground, sauna, and hot tub. The beach and activities such as fishing, sailing, scuba diving, and horseback riding are nearby. Guests can also enjoy golf and tennis in the area.

Km. 22.5 Carretera Transpeninsular
 Cerro Colorado
 San José del Cabo
 Baja California Sur 23400
 Mexico
 SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/SJD
 17M/27K
 FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

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NEW MEMBER RESORTS



THE CASCADES NUEVO VALLARTA • CNK
Grupo Vidanta
NUEVO VALLARTA, NAYARIT, MEXICO • 322-2264000
vidanta.com

Located in The Park at Vidanta Nuevo Vallarta, The Cascades Nuevo Vallarta is a resort nestled in a tropical forest filled with aquatic wonders, such as rolicking rivers, waterfalls, secluded caves, and a blue lagoon. Enjoy a vacation of unimaginable adventure and escape. After spending the day experiencing the excitement of the water park, guests come home to expansive living spaces with modern conveniences and amenities.

Avenida Paseo de las Moras
Fracc. Náutico Turístico
Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit 63735
Mexico
→ PUERTO VALLARTA/PVR
5M/8K
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

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KINGDOM OF THE SUN • KSU
Grupo Vidanta
NUEVO VALLARTA, NAYARIT, MEXICO • 322-2264000
vidanta.com

Kingdom of the Sun is a resort located inside The Park at Vidanta Nuevo Vallarta, an entertainment experience in partnership with Cirque du Soleil. The resort magically combines the imagination of Cirque du Soleil with Vidanta's dedication to excellence, a concept that extends throughout the spacious units, lobbies, and pool areas. At Kingdom of the Sun, visitors are steps away from thrilling rides and attractions.

Avenida Paseo de las Moras
Fracc. Náutico Turístico
Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit 63735
Mexico
→ PUERTO VALLARTA/PVR
5M/8K
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VENECIA MARINA & YACHT CLUB • VMY
SAN LUIS LA HERRADURA, LA PAZ, EL SALVADOR
2255-4444, 2343-3333
veneciayachtclub.com

Located in San Luis La Herradura, in south central El Salvador, Venecia Marina & Yacht Club offers air-conditioned three-bedroom accommodations. Featuring an on-site outdoor swimming pool, playground, clubhouse, and lake, the resort is ideal for family vacations. Nearby, guests can visit the popular Atlantis water park, and relax or enjoy a variety of water activities on the beach. All-inclusive/meal-plan purchase is mandatory; it may be based on a 7-night stay and maximum occupancy.

Km. 69 Boulevard Costa del Sol
San Luis La Herradura
La Paz, El Salvador
→ SAN SALVADOR/SAL
23M/37K
FRIDAY

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RESIDENCE LA FERRIERA • FRI
AREZZO, TUSCANY, ITALY • 0559-174006/7
residencelaferriera.com

Residence La Ferriera is located right in the heart of Tuscany, in the center of the Valdarno and within easy reach of Arezzo, Siena, and Florence. This historic property dates back to the 19th century. Today, guests enjoy a multitude of amenities and facilities, including sports activities such as summer swimming in an outdoor pool and tennis, cooking lessons, tastings of local products, and organized tours of the area.

Via La Ferriera, 4
Loro Cuffenna, Arezzo 52024
Italy
→ FLORENCE/FLR • 42M/68K
SATURDAY

79 [Icons: wheelchair, stroller, crib, baby high chair, baby cot, baby bed, baby changing table, baby bath, baby car seat, baby stroller, baby walker, baby playpen, baby gate, baby monitor, baby camera, baby toy, baby blanket, baby bib, baby hat, baby shoes, baby socks, baby diaper, baby wipes, baby powder, baby lotion, baby cream, baby oil, baby sunscreen, baby insect repellent, baby first aid kit, baby travel kit, baby bag, baby stroller, baby walker, baby playpen, baby gate, baby monitor, baby camera, baby toy, baby blanket, baby bib, baby hat, baby shoes, baby socks, baby diaper, baby wipes, baby powder, baby lotion, baby cream, baby oil, baby sunscreen, baby insect repellent, baby first aid kit, baby travel kit, baby bag]



ENCANTOS DO SUL HOTEL • ENY
GRAMADO, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BRAZIL • 54-3286-9446
redeencantos.com.br

Located in Gramado, in Brazil's southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul, Encantos do Sul Hotel features comfortable accommodations, 24-hour reception, a charming garden, on-site dining, and a game room. The area is rich in green space and offers a plethora of activities, from hiking and boating to wine tasting, shopping, and golf. The city is also home to two theme parks — Mini Mundo and Santa's Village. Visitors will enjoy the stunning alpine scenery of this quaint and woody retreat.

