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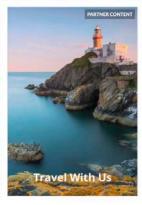












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As we launch the first issue of Club Traveler magazine in 2025, I'm excited to welcome Bluegreen Vacation Club Members to our flagship publication where we inspire our Members to "Dream. Plan. Go!" Since acquiring Bluegreen Vacations, we've expanded opportunities for memorable travel experiences, starting with the launch of HGV Max to Bluegreen Vacation Club Members in November 2024.

As chief customer officer, I feel both energized and humbled by my responsibility to serve Members like you. Across the company, our Team Members share this dedication, and it inspires our approach to hospitality every single day. You truly are at the heart of everything we do.

Looking ahead, HGV Max Members will start to have access to the expanded portfolio of HGV properties later in 2025. This milestone opens up remarkable properties across North America, including resorts such as Mill Springs Lodge in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and Bluegreen Odyssey DellsTM in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

One of my favorite events of the year is the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, which was held from January 30 to February 2 at the Lake Nona Golf & Country Club in Orlando, Florida. I always look forward to joining our Members in watching outstanding athletes compete, including Olympic gold medalist and HGV brand ambassador Lydia Ko. This event, and our other HGV Ultimate Access events, exemplify the spirit of excellence we strive to bring to every aspect of your vacation experience.

In this spirit, we've curated stories and images to inspire your next champion-caliber vacation in this issue of *Club Traveler*.

#### **Shore Thing**

Our cover story, "Coastline Confidential," will help you discover your perfect beach destination, from wildlife sanctuaries in Cape Cod to the glamorous French Riviera. With many of our properties located near popular beaches, you can choose between vibrant nightlife or serene wildlife watching — for a vacation that suits your style.

We're also excited to unveil a new section in our magazine, "The Wander List," dedicated to providing you with one bucket-list idea to cross off your list each issue. In our inaugural article, dive into an exhilarating experience swimming with whale sharks in Los Cabos, Mexico.

#### **Bear in Mind**

If you're a fan of the popular TV series The Bear, you'll savor our "48 Hours in Chicago" itinerary, featuring beloved restaurants and activities throughout the Windy City. For more culinary inspiration, this issue's "A Perfect Bite" showcases three gourmet restaurants with views as impressive as their menus — perfect for food enthusiasts like me who consider dining a crucial part of any vacation experience.

#### **Find Your Travel Inspiration**

Browse "One City, Five Ways: Phoenix," for a detailed guide to Arizona's vibrant capital, offering something for every type of traveler. For those interested in visiting the Sunshine State, enjoy a picture-perfect guide to affordable fun in the City Beautiful in "Postcard From Orlando." Want to elevate your travel planning? Check out "Dates for Your Diary." where we highlight must-attend events, festivals and seasonal attractions that will transform an ordinary trip into an extraordinary experience.

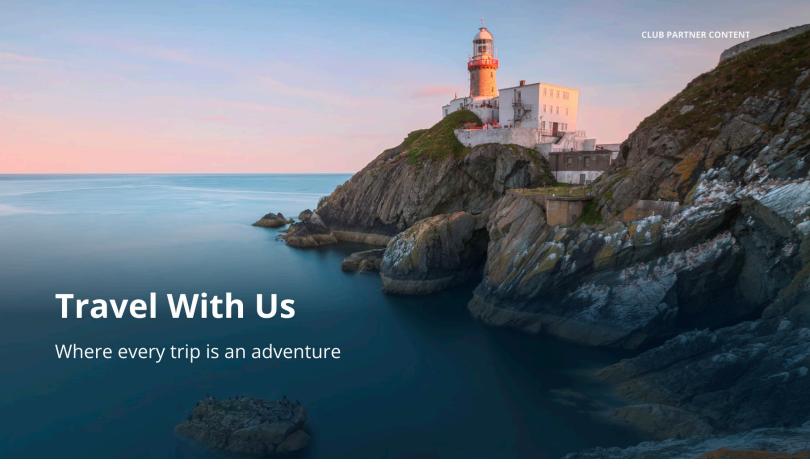
Finally, cultural enthusiasts will enjoy reading "<u>Travel Like an Art Collector</u>," which offers expert tips on experiencing the local art scene in any destination. Plus, we've curated a stylish packing guide featuring sunset-hued items in "<u>The Carry-On</u>" to ensure you're both fashionable and prepared for your adventure.

Whether you're a longtime reader or new to *Club Traveler*, we hope these features will inspire you to travel more and experience HGV's signature hospitality. Thank you for being part of the Hilton Grand Vacations family!

Happy journeys ahead,

Derek De Salvia

Executive Vice President & Chief Customer Officer Hilton Grand Vacations



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#### **Book Your Next Adventure**

Check out your Member website for more details about guided tours. Trips vary depending on membership.

Visit The Club Member Events or Bluegreen Owners Adventures to start!

#### **Guided Tours Program Availability**

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# ART Collector

Follow these expert tips to discover eyecatching art on your next trip

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Beyond the obvious blockbuster exhibitions, it can be hard to tap into local art scenes when visiting a new destination. Samantha Friedman, a curator in the department of drawings and prints at New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), and Bianca Bosker, journalist and author of The New York Times bestseller "Get the Picture," a deep dive into the art world, sat down with *Club Traveler* to share their tips for immersing yourself in all things art during your next vacation.





RESEARCH ART SCHOOL GRADUATION SHOWS OR OPEN STUDIO EVENTS WHERE YOU CAN MEET THE ARTISTS – YOU'RE LIKELY TO SEE ART THAT YOU CAN'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE

Bianca Bosker



# IDENTIFY THE BEST GALLERIES

"Find a city's gallery district and use it as a launchpad to explore. Also, look up local art curators on Instagram to see which galleries they follow and use that as a guide," advises Samantha. She also recommends seeking out alternative art spaces showing new work by emerging artists.

For Bianca, one trick is to search out lesser-known museums. "In Paris, for example, the Louvre is on many peoples' list but there are also incredible exhibitions of fine art and taxidermy at the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature."



# CHECK OUT TEMPORARY SHOWS

If a trip coincides with a key event on the global art calendar,
Samantha suggests choosing a quiet time to visit. "Art fairs and biennales are an exciting way to see a group of international galleries in one place. Also, visiting outside of the opening weekend can be more rewarding — you'll enjoy a more intimate experience with the art when the crowds thin out."

Bianca adds: "Research art school graduation shows or open studio events where you can meet the artists. Those are the kind of experiences where you're likely to see art that you can't find anywhere else."



#### MAKE THE MOST OF THE MAJOR MUSEUMS

"Museums have amazing programming so it's worth checking their events pages for upcoming talks, films or concerts," says

Samantha. "For instance, MoMA PS1 in Queens, New York, has a signature summer music series called Warm Up, with dance performances and DJs in the courtyard."

