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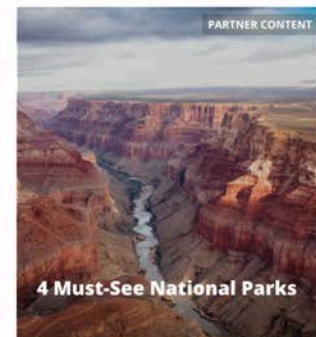
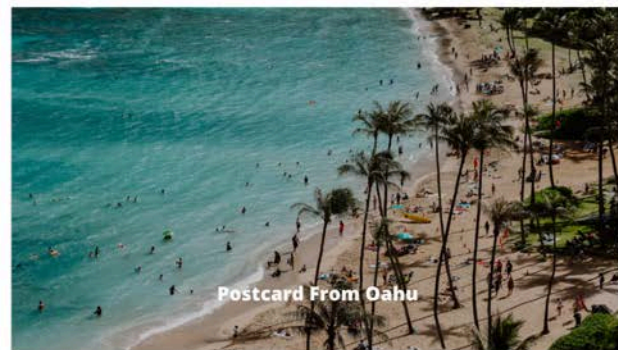
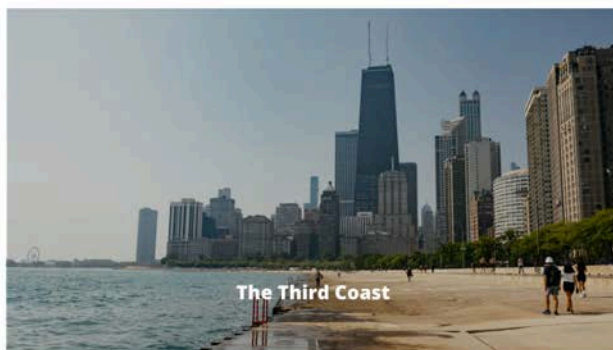
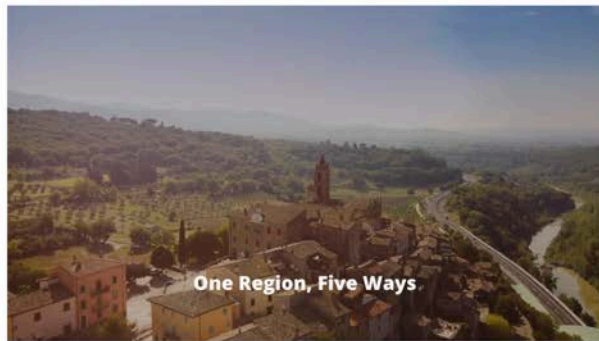
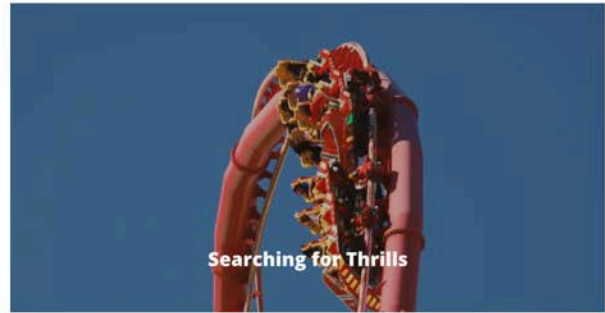
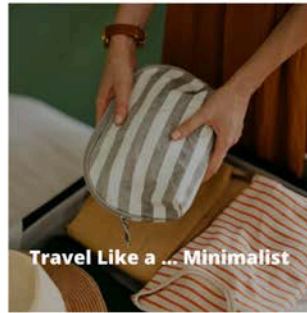
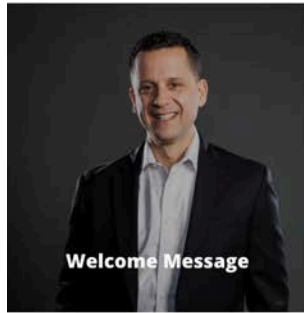
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Lakeshore Chicago comes
alive in the warmer months



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Dear Owners and Members,

Welcome to Issue 2 of *Club Traveler* magazine! It's been a great year so far, and I hope you've been planning some exciting vacations to wrap up 2023. One of the greatest benefits our Owners and Members have is being able to plan ahead for stays at their Home Resort or at any of the beautiful destinations within our network of properties.