Rua João Carniel
Gramado
Rio Grande do Sul 95670-000
Brazil
→ PORTO ALEGRE/POA
75M/121K
SUNDAY

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ENCANTOS LEXUS INGLESSES HOTEL • ENQ
FLORIANÓPOLIS, SANTA CATARINA, BRAZIL • 48-3269-2622
goldenhoteleventos.com.br

Located in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina's capital, Encantos Lexus Ingleses Hotel offers air-conditioned units with a TV and balcony. The resort features indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a restaurant, sauna, and hot tub, and is within walking distance to Ingleses Beach. Soak up the sun on the golden strands, or go surfing, bodyboarding, or stand-up paddleboarding in the warm waters. Other nearby activities include biking, boating, golf, and horseback riding. The resort is less than a one-hour drive from Hercílio Luz International Airport.

Rua Dom João Becker, 859
Florianópolis
Santa Catarina 88058-600
Brazil
→ FLORIANÓPOLIS/FLN
25M/40K
SUNDAY

39 [Icons: wheelchair, stroller, crib, baby high chair, baby cot, baby bed, baby changing table, baby bath, baby car seat, baby stroller, baby walker, baby playpen, baby gate, baby monitor, baby camera, baby toy, baby blanket, baby bib, baby hat, baby shoes, baby socks, baby diaper, baby wipes, baby powder, baby lotion, baby cream, baby oil, baby sunscreen, baby insect repellent, baby first aid kit, baby travel kit, baby bag]

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enjoy.cl

This modern resort overlooks the Andes Mountains in Mendoza, in the wine-producing region of Cuyo. Comfortable studio, one-, and two-bedroom units offer stunning views and have Wi-Fi, a flat-screen TV, custom-made bed, and minibar. Enjoy 24-hour room service and amenities that include a lobby bar, spa, indoor swimming pool, gym, and casino. Guest-paid parking is also available. Several wineries are nearby, and the more than 1,200-acre (500 hectares) General San Martín Park — home to a science museum, zoo, rose garden, stadium, and theater — is 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometers) from the resort.

Primitivo de la Reta 989
Mendoza, Mendoza
Argentina
→ MENDOZA/MDZ • 6M/10K
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY



MARRIOTT'S BALI NUSA DUA GARDENS • MBF
NUSA DUA, BALI, INDONESIA • 0361-301-3333
marriott.com

Marriott's Bali Nusa Dua Gardens is a tropical retreat that reflects the lively spirit and natural beauty of this Indonesian paradise. Accommodations are guest rooms and one- and two-bedroom apartments with kitchenettes, LED TVs, and free Wi-Fi. The spacious apartments offer the convenience of a living/dining area and washer/dryer. Relax at the lagoon pool, which has a lazy river, and enjoy access to amenities at the adjacent Courtyard by Marriott Bali Nusa Dua, including a spa, restaurant, and kids' club.

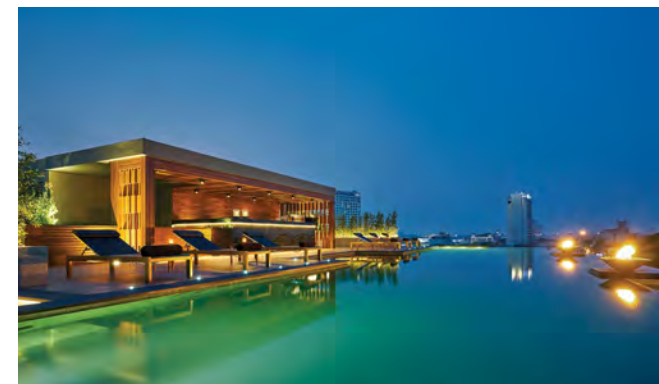
Kawasan Pariwisata Lot SW1
80363 Nusa Dua
Bali, Indonesia
→ DENPASAR BALI/DPS
8M/13K
MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
SATURDAY, SUNDAY



HOTEL DEL DESIERTO, ENJOY ANTOFAGASTA • ENB
ANTOFAGASTA, ANTOFAGASTA, CHILE • 22-7705180, 600-7006000
enjoy.cl/antofagasta

This desert oasis in the port city of Antofagasta, on Chile's northern coast, offers incredible views of the sea and ancient Huanchaca ruins. Accommodations are air-conditioned, and on-site amenities include an indoor/outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, world-class spa, bars, and restaurants. Enjoy live entertainment and try your luck at the casino without ever leaving the resort. Nearby, shopping malls and family-friendly beaches await — spend a day exploring the city or surfing the impressive Pacific waves.

