# CLUB TRANEELER SPRING 2022

# Rediscover Travel See your favorite destinations with fresh eyes

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## TRAVELER



## Welcome from Stan Soroka

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Cover Illustration Muti Dear Club Members,

Welcome to the first 2022 issue of *Club Traveler* magazine! The gradual easing of border restrictions makes this an exciting time to start thinking about future travel possibilities. With that in mind, we invite you to "Rediscover Travel" in 2022 with our spring cover story. Whether it's going off the beaten path to discover novel experiences or revisiting beloved spots, we hope this article will give you new reasons to explore some of your favorite destinations including Orlando, Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach and Hawaii.

### **Integration Update and New Programs**

The arrival of a new year brings new changes, including the launch of two programs – **HGV Max** and **HGV Ultimate Access** – as part of our phased, multi-year efforts to integrate Diamond Resorts.

**HGV Max** offers you more ways to get away and adds new perks to the great benefits you're used to as an HGV Club Member. From complimentary self-service and phone reservations to an expanded property portfolio of more than 80 new properties delivered later this year, this new membership program enables you to expand your travel horizons even further.

**HGV Ultimate Access** is a curated collection of exceptional experiences that include:

- HGV Live! – Get front-row access to intimate, world-class performances from musical artists to engaging shows arranged just for you in a private setting.

- HGV Members Table – Share unique culinary experiences and great conversations with fellow Members. - HGV Presents – Attend popular sporting events with celebrated athletes, including the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions.

More information about these exciting new programs can be found in The Clubhouse section of this issue.

We continue to move forward with other efforts to integrate Diamond Resorts. To that end, your Points were recently increased by 60% to create a consistent, simplified Points scale across all Club programs, which will allow us to operate a centralized reservation system in the future. To learn more about the Points adjustment, visit **my.hgv.com/points-adjustment**.

## **Find Your Inspiration**

This issue is packed with travel stories and tips for your future vacations. Our second feature story, "The Bigger Picture," explores New York City's thriving art scene. Our new interactive section, "Dates for Your Diary," is designed to help you plan your travel calendar. And "Chicago: One City, Five Ways" takes a deep dive into the Windy City's diverse eats, nightlife and more.

I hope this issue of *Club Traveler* will inspire you to "Rediscover Travel." Here's to a great year filled with incredible adventures and travel memories.

Happy travels,

Stan Soroka Executive Vice President & Chief Customer Officer





## <u>La Pacifica Los Cabos,</u> <u>a Hilton Club</u>

Carretera Transpeninsular Km 19.5, Tourist Corridor, Cabo San Lucas

Forget cocktails by the pool – at La Pacifica Los Cabos, a Hilton Club in Mexico, you can sip on a freshly shaken martini or margarita without even leaving the water, thanks to the resort's two swim-up bars. In fact, it's currently the only Hilton Grand Vacations property to feature swimup bars, making it ideal for sunseekers craving the ultimate pool vacation.

Beyond the water, there's plenty else to see and do within the resort. Work up a sweat at the fitness center, tuck into a sumptuous meal at one of the seven food and beverage outlets or enjoy some downtime at the fullservice spa and salon. Of course, you can simply relax in your spacious studio or suite, which comes with a private balcony or terrace for widescreen sea views.

## **Headline Attractions**

For a vacation to remember, plan ahead and book a stay at one of these resorts with highly distinctive features



Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club 69-699 Waikoloa Beach Drive, Waikoloa

For a fun-filled family vacation, you can't go wrong with a stay at **Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club** on The Big Island in Hawaii. One of the resort's major selling points is its enormous 20,000-square-foot super pool, which features four slides, several whirlpool spas, a serenity section and even a children's water play area – so everyone in the family is guaranteed to have a splashing good time.

Once you've worked up an appetite, grab a bite to go at the Bistro Restaurant and Pool Bar, or enjoy a family cookout at one of the barbecue areas located throughout the property. Alternatively, hop on the shuttle to the nearby Hilton Waikoloa Village, which offers a wide range of restaurants, shops and recreational facilities.



MarBrisa, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club 1594 MarBrisa Circle, Carlsbad

The sprawling MarBrisa, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club in sunny Carlsbad, California, feels like a world unto itself – indeed, you'll find everything you'll need within the grounds. Guests can spend days exploring its two distinct neighborhoods, which are packed with amenities. On the northwest side, The Cove offers a bar and grill, two pools, three hot tubs, fire pits, barbecue areas and more. Over on the southeast side, The Pointe includes a pool, an arts and crafts center and a volleyball court.

Should you wish to venture further, the resort offers easy access to LEGOLAND® California Resort and The Crossings at Carlsbad golf course. Plus, famous attractions such as SeaWorld® San Diego and the San Diego Zoo are a short drive away.

## **ClubPoints Planning Tips**

## Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

**Platinum Season:** 768 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a 1-Bedroom to 27,600/36,800 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 3-Bedroom Premier

**Gold Season:** 544 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a 1-Bedroom to 23,040 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 3-Bedroom Premier

## <u>MarBrisa, a Hilton Grand</u> <u>Vacations Club</u>

Platinum Season: 560 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a Studio to 23,040 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 3-Bedroom Premier

**Gold Season:** 400 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a Studio to 16,800 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 3-Bedroom Premier

## <u>La Pacifica Los Cabos,</u> <u>a Hilton Club</u>

Platinum Season: 992 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a Studio to 26,880 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 2-Bedroom Premier

**Gold Season:** 768 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a Studio to 18,560 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 2-Bedroom Premier **Silver Season:** 544 Points per night for a 3-night stay (Mon–Thu) in a Studio to 13,440 Points per week for a 7-night stay in a 2-Bedroom Premier

# **Explore More With** HGV Max

Enjoy new Member benefits and future access to exciting travel destinations



Scottsdale Villa Mirage, a Hilton Vacation Club is the ideal desert retreat

HGV Max offers you more ways to make vacation memories with exclusive Member benefits, including complimentary web and phone reservations at over 60 resorts within the HGV Club exchange program. You'll also enjoy one annual Club Dues payment regardless of the number of timeshare interests owned.

Plus, later this year, you can take advantage of an expanded resort portfolio of over 140 properties and a booking window starting six months before check-out.

Interested in becoming an HGV Max Member? Please visit <u>my.hgv.com/hgv-max</u> or call 866-601-2582 to learn more.







Tuck into delicious hotdogs, pizzas and more at a Taste of Chicago

## **Taste of Chicago**

When: July 8–10, 2022 Where: Chicago, United States Why go: Held annually in Grant Park, this summer extravaganza is one of the largest – and best – outdoor food festivals in the world. Eat your way through a smorgasbord of international cuisines and Chicago classics, such as deep-dish pizza, hearty hotdogs and Chicago-style gourmet popcorn. Apart from excellent food, there'll also be theater shows and music performances to look forward to.