This year, we've continued to focus on evolving and enhancing the initiatives introduced last year and aligning our programs and services since the acquisition of Diamond Resorts in 2021. We've launched new features for Members with HGV Max benefits, and our property rebranding efforts continue across the United States, Canada and Mexico. These efforts help us further build and enhance our best-in-class organization so we can offer you exceptional vacations, no matter where you choose to stay.

In other HGV news, I'm happy to announce our Team Member family has grown. In late June, we welcomed Leigh Nieman as our new senior vice president of Club Services. Leigh came to us from Disney Vacation Club, where she worked for 30 years focusing on Member satisfaction initiatives and vacation planning. In the months to come, Leigh will be working with me and the rest of the Club Services team on identifying ways to continue aligning our Club efforts since the acquisition, while improving and growing our service capabilities for all Owners and Members. Please join me in welcoming Leigh!

As you visit your favorite properties in the coming months, be sure to recognize our wonderful Team Members, especially during International Housekeeping Week (September 3–9) and International Customer Service Week (October 2–6), for working hard every day to make your vacations memorable. I know our Team Members often make personal connections with many of you who return year after year. And I've really enjoyed hearing from many of our Owners and Members directly, as well as addressing your feedback so we can evolve to meet your vacation needs.

For those of you who want to get a head start on planning next year's dream vacation, the summer is a great time to begin. You can start by saving points and confirming next year's reservations now, before we move into the end-of-year busy season. Log in to your Club website at HiltonGrandVacations.com to take care of all your vacation planning needs. Don't wait until the last minute to start planning your unforgettable vacation with HGV!

Summer in the City

Speaking of unforgettable vacations, this issue's cover story, "The Third Coast," takes you through Chicago's summer sights and attractions for a glamorous stay in the city. Starting with a trip around the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan, our story takes you on an adventure from cultural spots like museums and sweeping skyline views to a stroll through the Windy City's famous landmarks. Then spend your evenings enjoying the nightlife and restaurants dotted across Chicago.

Theme Park Thrills

Our second feature story, "Searching for Thrills," provides theme park and adrenaline-packed adventures across the globe. Find fun family activities in theme parks from Dollywood to Disneyland Paris that are sure to entertain all ages.

Explore More

Our latest issue also features many helpful tips to make your vacation planning easy, such as "Travel Like a ... Minimalist," which helps you rethink how you pack your suitcase for both long and short trips. While you're packing, check out "The Carry On" to make sure you have all the summer essentials on-hand for the beach, pool and beyond this season. "Postcard From Oahu" brings you through some of the picture-perfect spots to visit on your next Hawaiian vacation, and "A Perfect Bite" gives food lovers a few suggestions for dishes to try on their next vacation. Finally, dive into the beautiful Tuscan countryside in "One Region, Five Ways," featuring Tuscany, Italy, to discover spectacular towns and scenery, mouthwatering food and wine, and ancient Roman spas.

I hope this issue of *Club Traveler* inspires you to explore the world and create vacation memories to last a lifetime.

Happy journeys ahead,

Derek De Salvia

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MINIMALIST

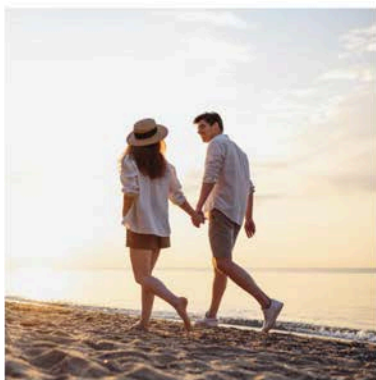
Try these expert tips to simplify your suitcase

Do you always bring your entire closet on vacation because you're unsure of what to pack? Expert travelers Brooke Schoenman, founder of travel advice website [Her Packing List](#), and Anne McAlpin, founder of travel organizing site [Pack It Up](#), give their tips for embracing the minimalist mindset for your next trip.