Bianca suggests being selective in what you see. "A lot of us feel we must visit every room of a museum to get our money's worth and that can be overwhelming. Instead, engage in slow looking. Find a piece that resonates and spend 15 minutes with it."

Dates for Your Diary

Plan your next vacation around these exciting events in the Hilton Grand Vacations resort network

#### APRIL/MAY

#### ● APRIL 19-27, 2025



#### NATIONAL PARK WEEK

When

April 19-27, 2025

Where

Across the United States

Why G.

National Park Week celebrates the more than 400 diverse natural spaces protected across the United States. One of those is the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which weaves some 2,190 miles from Maine down to Georgia. Pick a section and dip into the ridgeline treks in the White Mountains or summit North Carolina's Kuwohi (formerly Clingmans Dome), the highest peak on the trail.



Where T. Stry

South Mountain Resort, New Hampshire (pictured above) and Club Lodges at Trillium, North Carolina

#### APRIL 24-MAY 4, 2025



#### NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

When

April 24-May 4, 2025

Where

New Orleans, Louisiana

Why Gr

The Big Easy has music pulsing through it, from big brass bands to bluesy jazz beats. That's especially the case during the up-tempo annual Jazz Fest, which takes over Fair Grounds Race Course with a celebration of music, food and crafts. Catch NOLA-born jazz greats alongside the world's biggest artists like Santana, Pearl Jam and Kacey Musgraves (last year The Rolling Stones headlined), but also gospel choirs, second line parades and funk bands.



Where To Stay

<u>The Marquee</u> (pictured above) and <u>Bluegreen Club La Pension</u> TM

## MAY/JUNE

#### ■ MAY 16-18, 2025



#### **EDC LAS VEGAS**

When

Where

May 16-18, 2025

Las Vegas, Nevada

Why G.

When Las Vegas hosts a music festival, you know it's going to be bigger and bolder than anywhere else. Electric Daisy Carnival attracts over half a million dance music lovers over its three dazzling days of neon lights, immersive art and big-name DJs, which this year includes Tiësto, Martin Garrix and Armin van Buuren.



Where To Stay

Elara, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club (pictured above) and Polo Towers, a Hilton Vacation Club

#### MAY 22, 2025



#### EPIC UNIVERSE

When

Where

Opens May 22, 2025

Orlando, Florida

Why Gr

The opening of Universal Orlando's highly anticipated Epic Universe is major news for theme park lovers. The new attraction spans five worlds, starting with Celestial Park, where there will be a massive interactive fountain and dual-launch coaster, Stardust Racers. Venture on to discover favorites at Super Nintendo World<sup>TM</sup>, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter<sup>TM</sup> — Ministry of Magic<sup>TM</sup> and How to Train Your Dragon — Isle of Berk.



Where T. Stry

<u>Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club</u> (pictured above) and <u>The Fountains</u>

#### MAY 23-JUNE 8, 2025



#### SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

When Where

May 23-June 8, 2025 Charleston, South Carolina

Why Gr

Established by Italian-American composer Gian Carlo Menotti almost 50 years ago, the Spoleto Festival USA brings 17 days of classical concerts, opera and dance to charming Charleston. This year's lineup will include Owls, a world-famous quartet, and showcase the talents of the festival's composer-in-residence, Mahsa Vahdat, a singer and women's rights activist from Iran, who will premiere three new works.



Where To Stay

<u>Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club</u> (pictured above) and King 583

#### ● MAY 31 – JUNE 29, 2025



#### NOURISH WHISTLER WELLNESS SERIES

When Where

May 31-June 29, 2025 Whistler, British Columbia, Canada

Why G.

The beautiful Canadian ski resort is famous for its vast and varied terrain. But come in June, and the black runs are swapped for breathwork sessions with the month-long Nourish Whistler Wellness Series. Now in its second year, events might run from expert talks on gut health and tai chi classes to a summer solstice celebration.



Where T. Stry

Hilton Grand Vacations Club Whistler

## JUNE/JULY

#### ● JUNE 20-22, 2025



#### PARIS AIR SHOW

When

Where

June 20-22, 2025

Paris, France

Why Gr

The aviation world's biggest trade show, which touches down in the French capital every other year, isn't just for plane geeks. Three days of the week-long event are open to the public, allowing them to get up close to the aircraft of the future and see jaw-dropping flying displays.



Where T. Stay

Royal Regency Paris Vincennes

#### JULY 4, 2025



#### FOURTH OF JULY ON THE NATIONAL MALL

When

Where

July 4, 2025

Washington, D.C.

Why Gr

The nation's capital goes big on America's birthday celebrations. Kick-start July Fourth with the marching bands and giant balloons of the National Independence Day Parade along Constitution Avenue. Later, round it off with the spectacular firework display above the National Mall against D.C.'s iconic skyline of monuments and memorials.



Where To Stay

The District, a Hilton Club

#### ● JULY 12, 2025



#### **INVERNESS HIGHLAND GAMES**

When

Where

July 12, 2025

Inverness, Scotland

Why G.

This Highland fling sees the usual long jump and running races and raises them with what's known as the "heavies" events: caber tossing, Scots hammer throwing and the ultimate challenge, lifting the 252-lb Inverness Stonemason's Stone. There are also piping parades, Highland dancing and plenty of Scottish food and drink to sample at Inverness's Bught Park.



Where T. Stry

<u>Craigendarroch Suites, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club</u> (pictured above) and <u>The Kenmore Club</u> (both approximately two hours' drive away)

#### JULY 24-27, 2025



#### SAN DIEGO COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL

When

Where

July 24-27, 2025

San Diego, California

Why Gr

Where else could you see Gandalf greeting C-3PO or Batman noshing on a sandwich? San Diego Comic-Con unites well-dressed fandoms across the fantasy, sci-fi and superhero universes for four days of gaming demos, movie trailer releases, comic book announcements and, of course, costume competitions.



Where T. Stry

MarBrisa, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club (pictured above) and Grand Pacific Palisades Vacation Resort

#### **Member Resort Availability**

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Bluegreen Club La Pension™	<b>✓</b>	✓						
Club Lodges at Trillium*	<b>✓</b>	✓						
Craigendarroch Suites, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>
Elara, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		✓
Grand Pacific Palisades Vacation Resort			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
Hilton Grand Vacations Club Whistler*				<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
King 583	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		✓
Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
MarBrisa, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
Polo Towers, a Hilton Vacation Club				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		✓
Royal Regency Paris Vincennes				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
South Mountain Resort*	<b>✓</b>	✓						
The District, a Hilton Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>		✓
The Fountains	<b>√</b>	✓						
The Kenmore Club				<b>✓</b>	V	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
The Marquee	✓	<b>✓</b>						

<sup>\*</sup>Members should plan ahead to book at starred properties

# A Perfect Bite

Three great restaurants with stunning views









Order the Levantine pickles and cumin-spiced fries for a unique rooftop experience



Modern sharing bowls with New York City views are a standout experience at Laser Wolf in Brooklyn

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#### Laser Wolf in Brooklyn

The Hoxton Williamsburg, 97 Wythe Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249

#### Why Go

This rooftop restaurant is the ideal spot for sensational views of the Manhattan skyline and modern Levantine food cooked over a charcoal grill next to the bar. Inspired by a traditional Israeli shipudiya, a skewer house, co-founder Michael Solomonov (best known for his Philadelphia restaurant, Zahav) and his partners opened this Williamsburg restaurant in 2022.