Where to stay: Plan ahead and book a stay at <u>Chicago</u> <u>Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club</u>. This urban retreat features cozy studios, spacious suites and top-notch facilities including a fully-equipped fitness center and a swimming pool. Plus, popular attractions such as Navy Pier and Millennium Park are a short walk away. Read the <u>Summer 2021</u> issue of *Club Traveler* for more Chicago travel inspiration.



Attend live performances at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival

## Smithsonian Folklife Festival

When: June 22–26 and June 30–July 4, 2022

Where: Washington, D.C., United States Why go: Held annually since 1967, this festival celebrates the diverse cultural traditions found in the United States and around the world. This year's theme, "Earth Optimism X Folklife: Inspiring Conservation Communities," will shine a spotlight on major sustainability challenges and solutions for positive change. While the pandemic forced organizers to get creative with virtual workshops in 2021, you can look forward to numerous in-person events this year, including live performances, interactive art installations and film screenings.

Where to stay: Live it up during your time in the nation's capital at <u>The District, a Hilton Club</u>. The resort's central location between Georgetown and Dupont Circle means that many museums and monuments are within easy reach. Each suite comes with all the things you'll need for a comfortable stay, including a 55-inch TV, a kitchenette and a wet bar. Read the <u>Summer 2021</u> issue of *Club Traveler* for more D.C. travel ideas.



The dazzling displays at the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks are a sight to behold

## Macy's 4th of July Fireworks

## When: July 4, 2022

Where: New York City, United States

Why go: By far the Big Apple's most spectacular pyrotechnic show, Macy's 4th of July Fireworks is an affair that the whole family will enjoy. This year's show is likely to follow the 2021 edition, where more than 65,000 shells were launched off five different barges on the East River, creating a dazzling riot of lights, shapes and colors. The event is slated to start at 9:25 p.m. and will go on for approximately 25 minutes.

Where to stay: You'll be right in the thick of the action at West 57th Street, a Hilton Club and The Quin, a Hilton Club. Both properties put you within walking distance of Fifth Avenue's glittering boutiques, as well as other major Manhattan attractions such as Broadway, Times Square and Lincoln Center.



Try your hand at a wide variety of water sports at Duke's OceanFest

## **Duke's OceanFest**

When: August 20–28, 2022 Where: Oahu, Hawaii

Why go: Every August, locals and tourists alike come together on the shores of Waikiki Beach to celebrate the life of homegrown hero Duke Kahanamoku, a competitive swimmer who popularized the sport of surfing. As befitting for someone who lived and breathed the ocean, this festival features a variety of water sports such as surfing, outrigger canoeing, paddleboard racing and surf polo.

Where to stay: Families will love <u>The Grand Islander, a Hilton</u> <u>Grand Vacations Club</u>, where multi-bedroom suites come with full kitchens, separate living and dining areas and large balconies overlooking either the resort or the beach. Alternatively, book a stay at the nearby <u>Hokulani Waikiki, a</u> <u>Hilton Grand Vacations Club</u>, which provides easy access to the restaurants, bars and boutiques of the Waikiki Beach Walk® entertainment district.



The Palio di Siena is a high-octane horse race

## Palio di Siena

When: July 2 and August 16, 2022 Where: Siena, Italy

Why go: Dating back to medieval times, this raucous event is essentially a horse race, but with plenty of pomp and ceremony – think 10 steeds and jockeys decked out in the vivid colors of their *contrade* (city ward), competing for bragging rights. The festivities usually kick off at 3 p.m. with a grand parade involving more than 600 participants, although the start time of the race isn't set and may even stretch well beyond the evening. However, be sure to get to Siena's Piazza del Campo early to grab a prime viewing spot. Where to stay: Borgo alle Vigne, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club is located in the picturesque village of Selvetelle, a 1.5-hour drive from Siena. The property is nestled deep in the Tuscan countryside and offers panoramic views of rolling hills as far as the

eye can see. On-site amenities include a lounge and an outdoor pool that's perfect for balmy summer days. Inventory is limited, so be sure to plan ahead. For more on Tuscany, read the <u>Spring 2020</u> issue of *Club Traveler*.



Performers don colorful costumes at the Crop Over Festival

## **Crop Over Festival**

When: July 27-August 2, 2022 (tentative) Where: Barbados

Why go: This colorful festival traces its roots back to the 18th century when sugar was the lifeblood of Barbados' economy. Back then, locals would hold a grand celebration to mark the end of another successful harvest. While the island's sugar industry has since declined, the event continues to thrive with elaborate performances, folk concerts and photographic exhibitions showcasing the island's history and culture. Where to stay: The Crane, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club, located at The Crane Resort, opened as Barbados' first hotel in 1887. Here, traditional room fittings, including four-poster beds and mahogany wardrobes, are complemented by modern amenities, such as private plunge pools with ocean views. Be sure to take a dip in one of the resort's many spectacular clifftop pools, one of which overlooks Crane Beach – often ranked among the best in the world.



Images: Lexi Fenton

The View From Here

Drink in dramatic mountainscapes at our perfectly placed Park City property

## Sunrise Lodge, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Already planning your year-end vacation? Escape to the mountains at Sunrise Lodge, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club in Park City, Utah. Conveniently located near the base of a popular chairlift in Canyons Village, this ski-in, ski-out resort is ideal for snow-sports enthusiasts. Here, you can watch the sun rise over the Wasatch Mountains before lacing up your boots for a day on the slopes.

Once you've had your fill of skiing and snowboarding, head back to the lodge for apres-ski activities. Warm up with a dip in the outdoor heated pool, which features two oversized spas, or simply relax and unwind in your spacious studio or suite, where you can continue enjoying expansive mountain views. When you're ready to get back out there, hop on the resort's complimentary shuttle to Park City's historic Main Street, which is lined with restaurants, boutiques and galleries.



Warm up by the fireplace after a day on the slopes





Each suite at Sunrise Lodge has a full kitchen



Skiing is a popular activity at Sunrise Lodge, among other winter sports



## Alpine Lake Trail

This 1.6-mile hiking trail, which meanders past a small lake, covers fairly easy terrain and makes for a great family-friendly option. It connects to the more challenging 26-mile Mid Mountain Trail, which traverses Park City's two ski areas at an altitude of around 8,000 feet.

## Near the Resort



## **Utah Olympic Park**

Built 20 years ago for the 2002 Winter Olympics, this sports park remains a key Utah attraction. Learn about its Olympic heritage on a guided tour, try bobsledding with a professional pilot, experience the thrill of tubing and so much more.