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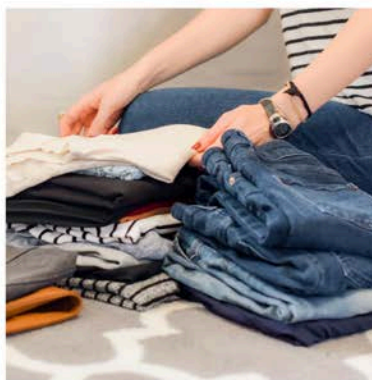
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MIX AND MATCH

"Looking great on vacation doesn't necessarily equate to packing more things," says Schoenman. "You only have to pack the right things."

McAlpin suggests using her signature packing ratio: "Three tops to every bottom, with a maximum of nine tops and three bottoms."



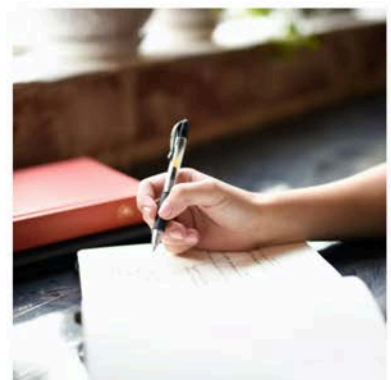
ELIMINATE DUPLICATES

"Think about the items you toss in your luggage 'just in case' and be honest with yourself!" advises Schoenman. Look at ditching any items that serve the same purpose.

"Is it necessary to pack an iPhone, iPad and a Kindle, or can you get by with one or two devices?" she asks.

You can also cut down on formal outfits. "For most trips, one nice outfit and the rest casual works fine,"

McAlpin says.



ANALYZE YOUR PATTERNS

"Once you return home and unpack, list out what worked with your packing, what didn't and what you brought that went unused," Schoenman suggests. "By gathering this information over time, you can see patterns that will make it easier to pack fewer items in the future."

THE EXPERTS



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See stars like The Killers, Kendrick Lamar and ODESZA at the Life is Beautiful festival
Image by Life is Beautiful

Life is Beautiful

When: September 22–24, 2023

Where: Las Vegas

Why go: Party it up at this annual music, culinary and art festival held across 18 city blocks in the heart of Las Vegas. The entire stretch will be transformed into an outdoor art gallery, with stunning works from local and international artists lining the walls and buildings. Music fans can look forward to a star-studded concert lineup that includes The Killers, Kendrick Lamar and ODESZA. In between the live gigs, look out for street performers and entertainers along the Las Vegas Strip.

Where to stay: Take your pick from [Elara, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#), an eye-catching resort in the center of the Las Vegas Strip, or [Polo Towers, a Hilton Vacation Club](#), an elegant property that includes a full-fledged fitness center featuring massage services. For those traveling with children, check in to [The Boulevard, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#), which offers spacious and comfortable 1-, 2- and 3-Bedroom Suites, a resort-style swimming pool and sport courts, or [Cancun Las Vegas, a Hilton Vacation Club](#), which features a Mayan pyramid waterfall and four waterslides for a splashing good time.



Peruse work by talented local artists at the Sedona Arts Festival
Image by Sedona Arts Festival

Sedona Arts Festival

When: October 7–8, 2023

Where: Sedona, Arizona

Why go: With the mesmerizing red rocks as a backdrop, the Sedona Arts Festival — the oldest and largest arts event in the local community — showcases the works of over 125 artists in 11 different mediums. What's great about this festival is that you'll be doing your part to elevate arts education in the greater Sedona area. To date, the Sedona Arts Festival has donated nearly \$300,000 toward local scholarships and art programs.

Where to stay: [Sedona Summit, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) is a picturesque hideaway with amenities designed for maximum pampering, including heated outdoor pools and a luxurious hot tub. For those looking to tee off on their vacation, [Ridge on Sedona, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) boasts resort-style amenities and an 18-hole golf course adjacent to the property.



Celebrate the German festival of Oktoberfest in the heart of New York City
Image by Oktoberfest NYC

OktoberFest NYC

When: 2023 dates to be confirmed
Where: New York City
Why go: Enjoy a New York spin on the German tradition of Oktoberfest, complete with signature Big Apple giant pretzels. Look for traditional Munich brews like Hofbrauhaus, Radeberger and Weihenstephan, served in the classic oversized stein glasses perfect for an autumnal toast to the season. The venue is right on the South Street Seaport, offering incredible views of the Brooklyn Bridge.
Where to stay: [The Residences](#), [a Hilton Club](#) is an ideal base for your Big Apple adventure. Located a stone's throw from New York City landmarks like Rockefeller Center and Carnegie Hall, this well-appointed property offers a collection of Studios and 1-Bedroom Suites.