#### What to Order

The fixed-price menu begins with hummus, pita and a selection of small salatim bowls to share at the table (a mix that could include, for instance, Yemenite pickles, roasted rutabaga and beets and carrots with lemon). Then come the meat and vegetable skewers: the chicken shishlik marinated in guava, onion, garlic and cardamom, and the Shawarma-spiced cauliflower, are both standouts. Dessert is brown sugar soft-serve ice cream.

#### Details

À la carte options worth paying extra for include dateharissa wings and cumin-spiced fries. Pair with an arak-based cocktail such as the Salty Lion, made from Bombay gin, arak, grapefruit, mint and salt.

**Where to Stay** 

Park, The Quin, a Hilton Club is conveniently located in Manhattan's vibrant Midtown neighborhood. Choose from spacious Studios and 1-Bedroom Suites with park and city views; it also has a gym and business center.



#### West End Social in Aspen

Aspen Meadows, 845 Meadows Road, Aspen, CO 81611

#### Why Go

Epic mountain scenery from the outdoor deck is the big draw at this classic American restaurant, set on 40 acres in Aspen's West End neighborhood. Redesigned in 2023, the interiors and artwork are influenced by the Bauhaus style of the late architect-artist Herbert Bayer. Chefs forage for ingredients like porcini mushrooms and spruce tips, grow edible flowers and use local suppliers, including Rogers Mesa Fruit and the Aspen Brewing Company.

#### What to Order

The dinner menu is split into sections: water (fish), flour and love (pasta), earth and sun (vegetables) and land (meat). Roasted elk loin, Colorado lamb and dryaged maple leaf duck are all signatures. The pasta — a seasonal gnocchi and tortellini — is a bestseller, as is the bison burger.

#### **Details**

There's an afternoon après menu (sweet and salty caviar bumps, served on olive oil gelato topped with Maldon salt, are a highlight) and "Martini Mondays" with special prices on martini-based drinks.







Foraged local ingredients and mountain views at West End Social

#### **Where to Stay**

Within walking distance of downtown Aspen, The Innsbruck Aspen has 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites and a concierge service that covers everything from valet ski storage to restaurant reservations. The pool and hot tub are ideal for relaxing after a day on the slopes.









Classic Italian dishes such as liver terrine have been on the menu at the traditional La Leggenda dei Frati for 20 years

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#### La Leggenda dei Frati in Florence

Costa San Giorgio 6/A, Florence, Italy

#### Why Go

This traditional Tuscan Michelin-recommended restaurant is housed in the former stables of the famed late Florentine art dealer and collector Stefano Bardini (now part of the Bardini Museum complex). Opened by chef-owners Filippo Saporito and Ombretta Giovannini in 2002, it has two intimate dining rooms and a terrace overlooking Florence's best-known landmarks including the Belvedere Fort, Palazzo Pitti and Santa Croce church.

#### What to Order

Options range from à la carte to the nine-course Grand Menu of the Friars. The restaurant is named after the legend of three inebriated friars who gathered in the abbey of Abbadia Isola to celebrate picking produce from their garden. The liver terrine, which is served with dried figs and pan co' Santi (a spiced fruit bread), has been part of the repertoire of dishes for over 20 years; barbecued beetroot with citronella and almonds is another staple.

#### **Details**

Plant-based, gluten-free and lactose-free tasting menus are available.

#### **Where to Stay**

An hour's drive from Florence, Borgo alle Vigne, a Hilton
Grand Vacations Club is located in the charming village of Selvatelle. All Suites have a living room, dining room and kitchen, and a terrace with Tuscan countryside views.



#### **Member Resort Availability**

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Borgo alle Vigne, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
The Innsbruck Aspen	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
The Quin, a Hilton Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>



# One City, Five Ways:

# Phoenix

Words: Emily Mathieson

Where desert landscapes meet urban sophistication, Phoenix combines an enticing mix of culture, outdoor adventure and a twist of the unexpected

Tucked in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, Phoenix deserves its image as a sun-drenched metropolis. But the dynamic city also defies expectations. From its rich Native American and Hispanic heritage to world-class outdoor adventures and luxurious retreats, Phoenix captures the spirit of the American Southwest.



Native American history is brought to life at the Heard Museum Image by Getty Images

#### For Museums and Culture

Phoenix's museums tell stories of the region's Indigenous peoples and artistic traditions. The <a href="Heard Museum">Heard Museum</a> is a must-do, offering an unparalleled journey through Native American history and art. Here, intricate exhibits illuminate the cultures of Southwest tribes, featuring everything from traditional pottery to contemporary art installations. A short drive away, the <a href="Sedav Va'aki Museum">Sedav Va'aki Museum</a> (previously the Pueblo Grande Museum) provides a deep dive into the archaeological legacy of the Hohokam people. Walking through the preserved archaeological site, visitors can explore prehistoric pit houses and intricate irrigation systems that reveal the ingenuity of early desert inhabitants. The nearby Roosevelt Row arts district offers a modern counterpoint, with galleries and street art that showcase the city's vibrant Hispanic and multicultural artistic scene.



Phoenix nights: Nature puts on a unique display *Image by Getty Images* 

#### For the Great Outdoors

The Sonoran Desert is a playground for adventure seekers and nature lovers alike. Hiking <u>Camelback Mountain</u> offers a challenging trek with breathtaking views of the Phoenix metropolitan area, while the <u>Desert Botanical Garden</u> provides a more leisurely exploration of the region's unique ecosystems. Spring brings a spectacular transformation, with wildflowers dotting the landscape in unexpected bursts of color. For those seeking a more elevated experience, hot-air balloon rides offer a magical perspective of the desert's vast beauty. Head up as the sun rises to witness the intricate tapestry of mountains, cacti and green spaces as your balloon drifts peacefully above them. Stargazing tours in the surrounding desert provide another otherworldly experience, with clear skies making for memorable celestial displays.