Avenida Angamos 1455
Antofagasta, Antofagasta
Chile
→ ANTOFAGASTA/ANF • 16M/26K
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY



ANANTARA VACATION CLUB CHIANG MAI • ASD
CHIANG MAI, THAILAND • 053-253-333
anantaravacationclub.com

Anantara Vacation Club Chiang Mai provides a calm sanctuary for visitors to unwind in the heart of northern Thailand. The one- to two-bedroom suites feature modern amenities with subtle Thai touches, a spacious, naturally lit living room, and a fully equipped kitchen. Guests can relax by the rooftop pool, work out at the gym, and dine in one of the resort's restaurants. The bustling night bazaar is a 10-minute walk away.

Charoen Prathet Road
Muang, Chiang Mai 50100
Thailand
→ CHIANG MAI/CNX • 5M/8K
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
SUNDAY



ENJOY CONRAD • ENL
PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY • 424-91111
conrad.com.uy

This beachfront resort is located on Uruguay's southern coast, with views of the Atlantic Ocean. The colorful studio units have balconies (some with sea views), Wi-Fi, cable TV, and safes. Room service is available. On-site dining options include a European bistro, Mediterranean restaurant, and poolside bar. The resort has two tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, a gym, casino, nightclub, and spa with a sauna and variety of treatments. The Punta del Este Ralli Museum, the first of five operating in the world, is a 10-minute drive from the resort.

Playa Mansa Parada 4
Punta del Este, Maldonado
Uruguay
→ PUNTA DEL ESTE/PDP
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Manly, New South Wales 2095
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Nightly Average From \$109

Interval Platinum From **\$707 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$732 Per Week**

Beautiful weather, a thriving arts scene, and superb eateries are just a few reasons to visit this South Florida hotspot. Check out the colorful street murals in Wynwood, where artists from around the globe have made their mark. Restaurants range from fine dining to casual — and *very* casual, with numerous food trucks across the city serving a variety of delicious fares.



Southern Coast, England

FROM \$699 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$100

Interval Platinum From **\$649 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$674 Per Week**

Around 5,000 ponies roam New Forest National Park near Lymington, Hampshire, along with donkeys, deer, and a variety of other wildlife. Spot these charming locals while enjoying some of the park's activities, from walking and open-top bus tours to horseback riding, golfing, and canoeing. While the scenery alone is worth the trip, the area also offers museums, a steam railway, a theme park, and beautiful gardens.



Paris, France

FROM \$999 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$143

Interval Platinum From **\$949 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$974 Per Week**

Divine food, the finest art and fashion, and a rich history put the City of Light on the must-visit list of many travel enthusiasts. See the iconic Eiffel Tower, admire the Louvre's stunning collection of works, and shop and dine like a Parisian along the beautiful Champs-Élysées. Don't miss a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece dating to the 12th century.



Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico

FROM \$329 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$47

Interval Platinum From **\$279 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$304 Per Week**

Nuevo Vallarta offers plenty of ways to make a splash. Check out Aquaventuras Park, where you can enjoy exhilarating waterslides, and dolphin and sea lion encounters. Head over to the beach town of Bucerías and soak up the sun at Wibit Mex, an open-ocean water park featuring an inflatable obstacle course with trampolines, bridges, and tunnels.



Aruba

FROM \$799 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$115

Interval Platinum From **\$749 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$774 Per Week**

Go off the beaten path on a four-wheel-drive excursion with ABC Tours, located 15 minutes northwest of Oranjestad. See caves and rock formations while visiting a variety of strands, explore Arikok National Park, and spy diverse sea life while swimming and snorkeling in the island's natural pools.

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Branson, Missouri

FROM \$397 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$57

Interval Platinum From **\$347 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$372 Per Week**

There's a reason this Midwestern town is known as the Live Entertainment Capital of the World. There are comedy acts, magicians, variety performances, tribute bands, dinner theaters, country, rock, bluegrass, gospel — you get the idea. Interesting encounters — shrunken heads, celebrity wax statues — are plentiful, too. Branson has it all!



Myrtle Beach Area, South Carolina

FROM \$597 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$86

Interval Platinum From **\$547 Per Night**

Interval Gold From **\$572 Per Night**

The best way to spend your time in this coastal city is on the sand and in the waves. This Grand Strand hub boasts pristine shorelines, warm waters, and endless options for fun. Go tubing, paddleboarding, kayaking, waterskiing, and more with Island Adventure Watersports, or hang out on the beach for some low-key sun soaking and relaxation.



Eastern British Columbia, Canada

FROM \$387 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$56

Interval Platinum From **\$337 Per Night**

Interval Gold From **\$362 Per Night**

Mountain adventures await, and the season is right for river rafting. In Radium Hot Springs, Kootenay River Runners provides three rafting tours of varying lengths and thrill levels — from a family-friendly beginner route to continuous white-crested rapids. Enjoy the crisp air, feast your eyes on the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, and spot wildlife on the bank as you navigate the refreshing waters.



Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

FROM \$437 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$63

Interval Platinum From **\$387 Per Night**

Interval Gold From **\$412 Per Night**

Stroll along the Malecón, a half-mile-long seaside promenade, to experience the Pacific Coast town's history and culture. Here, you'll find restaurants, shops, galleries, monuments and sculptures (some made of sand), exciting nightlife, and the occasional living statue. Detour a couple blocks inland to The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, an architectural marvel and the town's spiritual center.

Kootenay River Runners



Palm Desert, California

FROM \$427 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$61

Interval Platinum From **\$377 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$402 Per Week**

Top-notch shopping and dining opportunities abound in the Coachella Valley, and outdoor activities are a sure thing. But if you're looking to roll the dice (and beat the desert heat), try your luck at one of the area's many casinos. Whether you prefer slots or table games, Spotlight 29 Casino and Augustine Casino are among the best.

Poconos, Pennsylvania

FROM \$437 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$63

Interval Platinum From **\$387 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$412 Per Week**

Explore Hickory Run State Park to experience the natural beauty of the Poconos. Hike the nearly mile-long trail to the base of the mighty Hawk Falls, or angle for abundant brown and brook trout in the park's lakes and streams. Don't miss the chance to walk across Boulder Field, a bed of rocks spanning 400 feet wide by 1,800 feet long, and a National Natural Landmark.

Indiana

FROM \$467 PER WEEK

Nightly Average From \$67

Interval Platinum From **\$417 Per Week**

Interval Gold From **\$442 Per Week**

Head to The South Bend Chocolate Company for a free tour of the factory, where you'll learn about the sweet treat, meet the cooks, and try a sample. Then browse the Chocolate Museum, which houses one of the world's largest collections of chocolate memorabilia. Don't leave without your own supply of take-home goodies.

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Jamaica*

FROM \$229 PER WEEK
Nightly Average From \$33

Interval Platinum From \$179 Per Week
Interval Gold From \$204 Per Week

Discover unique flora and meet tiny feathered friends at Barney's Flower & Hummingbird Garden Jamaica. Located in Negril, the tropical garden is home to several hummingbird species, including the world's second-smallest. Wander the colorful grounds as you interact with these busy birds. Afterward, stop by Rick's Cafe for authentic jerk favorites, seafood, and incredible sunset views.

*All-inclusive/meal-plan purchase is mandatory, it may be based on a 7-night stay and maximum occupancy.



Lake Tahoe, California

FROM \$427 PER WEEK
Nightly Average From \$61

Interval Platinum From \$377 Per Week
Interval Gold From \$402 Per Week

With mild summer temperatures, magnificent scenery, and a selection of championship courses, Lake Tahoe is a golfer's paradise. Play 18 holes at the Links at Squaw Creek and enjoy a spectacular view of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Or delight in the Lake Tahoe Golf Course, a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary committed to protecting the environment while offering an exceptional golfing experience.

Córdoba, Argentina

FROM \$397 PER WEEK
Nightly Average From \$57

Interval Platinum From \$347 Per Week
Interval Gold From \$372 Per Week

Córdoba charms with its striking history and architecture. Before venturing to your choice of museums, set your sight on the impressive Cathedral of Córdoba and the 18th-century Cabildo, the former colonial town hall. View the central monument — a renowned landmark — in Plaza San Martín, where fascinating exhibitions and performances often take place.

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TOUR OPERATOR: Collette

ITINERARY: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Muscat, Wadi Bani Khalid, Wahiba Sands, Nizwa, and Jabrin, Oman; Al Ain and Dubai, United Arab Emirates

WHAT'S INCLUDED: 10 nights of accommodations, 10 breakfasts, four lunches, five dinners

THE BEST OF

- Stand in awe of Abu Dhabi's opulent architecture at sites such as the Emirates Palace and Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Shop for the ultimate souvenir at Mutrah Souq, Oman's oldest bazaar.
- Contrast old traditions — highlighted at the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding — with Dubai's ultramodern cityscape, punctuated by the Burj Khalifa.

THE DRILL DOWN

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TOUR OPERATOR: CostSaver by Trafalgar

ITINERARY: Lima, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and Cusco, Peru

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Six nights of accommodations, six breakfasts, one lunch, four dinners, air-conditioned motor coach transportation, train transportation to Machu Picchu

THE BEST OF

- Check out Lima's most enchanting attractions, from Plaza Mayor to the catacombs at the Monastery of San Francisco.
- Investigate Machu Picchu — one of the new Seven Wonders of the World — in person.
- Survey a host of Incan landmarks, including Coricancha, called the Temple of the Sun, and a well-preserved ancient wall.

THE DRILL DOWN

- Encounter llamas, alpacas, and vicuñas at Awana Kancha, a living farm museum.
- Browse the Pisac Market for local handicrafts — weavings, jewelry, ceramics — and a range of fresh snacks.
- Imbibe the legendary brew of the Incas.