Eat around the world at Orlando's EPCOT
Image by EPCOT International Food & Wine Festival

EPCOT International Food & Wine Festival

When: Now–November 18, 2023
Where: Orlando, Florida
Why go: Take a gastronomic journey across six continents at this epicurean festival held within the EPCOT theme park grounds. You'll be able to sample authentic dishes and drinks from Africa, Asia, the Americas and more, as well as eat your way through a delectable selection of cheeses at Emile's Fromage Montage. And, as you tuck into mouth-watering delicacies, you can jive to the groovy beats of live music performances.
Where to stay: [SeaWorld® Orlando](#), [a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) is conveniently located close to many of Orlando's popular theme parks. The resort is a family-friendly haven with Studio, 1-, 2- and 3-Bedroom Suites that come with a screened balcony or patio so you can take full advantage of the balmy Florida weather. Your brood will also love the on-site pools, kids' splash pad and movie theater. At [Mystic Dunes](#), [a Hilton Vacation Club](#), relax in your 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suite and explore the on-site activities like tennis courts, fitness center and four pools — complete with private cabanas.



Sample delicate brews at Kona Coffee Festival
Image by Kona Coffee Festival

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival

When: November 3–12, 2023
Where: The Big Island, Hawaii
Why go: Kona coffee is prized the world over for its distinctively light and aromatic flavor. It's unique as it can only be grown on the western side of The Big Island, where the volcanic mountain slopes are especially fertile for crop cultivation. The area is also shielded from excess sunlight and gets just the right amount of rainfall, creating the perfect trifecta for growing amazing coffee. Kona is home to hundreds of coffee farms, and they throw this jamboree each year to celebrate their cherished coffee heritage.
Where to stay: [Kings' Land](#), [a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) is a Waikoloa resort built on an ancient lava field overlooking the scenic Kohala Coast. Choose from 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suites with full kitchens, separate living and dining areas and your own *lanai* (porch).



Try signature Scotch whiskies at this annual festival
Image by Spirit of Speyside

Spirit of Speyside Distilled: Food & Drink 2023

When: September 1–2, 2023

Where: Scotland

Why go: Taking place across Speyside, one of the biggest whisky-producing regions in Scotland, this annual celebration of the country's national drink features a wide range of programs — from distillery tours and tastings to whisky and dessert pairings. The events are held in distilleries and local whisky bars, village halls, historic castles and even out in the open, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

Where to stay: Overlooking the River Dee in the village of Ballater, [Craigendarroch Suites, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) is a beautifully restored Victorian country home that offers the quintessential Highlands experience. Each of the spacious 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites features a fireplace, while on-site amenities include a tennis court and a spa.

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The Boulevard, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Cancun Las Vegas, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Craigendarroch Suites, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Sedona Summit, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Ridge on Sedona, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
SeaWorld® Orlando, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Mystic Dunes, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Kings' Land, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓



One Region, Five Ways

Tuscany

Words: Libby Ryan

Wander the rugged Italian countryside, bursting with vineyards, villages and villas

The rolling hills of Tuscany have a long history of drawing travelers to explore its rich bounty, including all the finer things in life: delicious food, world-class wine and stunning sights. You can curate your perfect adventure here — the region boasts both wild mountains and quaint villages. From walks foraging for local delicacies to luxurious meals with sweeping views, here's our pick of what to see, do and eat in Tuscany.



One

Tour quaint Tuscan villages like hilltop San Gimignano
Image by Unsplash

Villages

The Tuscan countryside is dotted with small villages — nestled into scenic valleys or perched on dramatic hilltops — each with their own history and architecture to explore. Although Italian public transportation reaches most larger towns and cities, it's best to rent a car to explore all the charming corners of the area.

If you can only pick one, choose [San Gimignano](#), known for its ancient towers that you can spot from miles away. The walled town was named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its magnificently preserved medieval buildings and cobblestone alleyways, along which you can find charming artisan shops. Stop into Vittoria to find creative jewelry and brightly dyed leather purses or browse Beconcini Tuscan Handmade for souvenirs and gifts.