## **<u>Red Pine Adventures</u>**

With this local outfitter, you can go snowmobiling or snowshoeing on more than 1,000 acres of private land. If you're visiting Park City in the summer, the company conducts tours of the area's flower-filled meadows and pristine lakes on horseback.



# *Chicago* One City, Five Ways

Words: Stacey Lastoe

Get ready to be blown away by the Windy City's diverse eats, buzzing nightlife and natural beauty

Confident, cool but never pretentious, Chicago has a charm that's all its own. The Windy City – as it's enduringly nicknamed – is by turns familiar and surprising, thanks to a mix of big-name attractions (including the iconic bean-shaped <u>Cloud Gate</u> sculpture and the Wrigleyville neighborhood, home of the Chicago Cubs) and unexpected delights (such as the <u>Tiffany Dome</u> and the <u>Obama Kissing Rock</u>). From forward-thinking restaurants and creative cocktail bars to charming vintage stores and a vibrant lakefront, here's our pick of the best things to see and do in this thriving Midwestern city.



Le Colonial is a stylish, sophisticated restaurant that specializes in Vietnamese cuisine

## Food

As the center of the United States' meatpacking industry in the 19th century, Chicago brought home the bacon long before it became a staple ingredient in American households. Today, meat-heavy Midwestern cuisine is still alive and well at classic steakhouse <u>Bavette's Bar & Boeuf</u> and perennially popular New American restaurant <u>Girl & the Goat</u>. However, vegans will be happy to know that the city has no shortage of plant-based options, with casual restaurant <u>Handlebar</u> being a particularly worthy stop.

There's plenty of great Asian food – both traditional and new-age – as well. Try the tender *bo luc lac* (shaking beef) at upscale Vietnamese restaurant <u>Le Colonial</u>, or go for the decadent foie gras *bibimbap* (Korean mixed-rice dish) at the globally inspired <u>S.K.Y.</u> Hankering for some Thai fare? Tuck into street food dishes such as *som tum* (green papaya salad) and *nung gai todd* (fried chicken skin) at low-key eatery <u>Immm Rice & Beyond</u>.

Of course, no visit to Chicago would be complete without a taste of the city's famous deep-dish pizza. One of the best places to enjoy this rich, gooey pie is the beloved local institution <u>Pequod's Pizza</u>, where you can wash it all down with an ice-cold beer.



The South Garden at the Art Institute of Chicago was designed by influential landscape architect Dan Kiley

## Arts and Culture

After checking off requisite attractions such as <u>Millennium Park</u>, <u>Shedd Aquarium</u> and the <u>Skydeck at Willis Tower</u>, it's time to explore Chicago's artistic offerings. With a collection of more than 260,000 works, the <u>Art Institute of Chicago</u> – one of the largest museums in the world – is a must-see. While you're there, don't miss the <u>Thorne Miniature Rooms</u> exhibit, which showcases miniscule replicas of European, American and Asian interiors painstakingly constructed on a scale of 1:12.

Architecture aficionados won't want to miss the <u>Chicago Temple</u>, a soaring skyscraper church built in the Gothic Revival style, and the opulent mansions of <u>Beer Baron Row</u>. Alternatively, you can spend a meditative afternoon at the verdant <u>Rosehill</u> <u>Cemetery</u>, which is characterized by Victorian-era arches and ornamental obelisks.



Cocktail bar Three Dots and a Dash features a tropical-inspired setting

## Nightlife

In Chicago, you don't have to venture far to find excellent cocktails. For impeccable renditions of classics such as the Negroni, it's hard to beat <u>Weegee's Lounge</u>. If you're after more inventive tipples, order a Moonrise Daiquiri (sake, hojicha, rum, Demerara sugar, lime and Bolivian cola bitters) at Japanese-themed <u>Kumiko</u>, or a Curryous George (curry, dill, coriander, coconut and mezcal) at legendary local chef Grant Achatz's <u>The Aviary</u>. Alternatively, drink in the heady ambience at <u>Three</u> <u>Dots and a Dash</u>, one of the country's best contemporary representations of a traditional tiki bar.

The North Shore – a handful of affluent suburbs bordering the shores of Lake Michigan – is an excellent spot for some barhopping fun. Start with a glass of bourbon at <u>Found Kitchen</u>, a convivial hangout that feels almost like someone's living room, and end your evening with a snack and a nightcap at <u>Bar Louie</u>. The North Shore area comes alive in the summertime, when various <u>outdoor live music</u> events ranging from rock festivals to jazz concerts are in full swing.



Admire original abstract paintings at Art Post Gallery

## Shopping

While Chicago's downtown district is dotted with plenty of big-name luxury boutiques, the North Shore promises a more rewarding and unique shopping experience. Stop by <u>Antiques by GK</u> for rare fine art and figurines, add to your art collection with a painting or a print from <u>Art Post Gallery</u> and browse colorful hand-painted ceramics at <u>Artistica Italian Gallery</u>.

If you're in the market for thrifted goods, wander around the Wicker Park neighborhood, which is home to several vintage clothing boutiques and consignment stores chock-full of second-hand treasures. Head to Lost Girls Vintage for hip bags, belts and homeware, and check out Kokorokoko for all of your '80s and '90s fashion needs.



The Chicago Botanic Garden is home to more than 2.6 million plants and flowers

## Nature

With its gorgeous vistas, the <u>Chicago Lakefront Trail</u> – a paved 18-mile path hugging the Lake Michigan shoreline – draws locals and tourists alike seeking a breath of fresh air from the city's bustling streets. Stroll, run, cycle or rollerblade along its length, or simply find a shaded spot for some people-watching.

Over on the North Shore, there are ample opportunities to reconnect with nature, too. Between the area's biking trails, beautiful beaches and the <u>Chicago Botanic Garden</u> (a must-visit no matter the season), it's hard to make a better case for how to spend a sunny day.



## Duomo di Siena, Italy

No trip to Tuscany is complete without a visit to Siena, a medieval city renowned for its fan-shaped central square and Gothic-style architecture. Be sure to check out the majestic Duomo di Siena (Siena Cathedral), which was built in the 13th century. Its intricate façade is rendered in white, green and red marble, while its interior is inlaid with numerous panels depicting historical and biblical scenes. Don't forget to gaze upward – one of the cathedral's most striking features is its hexagonal dome, spangled with gold stars and crowned with a gilded lantern resembling the sun.



New reasons to explore some of your favorite destinations, as recommended by local experts

### Words: Alexandra Owens

Travel is back – and now's the time to expand your horizons by going off the tourist trail. Whether you're seeking an extravagant getaway to Las Vegas, a memory-filled family trip to Orlando, a sun-soaked escape to Myrtle Beach or an adventurous vacation in Hawaii, many destinations are ready to welcome you once more. And while you'll undoubtedly want to revisit classic places and activities, this is also an opportunity to uncover new and exciting experiences.