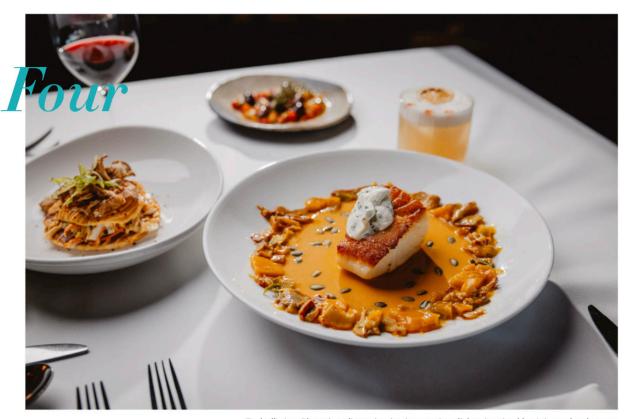


Castle Hot Springs is a soothing destination for desert relaxation

Image by Getty Images

#### For Wellness

The natural geography of this region lends itself to therapeutic experiences that combine the healing properties of mineral-rich waters with stunning desert landscapes. The <u>Castle Hot Springs Resort</u>, located about 50 miles northwest of Phoenix, dates to the late 1800s. This tranquil property offers three natural spring-fed pools with waters ranging in temperature, set against a stunning backdrop of the Bradshaw Mountains. A more affordable option is the <u>El Dorado Hot Springs</u> in Tonopah, which also has private soaking tubs.



Tarbell's is a Phoenix culinary institution serving dishes inspired by Arizona landscapes Image by Tarbell's

#### For Luxury

Sophisticated restaurants, high-end shopping and world-class golf resorts make Phoenix a big box-ticker for upscale experiences. Fashionistas will be spoiled for choice at the <u>Scottsdale Fashion Square</u>, a huge mall with over 200 stores including high-end retailers like Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Hermès, while golfers will not want to miss playing a round at <u>TPC Scottsdale</u>, home of the famous Stadium Course. Its iconic par-3, 16th hole is known as the "Coliseum" for its electrifying atmosphere during tournaments.

Culinary enthusiasts will appreciate <u>Tarbell's</u>, a James Beard Award-nominated restaurant that has been a cornerstone of the city's fine-dining scene for over two decades. Each dish tells a story of Arizona's culinary landscape, from wood-fired pizzas to carefully crafted seasonal entrées that highlight the region's diverse flavors. Top off the evening with a trip to <u>Floor 13</u>, a sophisticated but friendly rooftop bar serving unique locally inspired cocktails and a range of craft beers.



All ages can enjoy the animal encounters at the Phoenix Zoo Image by Getty Images

#### For Families

Phoenix is a treasure trove for family-friendly activities that are entertaining and accessible. The <a href="Phoenix Zoo">Phoenix Zoo</a> provides up-close encounters with diverse wildlife, while the <a href="Arizona Science Center">Arizona Science Center</a> has fascinating interactive exhibits that will spark curiosity in children and adults alike. The <a href="Musical Instrument Museum">Museum</a> offers a hands-on exploration of global musical traditions, allowing families to not just see but also play instruments from around the world. Add desert wildlife parks with immersive experiences that help children understand the delicate ecosystem of the Sonoran Desert and you can create memories that extend far beyond typical tourist experiences.

#### Where to Stay

Scottsdale Links Resort, a Hilton Vacation Club offers the perfect base for exploring, with spacious Suites blending modern comfort with Southwest-inspired design. Families will appreciate the multiple pools, barbecue areas and proximity to major attractions, while luxury travelers will enjoy the refined amenities and exceptional service.

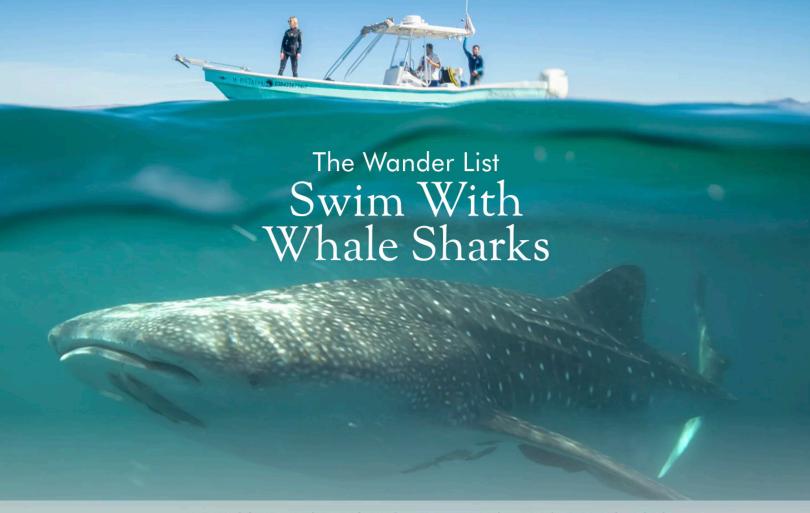
After a day of exploration, <u>Cibola Vista Resort & Spa</u> provides a chance for Guests to unwind on private balconies overlooking the desert landscape, whizz down a three-story waterslide or have a relaxing massage in the spa.



Check in to **Scottsdale Links Resort, a Hilton Vacation Club** for its wealth of activities and charming southwest style

#### **Member Resort Availability**

	Bluegreen Vacation Club	Bluegreen Vacation Club With HGV Max	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
Cibola Vista Resort & Spa	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>						
Scottsdale Links Resort, a Hilton Vacation Club				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	V		<b>✓</b>



Baja California is the perfect place to get up close and personal with the biggest fish on the planet

Words: Jonathan Thompson



As soon as the engine cuts, so does all conversation on our open boat. At the bow, a wiry lookout sits cross-legged, shielding his eyes against the tropical sun as he scans the waves. Then, without sound or ceremony, he suddenly slips into the water — just as an enormous dorsal fin breaks the surface. Baja California Sur, the sun-drenched golden arm hanging to the left of Mexico's torso, is one of the best places in the world to swim with the world's biggest fish: the whale shark. Between October and April every year, these behemoths traverse the calm and warm Sea of Cortez — a body of water so bountiful that French explorer Jacques Cousteau lovingly dubbed it "the world's aquarium."

The difference between this and an actual aquarium, of course, is that the whale sharks remain wild: gliding up and down the Baja peninsula while scooping up plankton via their enormous, open mouths. Rarely do these gentle deepsea leviathans come so close to shore, making this one of the most popular spots for tourists to swim with them.

Most whale shark tour operators are based out of the marina at <u>La Paz</u>, the region's charming capital. I sign up with one of the best, <u>Onboard Baja</u>, for my firsthand experience with these gentle giants.

After meeting my guides and fellow swimmers at the marina (each boat is restricted to five guests and the entire experience is pleasingly well-policed, to avoid unnecessary stress on the animals), I'm given a wetsuit, snorkel and flippers and we motor out toward the whale shark feeding grounds. It's a mere 20-minute ride from La Paz, but in that time, we stop twice at official checkpoints with our captain radioing ahead for permission to proceed.