Dating back to the fourth century B.C., the nearby town of [Volterra](#) is a collage of ancient history. The clifftop locale offers the chance to see a Roman amphitheater, Medici fortress and Renaissance gilded ceiling of the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, all situated within a short stroll of each other. See frescos at the Chapel of the Croce di Giorno and stock up on foodstuffs to bring home at Bottega Toscana (look for travel-friendly vacuum-packed cheeses and miniature bottles of olive oil).



Immerse yourself in the lush rolling hills from Chianti to the Val D'Orcia
Image by Unsplash

Countryside

Take to the open road on the region's most stunning driving routes, but make sure to leave time for frequent stops to marvel at scenic viewpoints or to grab some farm-fresh fruit from a roadside produce stand. Start your journey by heading into Chianti for stunning vistas featuring olive groves, vineyards and ancient castles. Farther south, you'll find the Val d'Orcia, where cypress trees line winding roads through the breathtaking hills.

On foot, explore the delightful scenery around San Gimignano — including incredible views of its historic towers — on a circular walking route from the town's gates through farms and vineyards. To get your hands in the actual soil of this fertile land, book a truffle-hunting tour to search for some of the region's natural treasures. At [Tartufi Nacci](#), located near the renowned truffle region of San Miniato, you can explore the woods with a licensed truffle hunter and the family's expertly trained dogs. Enjoy the fruits of your search with the delicacy served in homemade pasta dishes or on bruschetta topped with local olive oil.

Three



Dine on traditional Tuscan dishes including signature pasta and ragu sauce
Image by Unsplash

Food

Italy's cuisine is beloved around the world but is far from a monolith of pasta and pizza. Each region boasts its own culinary specialties, inspired by local ingredients and traditions dating back centuries. Hearty Tuscan classics include *cinghiale* (wild boar), which you'll often find on menus in a rich ragu sauce.

The region also serves a unique pasta, called *pici*, which is similar to spaghetti but thicker. Try a *pici cacio e pepe* for a local spin on the dish, made with black pepper and Pecorino Toscano cheese. Look for rustic eateries in the villages, like [Peruca](#) in San Gimignano and [Osteria Fornelli](#) in Volterra. Or for luxurious seasonal specialties, book a terrace table at two-Michelin-starred [Ristorante Arnolfo](#). And, of course, it wouldn't be an Italian vacation without plenty of gelato. Find the award-winning [Gelateria Dondoli](#) — known for its creative flavors like gorgonzola and walnuts or raspberry and rosemary — in San Gimignano.



Sample iconic wines made from grapes renowned worldwide
Image by Getty Images

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Wine

Among the ranks of the finest wine country in the world, Tuscany is home to iconic regions like Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. So on your Tuscan tour, be sure to sample wines from these various regions to taste subtle differences in the terroir between the neighboring areas. Here you'll find vintages made with the popular Sangiovese red grapes, and lesser-known local whites, such as Trebbiano Toscano.

You can taste bottles of Chianti Classico at [Castello di Querceto](#), a 16-century castle with extensive vineyards. At [Badia a Coltibuono](#), a former monastery, you can book a guided wine tasting and picnic in the scenic grounds. For a more modern experience, visit the [Antinori nel Chianti Classico Estate](#) that boasts architecture designed to fit seamlessly into the Tuscan hills. The estate also offers incredible natural views and a contemporary art collection to pair with its fine wines.

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Take a relaxing dip in mineral-filled hot springs
Image by Pexels

Spas

Try an ancient therapy in the hot springs of Tuscany, considered gifts from the gods by the Etruscans and Romans. You can find *termes* (thermal waters) containing sulfates, calcium and other minerals across Tuscany, like the [Terme di Casciana](#) near Pisa.

For an unforgettable day trip, venture to the southern edge of Tuscany to Saturnia. You can book a day pass at the luxurious [Terme di Saturnia](#) or take a rejuvenating dip in the nearby wild waterfalls called Cascate del Mulino. The best part of this hidden gem? It's completely free to soak in the nutrient-rich water, which remains at a comfortable temperature of around 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit (37.5 degrees Celsius) year-round. You'll leave feeling invigorated and refreshed, ready for another day of adventures in the stunning scenery.