## ORLANDO

Board a flight to Orlando and there's a decent chance that the person sitting next to you is headed for one of the city's many theme parks. As the home of <u>Universal Orlando Resort</u>, <u>SeaWorld</u>. <u>Orlando</u> and <u>Walt Disney World Resort</u>, this young-at-heart destination might just boast more adrenaline-pumping roller coasters, riveting fireworks shows and magic per square foot than anywhere else on earth.

Even so, there are many other reasons to visit the Theme Park Capital of the World and its surroundings. For starters, there's the thriving culinary scene headlined by award-winning restaurants and James Beard-nominated chefs (read the <u>Summer 2021 issue</u> of *Club Traveler* for more).

Trina Gregory-Propst, the owner and chef of nostalgic comfort food bakery <u>Se7en Bites</u>, is a fan of stylish restaurant <u>Garp & Fuss</u> in Winter Park and casual bar <u>Digress Wine</u> in College Park. She also recommends the city's many food trucks, including Korean-style hot-dog joint <u>Uncle Dendog's</u>. "Try the 'Korean in Bogota,' which comes with toppings such as pineapple salsa and shiso-cilantro garlic aioli. Don't miss the kimchi wings and bacon parmesan edamame, too," she shares.

To explore some of Orlando's quirkiest boutiques, head to <u>lvanhoe</u>. <u>Village</u> for mid-century furniture, vintage fashion and Trina's favorite, <u>YAY! Tiny Shop</u>. "It's a super small but eclectic shop that curates the most adorable and unique gifts," she says.

Meanwhile, nature lovers can revel in the area's numerous outdoor adventures. In Winter Park, take a narrated <u>boat tour</u> through pristine waterways, where you'll glimpse abundant wildlife and sights like the Kraft Azalea Garden and the Isle of Sicily. For a closer look at Florida's renowned reptilian resident, venture to <u>Gatorland</u>, a family-owned, 110-acre wildlife preserve dating back to 1949. Here, you can observe more than 2,000 American alligators in their natural swamp environment and check out several intriguing shows and exhibits. Braver souls can even consider going zip-lining over a gator-filled marsh.

### Popular Attraction

**Lesser-Known** Activities



**Explore Walt Disney World Resort** 



Check out Universal Orlando Resort



Browse unique gifts at YAY! Tiny Shop



Take a boat tour in Winter Park



## LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas is a city that always puts on a show. From glitzy malls to <u>chandelier-shaped bars</u>, travelers from across the world come here to be wowed. Embark on a spending spree at <u>The Forum Shops at</u> <u>Caesars</u>, attend A-list residencies by the likes of Carrie Underwood and Bruno Mars, dine at Michelin-starred restaurants and, yes, gamble the night away. Anything can happen on the glittering Strip.

Aaron Berger, the executive director of <u>The Neon Museum</u> (which restores and displays iconic neon signs), likes to soak up the city's pageantry – albeit in an unexpected way. "As the [executive] director of The Neon Museum, I'm of course attracted to light and energy, so my recommendation would be to experience the Wednesday Night Bike Ride in downtown Las Vegas," he says. "Organized by locals, many of the bikes are wildly decorated with multicolored lights, and there's plenty of fanfare. I enjoy ordering street tacos at <u>Letty's</u> and then grabbing a seat outside to watch the best free show in town."

Still hungry? Mark Shunock – the in-arena host for the Vegas Golden Knights and the Las Vegas Raiders, and the founder of variety show <u>Mondays Dark</u> – loves the gourmet restaurants tucked away from the Strip, such as <u>Honey Salt</u>, <u>Graffiti Bao</u>, <u>La Strega</u> and <u>Sparrow + Wolf</u>. "These places are like home to me," he says. "They all go out of their way to put a smile on your face. The food is incredible, but the staff is what puts them over the top." And if you need a pick-me-up after a long night at the casinos and clubs, Mark also frequents <u>Golden Fog Coffee</u> in the DTLV Arts District, where the walls are adorned with works by local artists.

**Lesser-Known Activities** 

**Popular Attractions** 



Enjoy a cocktail at The Chandelier



Check out the casino at Sahara Las Vegas



Tuck into gourmet dishes at La Strega



Order a pour-over at Golden Fog Coffee



## **MYRTLE BEACH**

Located in the heart of the Grand Strand, a coastal strip of South Carolina with 60 uninterrupted miles of soft sand and warm water, Myrtle Beach's sun-drenched shores frequently rank among the best in the country. It offers a slew of fun-for-all-ages attractions along or near its oceanfront boardwalk, including the <u>Family Kingdom</u> <u>Amusement Park and Splashes Water Park, Ripley's Aquarium of</u> <u>Myrtle Beach</u> and <u>Broadway at the Beach</u>, where you can buy everything from designer flip-flops to movie memorabilia.

Away from the water, travelers will discover other diverse delights. Catch a live show at <u>The Carolina Opry Theater</u>, hone your swing at one of the area's roughly 90 <u>golf courses</u> and tour <u>Brookgreen</u> <u>Gardens</u>, the first public sculpture garden in the United States.

Heidi Vukov, the culinary force behind popular local restaurants <u>Croissants Bistro & Bakery</u> and <u>Hook & Barrel</u>, personally enjoys the area's natural wonders. "Of course, everyone comes here for the beach, but so many people miss out on our rivers that have been left relatively untouched," she says. "From <u>Osprey Marina</u>, you can rent a boat and explore some truly beautiful scenery. You might even come across a spot that makes you think you're experiencing exactly what the first settlers in South Carolina did."

Once you've worked up an appetite, check out <u>La Poblanita</u>, Heidi's go-to eatery for authentic Mexican food. "The chefs make almost everything from scratch and use very fresh ingredients," she says. Her favorite dish is the *huarache* – a homemade tortilla topped with refried beans, lettuce, avocado, your choice of protein and white cheese. For local tipples, head to the family-owned <u>La Belle Amie</u> <u>Vineyard</u> in the Little River area. Sample wines from its Twisted Sisters label, while listening to live music and enjoying the breeze in a rocking chair on the front porch.