Once we're in position, our spotter shuffles to the boat's tiny prow and our big fishing expedition begins. When a fin is sighted, he slips eel-like into the water and swims smoothly to the spot, raising one arm high in the air. Our job is then to reach him as quickly as possible, picking up the whale shark's slipstream en route like a surfer catching a wave.



It's natural human instinct to avoid enormous creatures (whale sharks can reach an incredible 60 feet), no matter how many times the logical part of your brain says it's safe. But whale sharks are famously passive and, once you've defused that primal instinct, the whole experience becomes very serene, very quickly. Essentially, it's about staying calm and maintaining pace for as long as possible: holding your position in what is basically the whale shark's armpit, in a manner not dissimilar to a toddler trying to catch a speeding double-decker bus. You don't need to be a good swimmer either; your flippers and the shark's natural wake do most of the work. All you need to do is keep up as best you can while avoiding the massive swishing tail.

As I swim alongside, I marvel at the giant's white-speckled body and an eager entourage of pilot fish, look deep into its fist-sized eye and wonder at both its palpable enormity and my insignificance. We maintain this synchronous, dreamlike flow for what feels like an hour, but is actually three to four minutes, before I'm finally left behind in the luminescent tide.

For the rest of our three hours, we repeat the same beautiful dance with these beasts of the deep — taking turns to swim in tandem with them for as long as we can, before returning to the boat and catching our breath, waiting for another opportunity at underwater companionship. The whole experience is both hypnotic and humbling.

#### Where to Stay

Baja California Sur is rightly celebrated for its beaches, seafood and reliable sunshine. Making La Pacifica Los Cabos, a Hilton Club or Cabo Azul, A Hilton Vacation Club your base gives you access to all of these, as well as the glitzy bars, restaurants and boutiques of Los Cabos. Both resorts have stunning oceanside settings with beach cabanas and stunning pools. Many of the stylish Suites have sea views, too.



Cabo Azul, a Hilton Vacation Club is a luxurious home away from home in Los Cabos

#### **Member Resort Availability**

	Bluegreen Vacation Club	Bluegreen Vacation Club With HGV Max	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
Cabo Azul, A Hilton Vacation Club				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
La Pacifica Los Cabos, a Hilton Club			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>



#### From peaceful shores to vibrant beach parties, discover a coastal destination for every type of traveler

Words: Fiona Tapp

The cooling ocean breeze, the sand beneath your feet and the salt in the air — these natural clues signal that you've reached the world's edge. Stop, take a moment and let the rhythm of the waves settle your thoughts. This is where the land meets the sea and, for a while, there's nothing more to do but sit, breathe and gaze out to the endless horizon.

Whether you find yourself atop dramatic coastal cliffs, walking along soft, expansive sandbars or relaxing beneath the shade of a parasol at a stylish seaside cafe, the coast always invites exploration. From the uncrowded, serene beaches of Kohala on Hawaii's Big Island to the lively, palm-lined streets of Miami's South Beach or the rugged coastal caves of Portugal's Algarve, these beaches are some of the best in the world and are as varied as they are breathtaking. Each offers something unique, whether peaceful solitude, natural wonders or vibrant energy.







# Beaches for Tranquility











#### Kohala Coast, Hawaii

Head to Hawaii's Big Island where you can avoid the crowds by staying in Kohala (first two images above). This stretch of coastline is known for its kaleidoscope of colors. Jet-black volcanic beaches in the Pololū Valley, red lava rock fields, lush green golf courses and the sugar-white sands of Hāpuna Beach are all surrounded by the deep blue waters of the Pacific Ocean. The vivid contrasts showcase the diverse and dramatic landscapes of the Big Island's stunning coastline.

Venture beyond the beach to explore the <u>Puako Petroglyph</u> <u>Archaeological Preserve</u>. This 223-acre site features over 3,000 ancient carvings of humans, turtles and canoes, believed to record significant life events. Head north from nearby Holoholokai Beach, wear sturdy shoes and imagine the ancient meanings and activities behind these fascinating lava rock etchings.

#### Tybee Island, Georgia

A 30-minute drive from historic Savannah, Tybee (last three images above) is one of Georgia's Barrier Islands and offers miles of peaceful shoreline where you can escape the everyday hustle. This quiet area is perfect for those seeking a slower pace, with expansive beaches framed by dunes and natural vegetation. The beaches are relatively undeveloped, making them ideal for long walks along the water's edge or watching the ebb and flow of the tides.

Nature trails wind through the island, providing plenty of opportunities to explore the coastal wildlife and birdwatch in the salt marshes. Tybee's laid-back community charm and peaceful ambiance make it an ideal place for relaxation. The island also features a rich history, from its Civil War-era forts to the iconic Tybee Island Lighthouse offering visitors a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage.

# Beaches for Nature











#### Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod (first two images above) is a classic coastal destination with miles of pristine beaches that welcome return visitors year after year. Each has its own character — from calm, sheltered bays to more dramatic stretches of sand facing the Atlantic Ocean. The Cape Cod National Seashore is a prime example of the area's natural beauty, with protected wilderness areas that are perfect for hiking, wildlife watching and beachcombing.

Families will find a range of nature-based discovery activities, from exploring the <u>Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary</u> to learning about local ecosystems at the <u>Cape Cod Museum of Natural History</u>. Cycle along scenic paths or take a boat tour to view seals and migratory birds. Cape Cod's slower pace and focus on nature make it a perfect spot to experience the raw beauty of New England's coastline.

#### Algarve, Portugal

Although it's a well-known and popular beach destination for Europeans, the Algarve (last three images above) still holds a few secrets. Many of the region's hidden beaches are remote and only accessible by boat or foot, providing a sense of wilderness that is hard to find elsewhere. The waters are clear and often calm, ideal for swimming or exploring the caves and grottoes that dot the coastline.

With its dry, Mediterranean climate, the Algarve is also home to diverse flora and fauna, making it a haven for nature lovers. Explore Ria Formosa Natural Park, where you can spot spoonbills, herons and turtles on the five-mile trail, or visit between October and March for a chance to see pink flamingos. For an up-close experience, you can take a guided birdwatching boat trip or rent a kayak to explore the marshes and backwaters.

## Beaches for Action











#### South Beach, Miami

By day, enjoy the beautiful stretches of soft, white sand and warm turquoise waters, perfect for beach volleyball, jet skiing or simply soaking it all in (first three images above). The area's Art Deco district adds a unique flair, with pastel-colored buildings and stylish cafes lining the streets. People watch along the strip or soak in the lively, everchanging atmosphere that defines this coastal hotspot. Shop at the Lincoln Road Shopping District, where you can find everything from high-end luxury boutiques to trendy shops offering the latest fashions.