Where to Stay

[Borgo alle Vigne, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#)

Tucked into the quiet village of Selvatelle, Borgo alle Vigne welcomes Members to an idyllic villa in the Italian hills. Book a 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suite and enjoy the picturesque setting. A scenic wander through the grounds will bring you to the resort-style pool, complete with deck chairs and umbrellas for lounging under the Tuscan sun.
Planning note: Be sure to book ahead to secure your preferred dates. The current reservation window includes dates through the second week of May.



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Searching for Thrills

For a family-fun vacation, head to these theme parks, water parks and more



Words: Fiona Tapp

Images: Shutterstock & Unsplash

Trying to entertain both adults and children on your next vacation? Choose an amusement park destination with thrilling rides, exciting attractions and endless entertainment, and you're guaranteed to please everyone. From the magical world of Disney to adrenaline-pumping roller coasters and charming seaside boardwalks, these are some of the best spots for an exhilarating family-friendly vacation.



Orlando, Florida

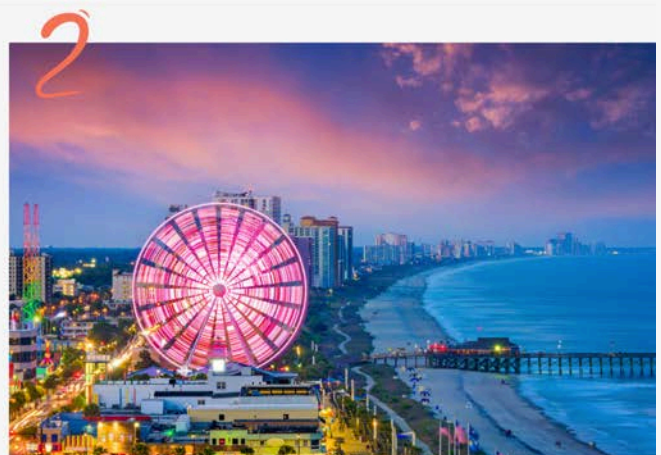
Famous for [Walt Disney World® Resort](#), Orlando is a hub for families searching for excitement and action-packed vacation days. Head to [EPCOT](#) to experience the latest superhero adventure — a ride based on the “Guardians of the Galaxy” movie franchise from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Don't forget to also visit [Universal Orlando® Resort](#), especially with older kids and teens. Check out the Typhoon Lagoon water park or Islands of Adventure theme park, featuring a roller coaster and river adventure themed to “Jurassic Park” and the [Dark Arts at Hogwarts™ Castle](#) light and music extravaganza.

Where to stay: After a busy day at the parks, rest easy in your Suite at [Tuscany Village, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#), where you'll find two pools, a kids' activity center and poolside movie nights. Alternatively, choose [Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#). Located just minutes from the parks, you and your family will enjoy the on-site pool with a water slide and splash pad.

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

The Atlantic Coast of South Carolina offers long stretches of sandy beaches and boardwalks for families to explore. Visit the [Family Kingdom](#) amusement park for classics including the Ferris wheel, wooden roller coaster and bumper cars, along with more than 30 other thrilling rides.

Where to stay: Book the sleek, modern and well-appointed [Ocean Enclave, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#), where rooms come with fully equipped kitchens (an appreciated convenience when traveling with young children). You can find shops and restaurants just steps away from the property.



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New York City, New York

For many years, families have been frequenting the seaside resort of Coney Island to walk the boardwalk, visit the attractions and stroll along the nearby Brighton Beach and Manhattan Beach. Enjoy a day out at [Luna Park](#), where you'll discover beach-facing entertainment, including a classic wooden roller coaster, high-tech rides and games. Heads up! Hungry kids will want to stop at Nathan's Famous for iconic hot dogs after smelling the sausages and fries.

Where to stay: Enjoy a relaxing stay in the heart of the city at [West 57th Street, a Hilton Club](#). The exclusive location, close to Lincoln Center and Fifth Avenue, will wow you, as will the floor-to-ceiling windows with panoramic views of Manhattan in the Studios, 1-Bedroom Suites and Penthouse Suites.