## **Popular Attractions**



Lounge on Myrtle Beach's soft sands



ake a ride on SkyWheel Myrtle Beach

### **Lesser-Known Activities**



Rent a boat from Osprey Marina



Visit one of the vineyards in the area



## HAWAII

Beloved by travelers seeking a tropical getaway, each of the Aloha State's larger islands possesses its own unique personality and mustsee attractions. Oahu, aptly known as "The Gathering Place," attracts the most tourists, who flock to famous sites such as <u>Pearl</u> <u>Harbor</u>, Waikiki Beach and the North Shore, where many professional surfing competitions are held. To the east, Maui is home to the scenic <u>Road to Hana</u>, the dramatic <u>Haleakala Crater</u> and epic whale-watching spots. And then there's The Big Island, which is known for its <u>Hawaii Volcanoes National Park</u>, Kona coffee farms and numerous heritage sites.

Of course, the islands have their secret charms, too. Explore Oahu's wild side with <u>One Ocean Diving</u>, run by renowned shark conservationist Ocean Ramsey. You can take part in a pelagic snorkeling trip three miles off the coast, during which a marine biologist will teach you more about the diverse creatures – including sharks, whales, dolphins, monk seals and sea turtles – that inhabit these waters.

On Maui, Dustin Tester, the founder and director of <u>Maui Surfer</u>. <u>Girls</u> – the island's only female-owned surf school – likes to visit her favorite brunch spot, <u>SixtyTwo MarcKet</u> in Wailuku, after a morning spent carving the waves. "It has a seasonal menu with locally grown ingredients. I love the *loco moco* [rice topped with a burger patty, two eggs and mushroom gravy] or the breakfast sandwich if I need something hearty after a long surf session," she shares.

While most visitors to The Big Island spend their time in the towns of Kailua-Kona and Hilo, be sure to stop by the charming upcountry artist community of <u>Holualoa</u>, too. Here, you'll find galleries and shops selling everything from handmade ukuleles to fine jewelry.

Whichever island you visit, consider giving back to the local environment and community through the <u>Malama Hawaii initiative</u>, which enables travelers to participate in enriching experiences – such as restoration projects and beach clean-ups – offered by local nonprofit organizations.



Learn more about Pearl Harbor

Watch the sunrise on Haleakala volcano

Go snorkeling with One Ocean Diving

Lesser-Known Activities



Have brunch at SixtyTwoMarcKet

## **Be a Mindful Traveler**

As we hit the road again, now is also the perfect time to rethink how we experience the world. Here are five tips for traveling sustainably on your next vacation:



Visiting one place at a time isn't just more culturally immersive – you can also vastly cut down on your transportation emissions when you stick to one destination.



Vacation when crowds are at their lowest. This way, you won't stress resources like water and can help support the local community during offpeak periods.



Not all flights are created equal, so research airlines to see if they're reasonably fuel-efficient. Avoid layovers, if possible, as takeoff and landing burn the most fuel.



experiences

By supporting locally run restaurants, shops and tours, you can enjoy a more authentic getaway while also investing in the people that make a destination unique.



## Conserve water and energy

Remember to turn off the air conditioning or set the thermostat a few degrees higher when leaving your hotel room, and consider taking a shower instead of a bath.



supplies Instead of using disposable plastic cups and utensils, take full advantage of your accommodation's kitchen supplies. Reusing towels helps save water, too.



## **The Bigger Picture**

Venturing beyond the major museums for a broader perspective of the Big Apple's art scene

Words: Delle Chan Photography: Max Burkhalter Video: Ella Howlett

It's barely 11 a.m. on a Thursday morning, but the hallowed halls of <u>The</u> <u>Metropolitan Museum of Art</u> in New York City are already a hive of activity. In a room beside the entrance foyer, a young woman in a black beanie is poring over a display case containing finely wrought Byzantine jewelry. Up ahead, in a lightfilled gallery dotted with weathered marble sculptures, a bespectacled lady is studying a statue of Hercules and scribbling in a notebook. On the second floor, an elderly man is scrutinizing an enormous painting of the Virgin Mary by celebrated Italian artist Guido Reni, brow furrowed in thought. This is just another day at The Met, the largest art museum in the United States – and undoubtedly one of the Big Apple's most important and beloved attractions.

Beyond its famous landmarks, stellar restaurants and dazzling Broadway shows, New York City is also renowned for its thriving art scene. After all, it plays host to one of the world's most eminent art fairs: <u>Frieze New York</u> (May 18–22, 2022), which celebrates the best contemporary works by both emerging and established creatives. And of course, the city is home to numerous art venues, with big hitters including The Met, <u>The Museum of Modern Art</u> (MoMA) and the <u>Whitney Museum of American Art</u> drawing millions of visitors every year.

From left to right: The famous steps leading up to The Met; a gallery filled with ancient sculptures

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However, in making a beeline for these famous institutions, people tend to overlook the myriad treasures that can be found in the city's smaller, more intimate museums. In Midtown Manhattan, <u>The Morgan Library & Museum</u> is a veritable feast for the eyes – think ornate gilded interiors, soaring frescoed ceilings and towering shelves brimming with ancient tomes. Formerly the private library of multimillionaire financier J. Pierpont Morgan, the building underwent a much-needed expansion led by famed Italian architect Renzo Piano in 2006. Today, it houses more than 500,000 objects ranging from medieval manuscripts and rare books to Renaissance paintings.



The Morgan's extension (in white) stands in contrast to the original red-brick building "The Morgan's real strength lies in works on paper – drawings, prints, photographs, books, manuscripts and archival collections. Our collections and exhibitions offer infinite variety in an intimate setting, and I think visitors often find something surprising when they visit," says Philip Palmer, one of the museum's curators. "For me, viewing the 'Collections Spotlight' rotation in the East Room of the library, with its stunning painted ceiling and walnut bookcases, is one of the greatest cultural experiences in New York City – if not the world."

Currently on show at The Morgan are several temporary exhibitions, including "Woody Guthrie: People Are the Song" (through May 22, 2022). It features a wide range of materials belonging to the folk music legend, from original manuscript lyrics to illustrated notebooks and artwork. This summer, the museum will stage "Please Send to Real Life: Ray Johnson Photographs" (June 17–October 2, 2022), dedicated to the photographs of the American visionary – who, despite his influence on the Neo-Dada and early Pop Art movements, was often dubbed "New York's most famous unknown artist."



Above, from left to right: The Morgan's ornate library; a stained-glass window at the museum; ceilings embellished with intricate frescoes In the same vein, the <u>American Folk Art Museum</u> (AFAM) in the Upper West Side neighborhood celebrates lesser-known – but no less talented – creatives, shining the spotlight on works by those without any formal artistic training. Here, you can expect to view exhibits ranging from elaborate wooden sculptures hewn by carpenters to geometric quilts sewn by Shaker women. Also on display is the stone sculpture "Martha and Mary," which is dubbed the "Holy Grail" of American folk art and until recently had been missing for decades. These and hundreds of other objects are showcased in two exhibitions, "MULTITUDES" and "Pushing Boundaries: 60 Years of AFAM Exhibitions" (both through September 5, 2022), which commemorate the museum's 60th anniversary.