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7-Day Rome, Florence, and Venice VALID AUGUST – DECEMBER 2018 From \$999 per person

TOUR OPERATOR: Cosmos

ITINERARY: Rome, Florence, and Venice, Italy

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THE BEST OF

- Wander among Rome's masterpieces, from Vatican City's St. Peter's Square to the Colosseum and Roman Forum.
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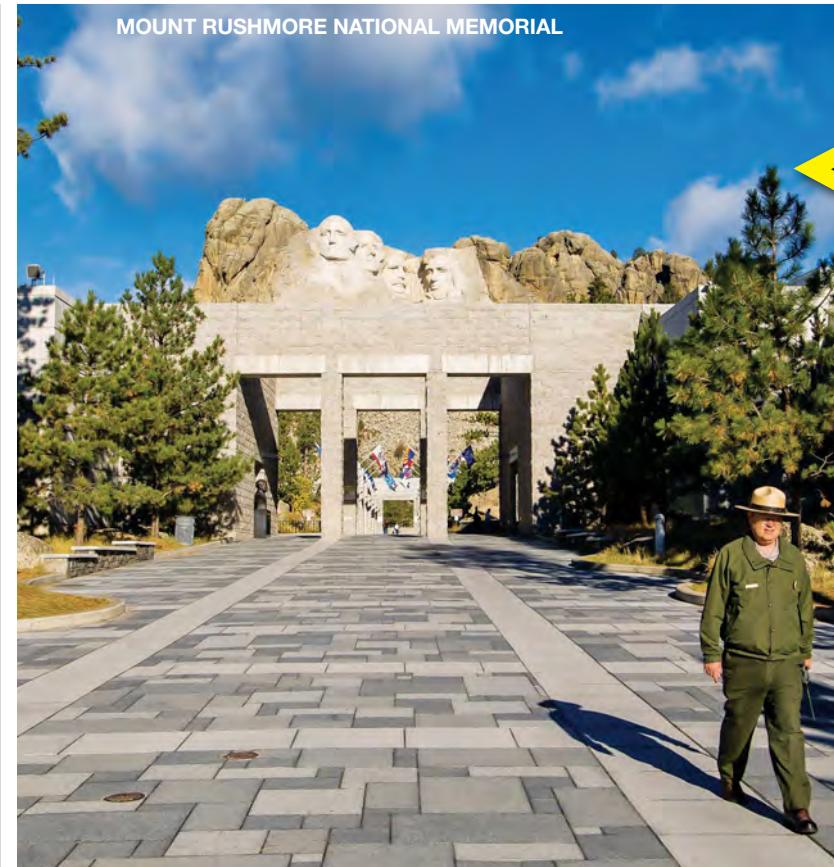
THE DRILL DOWN

- Absorb the pastoral vibe of Tuscany, and have someone snap the requisite photos of you "supporting" the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
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TOUR OPERATOR: Collette

ITINERARY: Rapid City, Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Badlands National Park, and Custer State Park, South Dakota

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Six nights of accommodations, six breakfasts, three dinners (including one Western dinner show)

THE BEST OF

- Marvel at majestic Mount Rushmore.
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THE DRILL DOWN

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7-Night Alaska From \$1,119

DATES: Aug. 25; Sept. 1, 2018

SHIP: *ms Nieuw Amsterdam*

ITINERARY: Vancouver, British Columbia; Inside Passage (cruising), Tracy Arm Inlet, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park (cruising), Ketchikan, and Inside Passage (cruising), Alaska; Vancouver

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$210 per person are additional.

Stunning scenery and pure wilderness beckon! Cruise alongside the steep cliffs, glaciers, and sprawling coastal woodland of Tracy Arm Inlet. Home to bears, moose, and majestic bald eagles, the area is part of the Tongass National Forest — the country's largest, spanning nearly 17 million acres. Admire the jaw-dropping landscape of Glacier Bay, where you can witness the formation of icebergs and see humpback whales spouting and spyhopping. In the salmon-fishing hub of Ketchikan, explore the culture of the native villages, where dancers perform and woodcarvers craft intricate totem poles. Then stroll the historic Creek Street for souvenirs and gold rush-era attractions.



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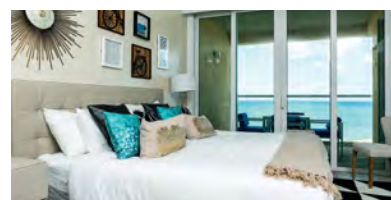
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7-Night Romantic Danube From \$3,399

DATE: Oct. 12, 2018

SHIP: *AmaViola*

ITINERARY: Vilshofen (overnight; embark) and Passau, Germany; Linz, Weissenkirchen, and Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary (overnight; disembark)

Discover Europe's most charming cities and villages on this delightful Danube River cruise. Explore Vilshofen's old town before cruising to Passau, the City of Three Rivers, with its picturesque waterfront and rolling hills. Join a city tour in Vienna for a visit to the Vienna State Opera, the former imperial palace, and the magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of Vienna's most famous landmarks. In Bratislava, sample traditional Slovakian cuisine and learn how to make stuffed potato ravioli. Top off your adventure in Budapest, where you can shop for souvenirs at Great Market Hall or hike up to Castle Hill for spectacular views of the city.