Branson, Missouri

Branson is well-known as a family destination and offers visitors plenty of outdoor adventures, live shows and theme parks — including [WonderWorks](#), a fun upside-down house. Visit [Silver Dollar City®](#), an 1880s-themed amusement park complete with over 100 artisans at work creating heritage crafts, rides and special events all year long. As a bonus, there's also a 13-acre (5.3-hectare) water park to cool down during the summer.

Where to stay: Stay right in the stunning Ozark Mountains at [The Suites at Fall Creek](#), which provides beautiful views of the White River Basin. An outdoor heated pool and an array of sporting amenities (including table tennis, sand volleyball, miniature golf and tennis courts) will keep everyone in the family entertained.

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Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Visit [Dollywood](#) in the Tennessee mountain town of Pigeon Forge, which has become one of the most popular attractions in the state. Opened in 1986 by iconic and beloved country singer Dolly Parton, the area offers a water park, rides for all ages and live performances.

Where to stay: Check-in at the family-friendly [Sunrise Ridge Resort](#), located within easy reach of both the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Dollywood. After a day spent exploring, you can relax in the resort's swimming pools.

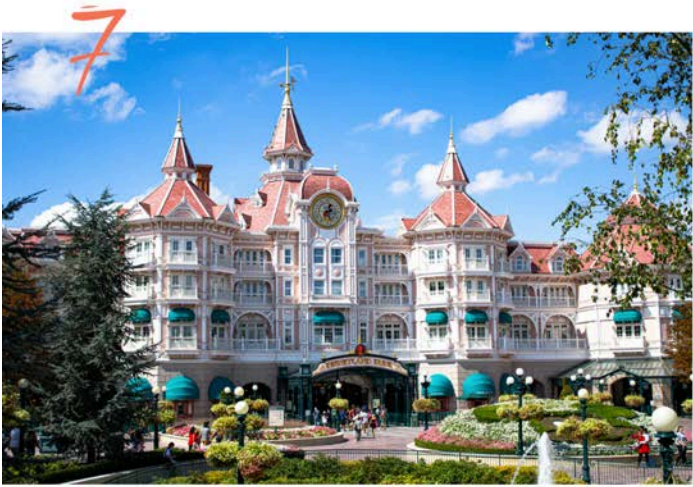
North Devon, England

North Devon, located on the rugged southwest coast of England, is the perfect spot for a family vacation. Play on the sandy beaches, walk along coastal routes and be sure to spend a fun day at [The Milky Way Adventure Park](#). Along with the usual rides and games, small kids will love the special attractions on offer, including a role-play pizzeria and a special sensory room for those under 3 years of age.

Where to stay: Relax in your Studio or Suite at [Woodford Bridge Country Club](#), located in the quaint English countryside. The resort features an on-site indoor pool, and nearby activities include horseback riding and hiking trails.

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Paris, France

It may not be as sprawling as its American counterparts, but [Disneyland® Paris](#) has a charm all of its own, with plenty of attractions to keep families of all sizes and tastes busy. Recently celebrating its 30th anniversary, the park welcomed a new [Marvel Avengers Campus](#) at Walt Disney Studios Park, including the opportunity to learn defensive moves from the warriors of Wakanda.

Where to stay: Book the [Royal Regency Paris Vincennes](#), located in a quiet and chic suburb of the city. You can reach the city center with a short journey on the metro, while Disneyland Paris is within a 30-minute ride on public transportation. Enjoy the spacious accommodations — select rooms even include a private balcony or terrace.

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the Third Coast

Lakeshore Chicago comes alive in the warmer months

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GREEN IN THE CITY



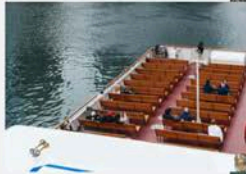
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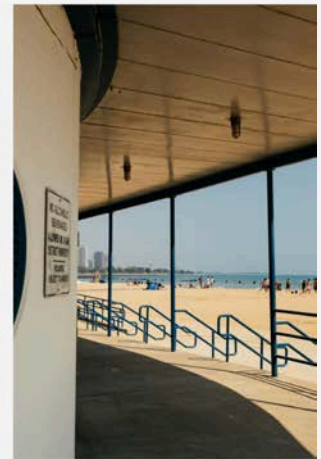
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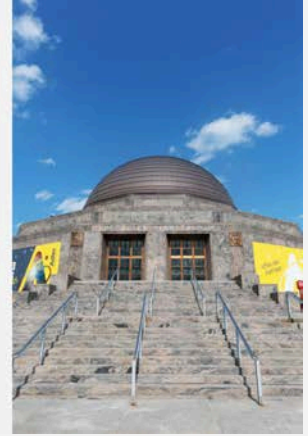