"While many museums collect or present folk art and works by self-taught artists, we provide a place where the public can explore these areas in great depth and detail. I would say that we offer something quite unique in New York City," says Christopher Gorman, a deputy director at AFAM. "Our goal is to engage people of all backgrounds, and to create genuine, candid and unexpected experiences with art."



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Above: Intricate quilts and other objects on display at AFAM

From left to right: The sculpture "Martha and Mary" is dubbed the "Holy Grail" of American folk art; a collection of old photographs at AFAM



Yet more illuminating artistic encounters can be enjoyed at the Big Apple's numerous galleries, which number in the hundreds. While the Chelsea neighborhood is perhaps the city's best-known gallery district, TriBeCa is also fast making a name for itself as a creative hotspot. In recent years, dozens of small, independent outfits – priced out of affluent Chelsea – have set up shop in the area, breathing new life into its cast-iron storefronts and cobblestone streets. "TriBeCa used to be pretty run-down, but it's now changing by the day," says Merrily Kerr, an art critic and writer based in New York City. "Real estate values have driven this recent migration, and galleries are looking for a sense of community and enough critical mass to attract clientele."



Above: Light art by artist Dan Attoe at The Hole NYC Merrily regularly runs <u>art tours</u> of TriBeCa and the nearby Lower East Side neighborhood, covering cutting-edge venues such as <u>Andrew Kreps Gallery</u>, <u>Nicelle Beauchene Gallery</u> – which she loves for its "engaging and diverse program" – and <u>The Hole NYC</u>, which champions emerging artists. The latter recently hosted a solo exhibition by Texas-based artist Gao Hang, showcasing his trademark brightly hued, darkly comedic digital paintings. "In TriBeCa, you'll find galleries with a reliable quality of art, a lower price point and a more approachable vibe," says Merrily. "A lot of these spaces are a labor of love."





Above, from left to right: The cast-iron storefronts of TriBeCa; art critic and writer Merrily Kerr; the interior of Nicelle Beauchene Gallery Hotels are also increasingly doubling up as galleries, enabling guests to immerse themselves in art. A case in point is <u>The Quin, a Hilton Club</u>, which has a rich artistic history. Originally opened as the Buckingham Hotel in 1929, it has hosted luminaries including American modernist artist Georgia O'Keeffe and Russian-French maestro Marc Chagall – as well as numerous art exhibitions – throughout the years. It also ran the acclaimed Quin Arts Program from 2014 to 2019, which saw artists-in-residence creating works specially for the property's communal spaces and guest rooms.

"The idea was to connect guests with the creative class, which is why the artists stayed on the property for extended periods of time," explains art curator DK Johnston, who founded the program. "This offered guests unique touchpoints with the creative process that they would otherwise never be exposed to." In continuing The Quin's legacy, Jason Tresh, the area general manager of Hilton Grand Vacations' New York City properties, looks forward to developing a walking tour of the hotel's remarkably diverse art collection.







Above: Artwork adorns this penthouse at The Quin

Step inside The Quin today and you'll find edgy graffiti pieces from French street art pioneer Blek le Rat, striking Post-Pop portraits from Canadian artist Joanne Corno and much more adorning the walls, hallways and doors. And of course, it's impossible to miss the 15-foot video wall in the lobby, which showcases dynamic digital art displays. Then there are the three eye-catching stencil portraits spraypainted on a service door beside the hotel's entrance, courtesy of graffiti artists Nick Walker, The London Police and Mando Marie.

"So many of our Owners and guests come to New York City for the arts, whether that's MoMA or Broadway," says Jason. "To have the opportunity to come to a property like The Quin and see this incredible art – it plays exactly into why they're here in the city."



Above, from left to right: The video wall in The Quin's lobby showcases digital art; Many of The Quin's artworks are designed specially for the property Elsewhere, deep beneath New York City's teeming streets, you'll discover many intriguing art installations – commissioned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority – dotted throughout the sprawling subway system. For instance, 23rd Street Station is enlivened by American artist William Wegman's "Stationary Figures" – a series of larger-than-life mosaics of dogs posing as commuters, complete with outfits including plaid shirts and jackets. And at 72nd Street Station, the legendary multimedia artist Yoko Ono has dreamt up "Sky," comprising six ceramic mosaics of fluffy clouds emblazoned with messages of hope. Notably, the station is located steps from The Dakota, where Ono's husband and Beatles frontman John Lennon was assassinated.



Above: A sky-themed installation by Yoko Ono at 72nd Street Station Below: William Wegman's dog mosaics at 23rd Street Station As Merrily enthuses, "It's a joy to discover creative expression all over New York City." Indeed, great art can be found just about anywhere in the Big Apple – from grand museums and hip galleries to sleek hotels and even gritty subway stations. You simply need to know where to look.

## "It's a joy to discover creative expression all over New York City"



Art in the Park
Three outdoor sculpture parks and gardens to visit in and around New York City



## Socrates Sculpture Park

Occupying a former landfill site, this Queens institution was designated as a public park in 1998. It showcases an everchanging lineup of sculptures and multimedia installations, and supports the local community through art workshops, artist residency programs and job training.



## The Noguchi Museum

One block from the Socrates Sculpture Park is this intimate museum, which celebrates Japanese American sculptor and landscape architect Isamu Noguchi. Take a stroll through its serene, ivy-strewn garden – designed by Noguchi himself – which is dotted with sculptures.



## **Storm King Art Center**

This 500-acre outdoor museum in the lower Hudson Valley is well worth the approximately 70-minute drive from Manhattan. With over 100 large-scale works – including the mesmerizing "Storm King Wavefield" by Maya Lin – it's one of the world's most impressive sculpture parks.

## 48 hours in ... Oahu

From splendid surfing to spectacular sunsets, here's how to spend two perfect days on Hawaii's most populous island

## Day one 9 A.M.

Rent a board from <u>Ohana Surf Project</u> and head to <u>Queen's Beach</u> in Waikiki. This is where Queen Liliuokalani, the last sovereign monarch of the Hawaiian Kingdom, once had her beach house. Today, it's a popular surfing and bodyboarding spot for beginners, though if the surf is flat, there's also decent snorkeling to be had to the left of the <u>Waikiki Aquarium</u> seawall.