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7-Night Hawaii From \$1,749

DATES: Sept. 15; Oct. 6, 2018

SHIP: *Pride of America*

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

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$199 per person are additional.

Remarkable, unspoiled landscapes have earned the Aloha State its alternate nickname, the Paradise of the Pacific. Before setting sail from Honolulu, visit the historic sites of Pearl Harbor and the USS *Missouri*, and explore the beachfront neighborhood and popular surfing destination of Waikiki. On Maui, enjoy a ride along the scenic Hana Highway or laze the day away on a palm-fringed beach. Discover the more than 2,000 species of exotic tropical flora at Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden on the Big Island, or tour Hawaii Volcanoes National Park — home to Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. Kauai, the archipelago's oldest island, offers lush rain forest and dramatic mountains, and the opportunity to experience an authentic luau with traditional hula and fire dances.



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7-Night Canada and New England From \$949

DATES: Sept. 29; Oct. 13, 2018

SHIP: *Regal Princess*

ITINERARY: New York City, New York; Newport, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts; Bar Harbor, Maine; Saint John, New Brunswick (Bay of Fundy); Halifax, Nova Scotia; New York City

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$195 per person are additional. Based on an IF interior cabin. Onboard credit: \$50 per stateroom.

From big city lights to quaint coasts, this Canada and New England itinerary has it all. Visit New York City's iconic Times Square, and walk through Central Park and the lively Rockefeller Center. Follow the Freedom Trail in Boston to statues and monuments, the nation's oldest public park, and other famous historic sites. At the Bay of Fundy, off the coast of Saint John, experience the world's highest tides — which cause the Reversing Rapids phenomenon on the Saint John River — and marvel at the breathtaking cliffs and rock formations. The seafaring heritage of Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital, is centuries old; tour the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to explore the golden ages of sail and steam, and see *Titanic* memorabilia and various shipwreck treasures.



SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS



10-Night Asia From \$2,249

DATE: Nov. 26, 2018

SHIP: *Azamara Quest*

ITINERARY: Singapore; Koh Samui and Klong Toey (Bangkok; two overnights), Thailand; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (overnight); Singapore

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$117 per person are additional.

Delicious cuisine, white-sand beaches, and bustling markets await. In Singapore, feast your eyes on the ancient architecture of historic Chinatown, and view the world's largest orchid collection at Singapore Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After a day of cruising, relax on paradisiacal Koh Samui, where turquoise waters and coconut trees abound. See the revered 40-foot-tall Big Buddha, join an off-road excursion through the jungle to the mystical Secret Buddha Garden, or learn to cook traditional pad thai and chicken soup with coconut milk. Visit the ruins of Ayutthaya or browse the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market in Bangkok, where you'll find food, handicrafts, and other souvenirs. And in Ho Chi Minh City, embark on a riverboat tour to explore the local life and culture.





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5-Night Western Caribbean From \$588



DATES: Oct. 10; Oct. 24, 2018
SHIP: *Majesty of the Seas*
ITINERARY: Tampa and Key West, Florida; Havana, Cuba*; Cozumel, Mexico; Tampa

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$127 per person are additional.
*Cultural immersion experiences in Cuba require travel documentation. The cruise line will facilitate this process for guests.

7-Night Alaska From \$949



DATE: Aug. 26, 2018
SHIP: *Emerald Princess*
ITINERARY: Seattle, Washington; Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Inlet (cruising), Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$215 per person are additional.
Onboard credit: \$50 per stateroom.

7-Night Florida and Bahamas From \$649



DATES: Oct. 14; Oct. 21, 2018
SHIP: *Norwegian Escape*
ITINERARY: New York City, New York; Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida; Great Stirrup Cay and Nassau, Bahamas; New York City
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Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$179 per person are additional.

5-Night on the High Seas Baja From \$1,290



DATE: Oct. 14, 2018
SHIP: *Disney Wonder*
ITINERARY: San Diego, California; Cabo San Lucas and Ensenada, Mexico; San Diego

7-Night Mexican Riviera From \$609



DATES: July 28; Aug. 11, 2018
SHIP: *Carnival Splendor*
ITINERARY: Long Beach (Los Angeles), California; Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlán, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Long Beach

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$106 per person are additional.