As the sun sets, South Beach transforms with vibrant nightlife, music-filled bars and celebrity-studded restaurants. The nightlife here is legendary, with a mix of trendy clubs, rooftop lounges and intimate spots to enjoy live music. Whether you're looking to dance the night away or sip cocktails by the beach, South Beach offers a blend of sun, sand and nonstop action in one of the world's most famous coastal destinations.

#### French Riviera

Synonymous with glamor, the French Riviera (Côte d'Azur in French) and its beaches (last two images above) are known for sophisticated resorts, chic harbors, upscale restaurants and designer boutiques. This stretch of coastline attracts those seeking both luxury and action.

Beachside cities like Nice, Saint-Tropez and Cannes stand out for their unique mix of historic character and contemporary style. The atmosphere is always buzzing, whether you're sipping rosé at a beachfront cafe or enjoying gourmet dining at one of the glamorous restaurants along the shore. In Cannes, the beachside bars and highend shops add to the allure for those looking to see and be seen. Relax in luxury at one of the region's exclusive <u>private beaches</u>, where visitors enjoy attentive service away from the crowds, complete with gourmet dining, cocktails and views of the Mediterranean coastline.

#### Where to Stay

# Beaches for Tranquility

#### Kohala Coast, Hawaii



At Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club you can choose from 1- to 3-Bedroom Suites all with private lanais, full kitchens and spacious living and dining areas. Kids will enjoy the recreation room and splashing in the super pool, while the adults can try their hand at one of the three golf courses.

#### Tybee Island, Georgia



The Studio Homes at Ellis Square in downtown
Savannah offer the perfect blend of urban convenience and easy access to Tybee Island's beaches, ideal for day trips. Choose from 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites or Presidential Suites, all featuring designer kitchens, high ceilings and spacious living areas.

## Beaches for Nature

#### Cape Cod, Massachusetts



The Breakers Resort and The Soundings Seaside Resort (left) are located next to each other in the popular village of Dennis Port on Nantucket Sound. They each have cozy Studios and 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites as well as access to a private beach, indoor and outdoor pools and barbecue grills.

#### Algarve, Portugal



Located within the Quinta do Lago golf resort, Vilar do Golf offers spacious 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites with kitchenettes and outdoor terraces. Guests can enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, spa, hiking, biking and golf on the Quinta do Lago resort's championship course.

# Beaches for Action

#### South Beach, Miami



The boutique-style

Crescent on South Beach,
a Hilton Vacation Club

(left) is located in the heart
of Miami's Art Deco district
and has spacious 1- and 2Bedroom Suites with fully
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#### French Riviera



Le Club Mougins, located 15 minutes from Cannes and the Côte d'Azur beaches, offers spacious Studio to 3-Bedroom Suites with fully equipped kitchens. Enjoy amenities like a fitness center, outdoor pool, tennis courts and mini golf at this ideal base for a French Riviera getaway.

#### **Member Resort Availability**

	Bluegreen Vacation Club	Bluegreen Vacation Club With HGV Max	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
The Breakers Resort	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>						
Crescent on South Beach, a Hilton Vacation Club				<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>		<b>✓</b>
Le Club Mougins				<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		<b>✓</b>
Solara Surfside™	<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>						
The Soundings Seaside Resort	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
The Studio Homes at Ellis Square	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>						
Vilar do Golf				<b>✓</b>	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>

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Take a break from long lines and big price tags with our photo guide to fun new places to discover in the City Beautiful

Words: Alexandra Owens Photography: Steven Diaz

We all love Disney and Universal for the magical experiences they create. And it's possible to experience Orlando's magic outside the theme parks, too. Across the city, you'll find neighborhoods and popular destinations overflowing with affordable fun. Here are some to consider for your next vacation.









Visitors to the area can get a taste of Disney for less at The Cake Bake Shop, located at Disney's BoardWalk. The whimsical bakery and restaurant serves up a charming array of homemade sweets like French macarons, cookie dough cake and snickerdoodle cheesecake bars. After indulging in these sweet treats, take a leisurely stroll around the complex's waterside promenade, browse eclectic boutiques and relish the festive atmosphere.







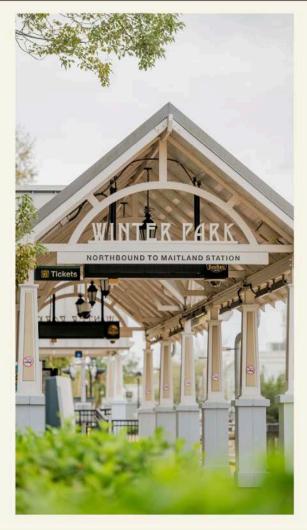
Nearby, Disney Springs is another enchanting destination where travelers can enter without a ticket. Explore its unique mix of shops, entertainment and dining options, including Gideon's Bakehouse, known for its decadent "almost half-pound" cookies (with a second location in East End Market, below).







Also in this area you can discover Art Walk: A Canvas of Expression, an outdoor gallery showcasing the work of local and international artists, or take a ride in the world's largest hand-painted helium balloon.













In Winter Park — a neighborhood celebrated for its natural beauty, you can bring home a one-of-a-kind souvenir from Winter Park's Adjectives Market. This furniture gallery is packed with funky and hand-made pieces from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Fashion lovers can stop by Tuni, which sells a curated selection of the latest trends from brand-name and emerging designers.



Before leaving the neighborhood, swing by the Winter Park Farmers' Market, which takes place every Saturday in Central Park West Meadow. There, you can purchase a range of locally made goods, from honey and coffee to candles and flowers.













Winter Park is also famous for its stylish downtown and thriving restaurant scene. Check out one of the latest hotspots, Ômo by Jônt, a Japanese-inspired tasting counter from Michelin-starred chef Ryan Ratino. Afterward, sip some fine bubbly — much of which is available by the glass — at Flûtes Champagne Bar.









Trade rollercoasters and log flumes for a different kind of ride. Cruise through the area's stunning lakes and Venetian-like canals on a guided kayak or boat tour while spotting wildlife like alligators and cranes.













The East End Market is Orlando's culinary hub. Locals rave about the ramen and wings at Domu, which has a second location in the Dr. Phillips area, and the handmade cookies at Gideon's.









Meanwhile, retro gamers will appreciate Arcade Monsters, a kid-friendly bar and restaurant on International Drive with over 16,000 square feet of space for gaming, dining, shopping and exhibits. Its selection of pinball, classic and rhythm games is unmatched, and many offer unlimited free play:







Just south of downtown Orlando, International Drive has become one of the city's top sites for entertainment. ICON Park, a 20-acre, open-air amusement district, provides fun for all ages and over 20 dining options with vibrant cuisines from around the world. Dig into Mediterranean flavors including Cyprus meatballs, calamari and baked Brie at Helena Modern Riviera.







Don't miss the fantastic views from the 400-foot-tall Observation Wheel and the laid-back vibes as you stroll the pedestrianized lanes.