## 11 A.M.

After rinsing off, take a stroll along the busy Waikiki stretch, where you'll find a <u>9-foot-tall</u> statue of Duke Kahanamoku – widely considered the father of modern surfing. Then, head to <u>Banán</u> <u>Waikiki Beach Shack</u>, where you can order icy treats such as the Riss Moore – a banana soft serve swirled with acai and sprinkled with papaya, pineapple, puffed quinoa and shaved coconut. Created in honor of 2020 Olympic surfing champion and Oahu native Carissa Moore, it's all kinds of delicious. Across the street, put your haggling skills to the test at <u>Duke's Marketplace</u>, an alley lined with vendors selling everything from leis fashioned out of polished *kukui nuts* (candlenuts) to local woodwork.

## 2 P.M.

Walk back to your suite at <u>Hokulani Waikiki, a Hilton</u> <u>Grand Vacations Club</u> to freshen up. Then, rent a car through <u>Hui Car Share</u> or book a Lyft ride for the journey to <u>Diamond Head</u>, a majestic saucer-shaped crater formed around 300,000 years ago. Work up an appetite by conquering the 0.8-mile hike to the summit – it's a steep climb, but the stunning coastal views will keep you going.

## 5 P.M.

Cool down on board a <u>Makani Catamaran</u> sunset cruise, and coast the stretch of water from Kewalo Basin to Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head as the sky turns beautiful shades of orange, pink and purple. Remember to keep your eyes peeled for dolphin sightings.

## Day two SA.M.

Start the day with a takeaway Kona coffee – made with locally grown beans prized for their full-bodied flavor – and a cranberry *kouign-amann* (sweet Breton cake) at <u>Kona Coffee Purveyors</u>. Once you've fueled up, rent a car through <u>Hui Car Share</u> or get a Lyft ride and head north for a different side of Oahu.



## 7 P.M.

Spend the evening in the hip neighborhood of Kakaako, where you can tuck into a hearty Hawaiian dinner at the family-run Highway Inn. Open since 1947, the restaurant is known for its Kalua Pig Combo – oven-smoked pork wrapped in banana leaves and cooked over kiawe (mesquite) wood. Take a stroll around the area after dinner – the surrounding streets are filled with vibrant murals that tell stories of Hawaii's history and culture. Then, end the night at one of the many breweries dotted throughout the neighborhood, such as Honolulu Beerworks, Aloha Beer or Waikiki Brewing Co.

## 10 A.M.

En route, check the surf forecast for Waimea Bay, a famed stretch of sand known for its highoctane big-wave surfing and cliff-jumping scene. Another option is the nearby Shark's Cove. When the waves are calm, it's a great snorkeling site teeming with marine creatures including *humuhumunukunukuapuaa* (or reef triggerfish, Hawaii's state fish) and colorful wrasse – just make sure you wear reef shoes. Feeling peckish? <u>North Shore Tacos</u>, located opposite Shark's Cove, will hit the spot. Don't leave without exploring the neighboring town of Haleiwa, where you'll find plenty of lunch options. Order a dish of high-protein Ulu Waffles made with local breadfruit at <u>Farm to</u> <u>Barn Café & Juicery</u>, enjoy some juicy garlic shrimp at <u>Giovanni's Shrimp Truck</u> and mix-andmatch different syrups (try the Blue Pineapple, Yuzu and Li Hing Mui) for your *kakigori* (a frozen dessert resembling a snow cone) fix at <u>Matsumoto Shave Ice</u>.

## 6 P.M.

Back at Hokulani Waikiki, a Hilton Grand Vacations <u>Club</u>, order a tropical cocktail or two at the resort's Na Lani Sky Lounge. With oversize day beds, an extensive menu and dramatic views of Oahu's lush and mountainous Koolau Range, it's the perfect spot for relaxing while the sun sets.

## 3 P.M.

On your way back to Waikiki, stop by <u>Pearl Harbor</u> where you can experience the USS *Arizona* Memorial. You can purchase your tickets online beforehand to save time. Alternatively, head to the <u>Bishop Museum</u> to admire its extensive collection of Polynesian cultural artifacts and natural history specimens, including the giant whale skeleton on the third floor.

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## 8 P.M.

Spend your last evening in town at laidback beachfront restaurant <u>Duke's Waikiki</u>. Have your fill of modern Hawaiian dishes such as barbecue mango pork ribs and *ahi* (tuna) steak seasoned with *furikake* (a dry Japanese condiment). Be sure to order the Vintage '44 Mai Tai, a locally influenced version of the original tipple shaken up with single-batch Koloa rum, pineapple and fresh lime juice – it's a drink you'll definitely be writing home about.







## **Hilton Grand Vacations Turns 30**

2022 marks our 30th anniversary – 30 years of making travel dreams a reality. We're so honored to have been a part of your travels, and look forward to exploring more horizons with you in the coming years. Visit our website to read our announcement on this special milestone, and discover what's next on the horizon as we celebrate three decades of helping our Members create exceptional vacation memories.

## Meet HGV Max - Our New Membership Program

Feel at home in even more places around the globe with HGV Max, which gives you access to 80+ additional properties in 20 new destinations – both across the United States and worldwide. What's more, you'll be entitled to exclusive discounts throughout the entire Hilton portfolio of more than 6,800 hotels and resorts, enabling you to broaden your travel horizons even further. For more information about this exciting new program, please visit our <u>dedicated page</u> on the Club website.



## **Getting Into the Swing of Things**

## **Your Points Have Changed**

On February 24, 2022, we adjusted the number of Points allocated to your vacation ownership interest and the number of Points required to make a reservation. As part of our efforts to integrate Diamond Resorts, the adjustment consists of a 60% increase that creates a consistent, simplified Points scale across all Club Programs and will enable us to operate a centralized reservation system in the future. Learn more about the recent Points adjustment <u>here</u>.

## Save Early, Save More

Before December 31, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET, you may save any portion of your current-year ClubPoints by depositing them into next year's account. The earlier in the year you save your Points, the lower the corresponding fee, as illustrated in the table below:

Transaction type	Fee
Saved Points: Phone	
January 1 to August 31 September 1 to November 30 December 1–31	\$114 \$134 \$199
Saved Points: Online	
January 1 to August 31 September 1 to November 30 December 1–31	\$104 \$124 \$189

Saved Points may only be used for reservations at Club resorts during the Home Resort and Club Reservation windows and for Hilton Club Priority reservations, as well as RCI Exchange and ClubPartner Perks reservations. Additional Points saving options may be offered for previously saved ClubPoints. Visit the <u>Club website</u> for details about the different types of Points that are part of the Hilton Grand Vacations Club Program.

## **Latest Travel Requirements**

**Traveling to mainland United States:** All passengers, regardless of vaccination status or citizenship, are required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than one day before boarding their flight to the United States. Non-U.S. citizens who are not immigrants to the United States are still required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to enter the country. Exceptions to this vaccination requirement are limited. All travelers are also required to provide basic contact information to airlines before boarding flights. For more information, visit the <u>CDC website</u>.