10-Night Western Mediterranean From \$4,249



DATE: Sept. 24, 2018
SHIP: *Riviera*
ITINERARY: Civitavecchia (Rome; embark), Livorno (Florence, Pisa, and Tuscany), and La Spezia (Cinque Terre), Italy; Calvi (Corsica), France; Monte Carlo, Monaco; Antibes and Marseille (Provence), France; Roses, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, and Barcelona, Spain (disembark)

Based on a balcony stateroom.

8-Night Southern Caribbean From \$609



DATE: Sept. 15, 2018
SHIP: *Carnival Conquest*
ITINERARY: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Princess Cays, Bahamas; Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; Curaçao; Aruba; Fort Lauderdale

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$132 per person are additional.

7-Night Eastern Mediterranean From \$1,448



DATES: Aug. 26; Sept. 2, 2018
SHIP: *Costa Deliziosa*
ITINERARY: Venice and Bari, Italy; Corfu, Santorini, and Mykonos, Greece; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Venice

Taxes, fees, and port expenses of \$67 per person are additional.

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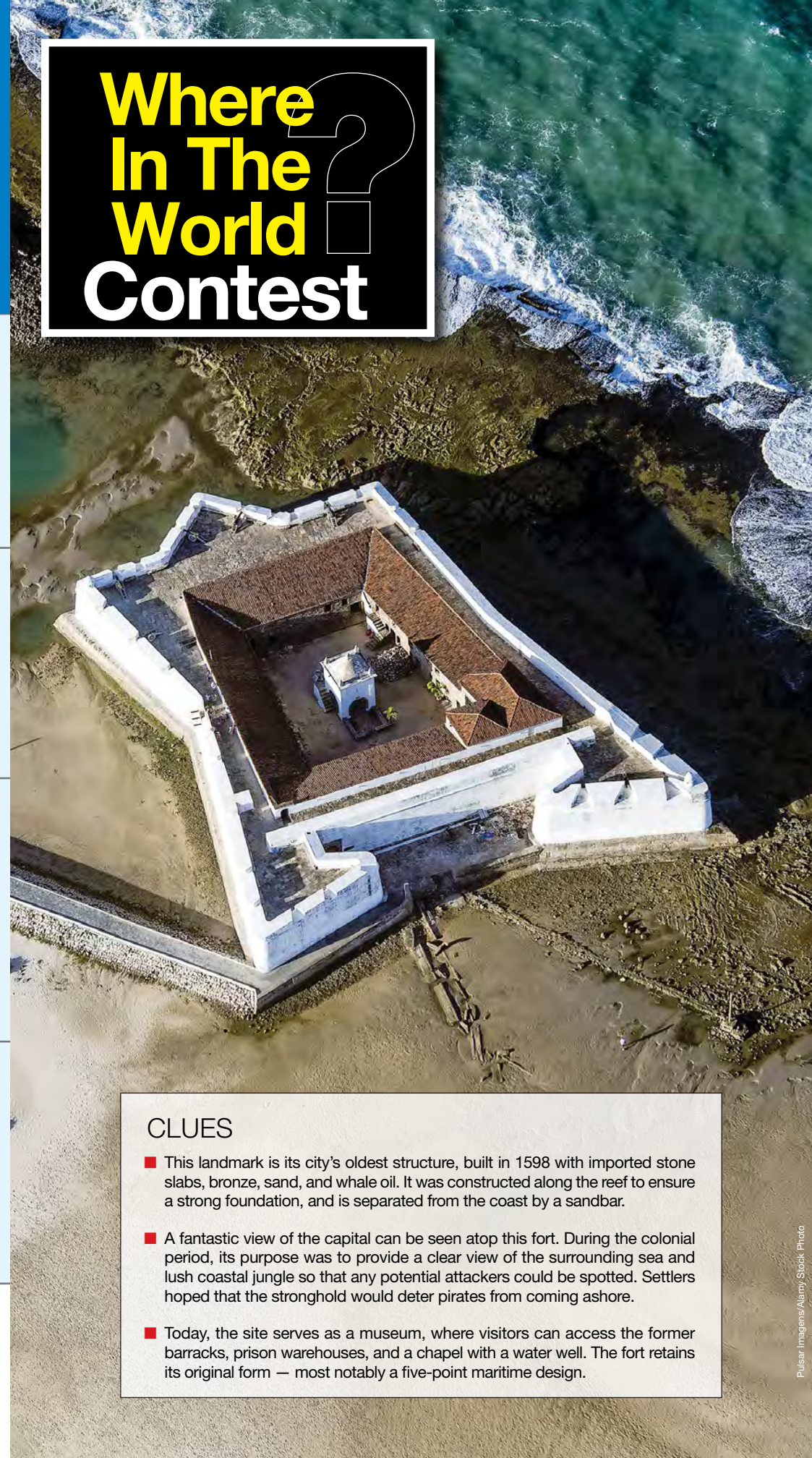
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The answer to Where in the World? in Issue 1, 2017, of *Interval World* is Roque Nublo on Gran Canaria, Canary Islands. The winners of the travel plug adapters with USB chargers are Kevin Hebl of Rolla, Missouri; Garry Kevitch of Angleton, Texas; Keith Roberts of Flagstaff, Arizona; Debra Perry of Pepperell, Massachusetts; Grace Gatmaitan of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Peggy Mason of Venice, Florida; Jennifer Huint of Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec; Ronald and Cynthia Matthews of Monroe, Michigan; Ines Flores of San Germán, Puerto Rico; and Alba Toman of Orange, California.