Take time to admire Orlando's many murals painted by local artists. From playful flamingos to tributes to Florida oranges, they're a great way to soak up the creative spirit of the City Beautiful.



#### Where to Stay

Located just minutes away from the major theme parks, Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club provides a peaceful escape where you can unwind away from the action, enjoying elegant accommodations featuring floor-to-ceiling windows and a spectacular pool with private cabanas. Orlando's Sunshine Resort ™ has recently renovated, villa-style accommodations within lush tropical grounds and a great activities program for younger visitors. Families will discover plenty of space in the multi-bedroom Suites at SeaWorld® Orlando, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club which also offers quick-queue access and behind-the-scenes opportunities.



Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club offers fun in the sun for families visiting Orlando

#### **Member Resort Availability**

	Bluegreen Vacation Club	Bluegreen Vacation Club With HGV Max	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
Orlando's Sunshine Resort™	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>						
Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
SeaWorld® Orlando, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>		~



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#### **Destination Xchange Program Availability**

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# **NEW DAWN**

Get ready for spring travels with these sunrise-inspired essentials



#### Yop & Tom A5 Sunset Journeys Travel Planner \$24.99 / £19.99 / €22.99

Plot out your 2025 trips with this handy travel planner. Sectioned out to organize seven vacations, there is space for travel logistics, tracking budgets, journaling and pages to add photos, museum tickets and other keepsakes. More than just a notebook, there are also tailored packing lists and time zone maps to keep you on track on the go.



#### Bask Sheer Moisturizing Sunscreen \$22 / £18 / €22

This super-lightweight, high-protection SPF50 lotion is everything you want from a sunscreen: non-sticky, deeply-moisturizing, with a retrovacation scent of coconut and vanilla. It goes on white before drying without a trace, but Bask's impact leaves a mark: 10% of sales proceeds and thousands of sunscreens are donated to nonprofit partners through the Skin Protection Foundation.



#### Tangerine Pickleball Paddle \$85

Move over tennis; pickleball is the hottest sport in town right now. A cross between tennis, badminton and pingpong, pickleball is played using a plastic wiffle ball and short-handled paddles on a small court. Taylor Swift and Leonardo DiCaprio are fans. Have a little dink with this desert-inspired design.



#### Instax Mini Link 3 Smartphone Printer \$99.95 / £114.99 / €96

Turn any smartphone into an Instax instant camera with this cute portable printer. The clever editing app lets you add backgrounds, confetti, sprinkles and spotlight effects, and print wirelessly straight from your camera roll or social media account.



#### Joonbyrd Little Love Nourishing Body Lotion \$72 / £66

Founded by New York-born, London-based dermatologist Dr. Alexis Granite, Joonbyrd's hand and body products are seriously scientific and playfully joyful, full of hardworking actives and laced with uplifting scents. This vanilla-y, refillable body lotion is the dream travel companion, formulated to be deeply replenishing for sunparched skin.



# Passenger Cabin Recycled Sherpa Blanket in Cornflower \$104.95 / £89.95 / €100

Even the sunniest spring days can turn chilly after dark, and this Sherpa fleece-lined blanket is a road trip or camping must-have. Sling over your knees while stargazing, wrap yourself up around the fire or huddle under it in your tent. The blanket also handily packs away into its own pouch or can be folded in half and fastened for a makeshift sleeping bag.



#### Kind Bag Pouches \$34 / £23

Kind by name and kind by nature, this bag company makes its color-pop designs from 100% recycled plastic bottles (some 1 million to date). This set of three pretty pouches injects a bit of fun into packing with pastel wavy check designs, and each has a handy loop to hook up and keep bathroom sinks clear of make-up and toiletries.



# TBCo Cashmere and Merino Tipped Socks \$16 US / £11.95 / €14.40

A pair of warm yet goodlooking socks are a carry-on essential for long-haul travels. Edinburgh-based brand TBCo knows how to do cozy with their modern tartan blankets, scarves and hoods. These cashmere and merino socks are designed to combine warmth with the breathability of natural fibers, for fresh feet for the whole flight.





#### Hair Gain Wide Tooth Comb Sv \$16 / £11.95 / €14.40

This biodegradable wide-tooth comb is just the ticket for unknotting sea-salty hair or working through a nourishing leave-in conditioning mask after a day in the pool. Made by hair loss experts Hair Gain, it's designed to go gentle on even the unruliest tangles and whatever vacation humidity can throw at it.

#### Swatch Matisse's Snail Watch \$100 / £86 / €105

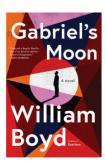
Swatch's color-pop watches draw inspiration from pastel candies to 80s neon graphics. For its art series, the Swiss brand turns iconic paintings into tiny wearable works of art for your wrist — from Roy Lichtenstein's comic-book pop art to this one, Matisse's collage work, The Snail.



# Business & Pleasure Co. The Premium Cooler Tote Bag in Riviera Pink

\$119 / £79 / €116.95

Beach kit favorites Business & Pleasure Co. are known for their fringed vintage-inspired sun umbrellas. This chic picnic cooler is no less nostalgic and lovely, with durable leather handles, a pretty scalloped design and a painterly patterned interior. Perfect for a day at the beach or a trip to the park.



#### Gabriel's Moon by William Boyd \$28 / £20 / €24

British author William Boyd has written a string of globetrotting, award-winning books (Any Human Heart, A Good Man in Africa), and even his own James Bond thriller (Solo). His latest novel is also set among spies, following travel writer Gabriel Dax as he is drawn into the shady world of Cold War espionage.



Words: Elaine Glusac Illustrations: Michael Driver

The best of Chicago — from modern art and architecture to lakeside parks and restaurants made famous on the streaming series *The Bear* — rounds out this perfect two-day guide to the Windy City



### Day one 10 A.M.

The Impressionism collection alone could consume hours at the Art Institute of Chicago. But after paying homage to Monet, seek out the quirkier corners of the encyclopedic museum, including the Thorne Miniature Rooms devoted to meticulous architectural models from Gothic to modern styles in dollhouse proportions.



#### 12 P.M.

Join the throngs in snapping funhouse selfies and cityscapes in the mirrored surface of Cloud Gate, the kidney-bean-shaped icon of Millennium Park popularly known as "The Bean." Sculptor Anish Kapoor's crowd favorite is newly accessible after a renovation of the plaza supporting the 110-ton landmark.



Chicago's beloved Italian beef sandwiches shot to stardom with the Emmy-winning TV series *The Bear* — poised for a season 4 drop this summer — modeled on River North's humble sandwich shop Mr. Beef. Fans line up for the two-fisted shaved beef subs topped with sweet or hot peppers. Order one dry, wet or dipped for varying amounts of cooking juice — and a delicious mess.