Traveling to Hawaii: Hawaii is open and welcoming visitors. Visitors are no longer required to complete a Safe Travels application to enter the state.

**Traveling to Scotland:** The United Kingdom has lifted all COVID-19-related restrictions on international travel. All visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, can enter the country without any additional testing or quarantine requirements.

**Traveling to Italy:** All travelers aged six and over must show either proof of vaccination; evidence of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours before entering Italy; evidence of a negative antigen test taken within 48 hours before entering Italy; or a certificate that demonstrates you have recovered from COVID-19 within the last six months. Otherwise, you'll need to quarantine for five days and take a COVID-19 test thereafter. All adult travelers will also need to complete a <u>Passenger Locator</u> Form.

**Traveling to Portugal:** Travelers entering Portugal must present either a valid vaccination <u>EU Digital COVID Certificate</u>, a valid test or recovery <u>EU Digital COVID Certificate</u>, a valid vaccination certificate or recovery certificate issued by a <u>third country</u>, proof of a negative PCR test (taken no more than 72 hours before boarding your flight), or proof of a rapid lateral flow test (taken no more than 24 hours before boarding your flight).



## Happy to meet you

Seasoned Owner and returning Explorer Eric Z. from Michigan has over 15 years of vacation ownership under his belt. Over the years, he has embarked on numerous father-and-son trips and multigenerational family stays with Hilton Grand Vacations, and even held his destination wedding at <u>Kings'</u> <u>Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club</u>. Here, he tells us which Hilton Grand Vacations resort he's hoping to visit in 2022.

## Your HGV by the Numbers

At Hilton Grand Vacations, we've partnered with social enterprise <u>Clean the World</u> to recycle soap bars and divert waste from landfill. Through this initiative, partially used soap is crushed, sanitized and cut into new bars, which are then distributed to those in need. Here's a look at what we've achieved since 2020:





New soap bars that have been distributed to disadvantaged children and families



The amount of used bottled amenities we've also donated to the cause

2021 was a hugely successful year for Hilton Grand Vacations. We were named among the Best Places to Work by the Orlando Business Journal, which recognizes the top employers in Central Florida. As further testament to our positive corporate culture, we were ranked 12th by Newsweek and the Best Practice Institute on the inaugural "Most Loved Workplaces" list – an annual compilation of the top 100 companies where employees are the happiest and most satisfied at work.

*Club Traveler* was in the spotlight in 2021, too. The magazine clinched seven accolades at the 2021 Charlie Awards, which honors achievements by magazines published in Florida. In October, the magazine also won best cover design in the Custom Content category at the 2021 Eddie and Ozzie Awards. Presented by Folio magazine, the awards recognize editorial and creative excellence in publications across the world.

## **Time to Cruise**

Join fellow Hilton Grand Vacations Club Members on an exciting voyage to Ireland and Iceland this summer

Sail the high seas on our latest ClubPartner Perk Grand Adventure

After a long hiatus, cruise ships are setting sail again. This year, our highly anticipated ClubPartner Perk Grand Adventure features a <u>12-night cruise aboard the *Celebrity Silhouette*</u>, which begins and ends in Southampton, England. Sailing from August 29 to September 10, 2022, the ship will stop at several ports of call along the way – from the verdant hills of Ireland to the stark volcanic landscapes of Iceland. Here's a sneak peek at what you can look forward to both on and off the water.



Enjoy an immersive dining experience at Le Petit Chef

## On Board

Travel in style aboard the *Celebrity Silhouette*, which recently underwent a comprehensive facelift. Its suites and staterooms now sport a fresh look complete with luxurious bedding, while the spa features brand-new treatment rooms. Mingle with other Hilton Grand Vacations Club Members at the recently opened <u>Craft Social Bar</u>, which serves craft beers and comfort food. Or book a table at <u>Le Petit Chef</u> – one of the many restaurants on the ship – which fuses augmented reality with fine dining, making for a truly memorable culinary experience. There's also a thermal suite, an observation lounge, a fitness center and an outdoor pool, so you'll have plenty else to see and do.



Drink in incredible views of Reykjavik from Perlan museum

## **On Shore**

Spend a day exploring picturesque Cobh or Cork (formerly named Queenstown) in Ireland, which features several key attractions. For instance, the <u>Cobh Heritage Centre</u> houses thought-provoking exhibits in a beautifully restored Victorian railway station, while the <u>Cobh Museum</u> delves into the city's fascinating cultural, social and maritime history.

You'll also get to immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring landscapes of Iceland. In Reykjavik, head up to <u>Perlan</u>, a museum and rotating glass dome perched on top of Öskjuhlíð hill, to enjoy a bird's-eye view of the capital. And in Akureyri, be sure to visit Lake Mývatn and its surroundings, where you can hike across craggy lava formations and soak in geothermal springs.

The *Celebrity Silhouette's* final port of call is the town of Greenock in Scotland, which is home to gorgeous, well-preserved heritage buildings including the Sheriff Court and the Customs House. Consider taking a 45-minute taxi ride to nearby Glasgow, where you can stroll along the River Clyde, go shopping on Buchanan Street or simply enjoy a dram of whisky in one of the city's many pubs.



## **Beachy Keen**

Delve into an ocean of great seaside getaways with RCI

Craving some sun, sand and sea? There's nothing like a relaxing beach vacation — especially when you've waited so long to travel again. As you get back to getting away, here are some dreamy seaside destinations to consider.<sup>1</sup>

## Soak up the Sun in Florida

From the Panhandle to the Keys, the gorgeous beaches and glorious sunsets of the Sunshine State never disappoint. Swimsuits are a must, while footwear is optional.

## Go All Out in the Outer Banks

Just off the coast of North Carolina lie the Outer Banks, an extensive stretch of barrier islands that offer a welcome respite from the bustling cities on the mainland. Here, you can immerse yourself in unlimited adventure and unparalleled natural beauty.

### Bet on Fun in Atlantic City

With over 20 million visitors each year, New Jersey's Atlantic City is one of the most popular destinations in the United States. During the day, take a stroll along its beautiful beaches and boardwalk, and when night falls, spend several fun-filled hours in its glitzy casinos.

## Get a Taste of Island Life in Hawaii

Consider the Aloha State for your next family vacation or romantic getaway. There's plenty to see and do on Kauai, from stand-up paddleboarding to sit-down *luaus* (traditional Hawaiian feasts). And of course, you'll get to enjoy picture-perfect shorelines and expansive ocean views.

Traveling with RCI is easier than ever when you're a Hilton Grand Vacations Member. If you need help planning your getaway, reach out to an RCI Travel Guide and start an Ongoing Search<sup>2</sup> for your ideal beach destination.

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