The answer to Where in the World? in Issue 2, 2017, of *Interval World* is Campo del Sole in Tuoro sul Trasimeno, Italy. The winners of the travel bags with fully adjustable shoulder straps are Mary Beth St. John of Collegeville, Pennsylvania; Maan Khalife of Corvallis, Oregon; Rhonda Ruterbusch of Flushing, Michigan; Michael Koveck of San Antonio, Texas; Michele Frangiosa of Norristown, Pennsylvania; Bruce Wolf of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts; Thomas Brown of Sparta, Wisconsin; Ariene Pyjar of El Cajon, California; Zachary Friedman of Omaha, Nebraska; and Susan Overstreet of Ridgecrest, California.



CLUES

- This landmark is its city's oldest structure, built in 1598 with imported stone slabs, bronze, sand, and whale oil. It was constructed along the reef to ensure a strong foundation, and is separated from the coast by a sandbar.
- A fantastic view of the capital can be seen atop this fort. During the colonial period, its purpose was to provide a clear view of the surrounding sea and lush coastal jungle so that any potential attackers could be spotted. Settlers hoped that the stronghold would deter pirates from coming ashore.
- Today, the site serves as a museum, where visitors can access the former barracks, prison warehouses, and a chapel with a water well. The fort retains its original form — most notably a five-point maritime design.

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AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT ARIZONA'S GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN



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The historic Apache Trail snakes 40 miles through the sweeping canyons and man-made desert lakes of Arizona's scenic backcountry. Along this mostly unpaved path, at the base of the Superstition Mountains, lies Goldfield, a former gold-mining town established in 1893, and known today as Goldfield Ghost Town. By the early 1900s, Goldfield's abundant mines and famous tales of the elusive Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine lured opportunists in the hopes of striking it rich. Local mines produced more than \$1.5 million worth of gold before their ore

quality eventually dropped and the miners moved on, leaving Goldfield a ghost town. Less than a one-hour drive from Interval's Phoenix-area resorts, the town has since been authentically reconstructed, bringing the early Wild West mining experience to life. Visitors can pan for gold, take a train ride along the narrow-gauge railway, and explore the underground mine. After touring the Mystery Shack, step into the saloon for a drink, saddle up at the stables, and enjoy a reenactment by the Goldfield Gunfighters.

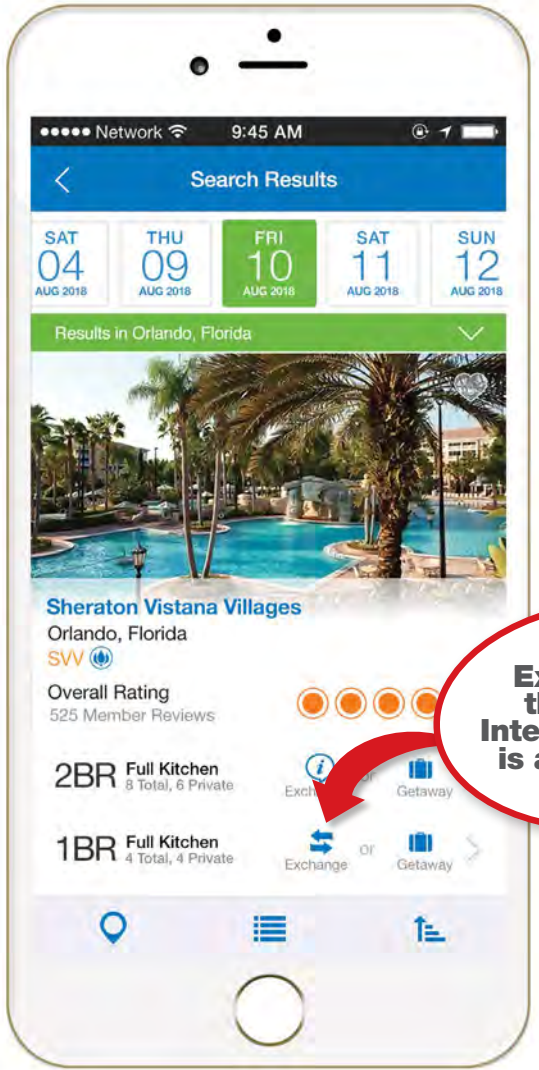
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