#### 3 P.M.

Work off lunch along Chicago's

18-mile Lakefront Trail. The
paved path follows the Lake
Michigan shore, stringing
together lively beaches, parks
and attractions like the Lincoln
Park Zoo, set against the
backdrop of the city's stunning
skyline. Rental bikes are readily
available through the city's Divyy
shared bike system.

#### 7 P.M.

Gussy up for a meal that's a feast for both the eyes and the appetite at Ever. Chef Curtis Duffy's creative two-Michelin-starred spot plays the world's best restaurant in *The Bear* and, in real life, serves eight- to 10-course tasting menus. Its sibling cocktail lounge After invites lingering post-dessert.



# Day two 9 A.M.

Caffeinate in style at the street-art-filled Sawada Coffee in the restaurant-centric West Loop. Founded in partnership with the famed Japanese latte artist Hiroshi Sawada, the industrial-chic coffee shop specializes in east-meets-west matcha lattes alongside treats like buttermilk donuts and rainbow sprinkle cookies.



#### 10 A.M.

Among Chicago's 77 official neighborhoods, take a trip south to historic Hyde Park, home to the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry.— originally constructed for the 1893 World's Fair — the neo-Gothic campus of the University of Chicago and the Prairie School architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright. Tour Wright's campusadjacent Robie House with signature leaded-glass windows and cantilevered eaves (the tour is included with the Go City Pass/Card available to HGVClub Members).



#### 12 P.M.

President Barack Obama got his political start here and dined so often at Hyde Park's 1921-vintage restaurant Valois that the menu includes a list of his favorite foods. Convivial and delicious, the old-school cafeteria has a strong following for substantial daily specials like baked chicken, macaroni and cheese and hamburger steak with onions.



Valois anchors the east end of 53rd Street, the neighborhood's bustling retail district, where you can peruse bins full of vinyl at Hyde Park Records. Along the way don't miss the Silver Room for gifts, accessories and community events like tango lessons, and Suuri Design for jewelry and locally made body care products.



#### 7 P.M.

You can't leave Chicago without sampling its marquee culinary invention: deep-dish pizza.

Pizzeria Uno and Lou Malnati's squabble over who first created the inches-high pie loaded with cheese, but locals love Pequod's Pizza for its caramelized crusts, as proven by its season 2 cameo in, of course, The Bear.

#### Where to Stay

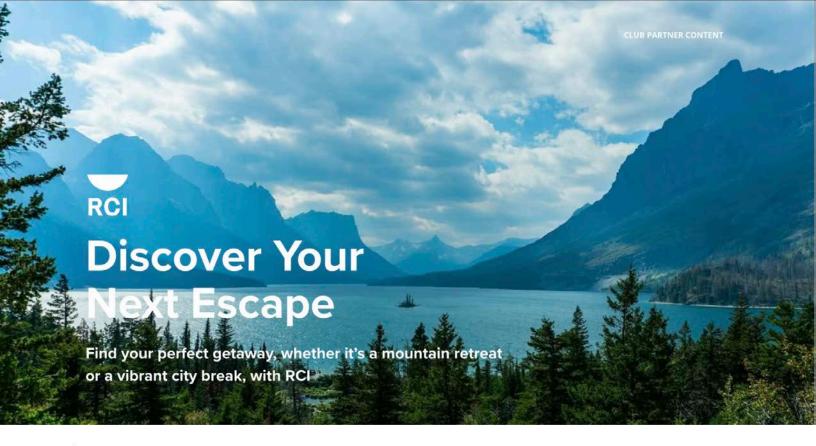
Located on downtown Michigan Avenue, Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club puts Guests in the center of city life with attractions like Navy Pier and Lake Michigan just blocks away. Take time to admire the views from the fifth-floor outdoor pool deck or refuel over flatbreads and Illinois-made craft beers at the casual HotHouse cafe. Also on the east side of the city near Grant Park is Hotel Blake which also has stunning city views. Make use of the business center or state-of the-art gym, or just kick back and relax in stylish Suites that include sofas, wet bars and mini-fridges for downtime done right.



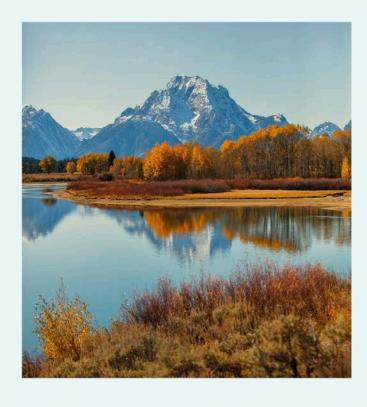
**Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club** is at the heart of the city

#### **Member Resort Availability**

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Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club			V	<b>~</b>		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
Hotel Blake	V	<b>✓</b>						



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## (C) Adventure Awaits at Glacier National Park

Carved out by prehistoric ice rivers, Glacier National Park features numerous unique geological features, from soaring peaks to turquoise lakes and more.

Looking for a breathtaking view? Drive along the Going-to-the-Sun Road, a scenic route engineered to blend in with its mountain backdrop. This 50-mile highway spans the width of Glacier National Park ultimately crossing the Continental Divide. Along the highway, you'll experience just about every type of terrain. You'll want to be certain to travel in both directions since the view from one side of the road is completely different from the other.

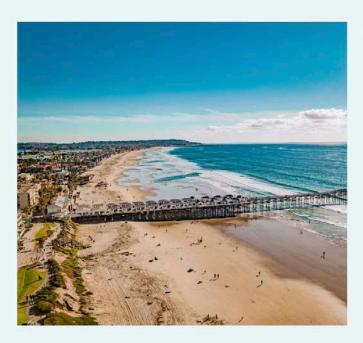
Don't pass on visiting nearby Whitefish, Montana, a charming mountain town named one of the "Top 25 Ski Towns in the World" by National Geographic. From their local shops and eateries to endless adventures, Whitefish is a playground you won't soon forget.

# Discover Savannah's Southern Elegance

With its late 19th-century architecture, moss-draped trees and energetic atmosphere, Georgia's most enchanting city offers a journey through history and hospitality. Savannah's historic district is a living museum — Forsyth Park, with its iconic fountain and centuries-old oak trees, serves as the heart of the city's historic charm which you can also see along its streets of neoclassical mansions.

The culinary scene here is a celebration of creative classics and seasonal ingredients. River Street buzzes with vibrant restaurants offering everything from traditional Gullah cuisine to innovative Southern dining. The famous Leopold's Ice Cream, a Savannah institution since 1919, provides a sweet taste of the city's enduring traditions.







With consistently perfect weather, San Diego is the destination that is always in season. From energetic nightlife to golden beaches, San Diego meshes the perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

Balboa Park is one of the city's must-see attractions. It features 1,200 acres of gardens, museums and the famous San Diego Zoo. Want to get into the food scene? San Diego's diverse, rich culture brings the dining scene to life with a restaurant for every taste and budget.

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