DRINKS WITH A VIEW

Chicago rejoices at the first signs of summer, with residents heading in throngs to the shores of Lake Michigan and filling up outdoor patios as soon as they open. After hibernating in the city's cozy solutions to long snowy winters, locals will tell you to soak up as much time in the sunshine as possible.

Often overlooked for the East or West Coasts, the Windy City is magical in the sunny months — boasting its own coastline on the city's sprawling lakefront and 8,800 acres (3,560 hectares) of public park space. So as soon as the weather turns warm, do as Chicagoans do and head outside.





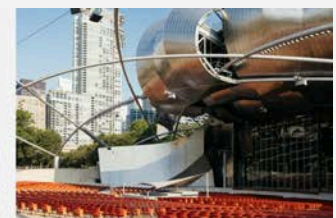
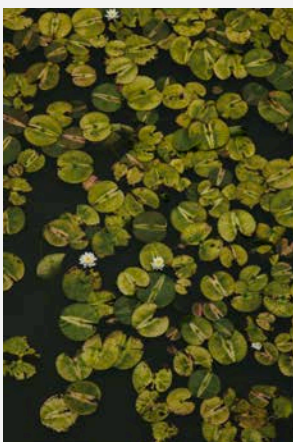
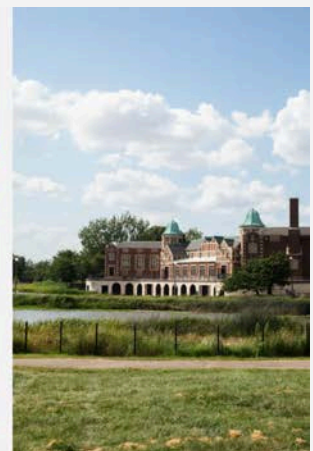
FOLLOW THE LAKE

Chicago's [Lakefront Trail](#) lines 19 miles (30 kilometers) of Lake Michigan and is the place to be in the summer. Walk, rollerblade or [rent a Divvy Bike](#) and make your way down the trail. At [Oak Street Beach](#), you can take in the iconic Chicago skyline and the vastness of Lake Michigan. Pack a towel and bask in the sun or jump in for a quick dip. Locals love this "concrete beach," but if you prefer sand, [North Avenue Beach](#) is just around the bend. This sandy stretch offers kayak and paddleboard rentals, beach volleyball and a bar and restaurant housed in the Art Moderne-style North Avenue Beach House.

Farther down the Lakefront Trail, you'll find [Navy Pier](#), a mini amusement park with rides, shops, restaurants, the [Chicago Shakespeare Theater](#), a children's [Discovery Center Museum](#) and the one and only [Centennial Wheel](#).

The original Ferris Wheel was invented in Chicago for the 1893 Columbian Exposition World's Fair, and the newer wheel opened in 2016 with comfortable (and safer) gondolas. A ride to the top is a great way to see across the city or watch the [Navy Pier fireworks display](#), on Wednesdays and Saturdays in the summer.

Continuing on the Lakefront Trail (or by taking a water taxi from Navy Pier), you'll reach Museum Campus. Three of the city's most popular museums — the [Shedd Aquarium](#), [Field Museum](#) and [Adler Planetarium](#) — sit proudly on this peninsula and provide a respite from the summer heat. And at the very end of the trail, you'll reach Chicago's best picnic spot, [Promontory Point](#), with stunning views of the city's skyline and lake.

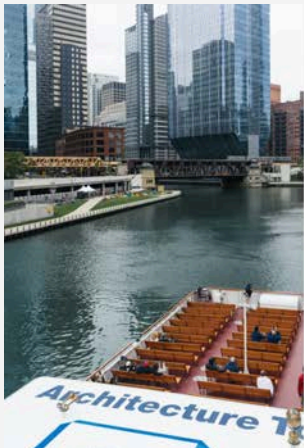
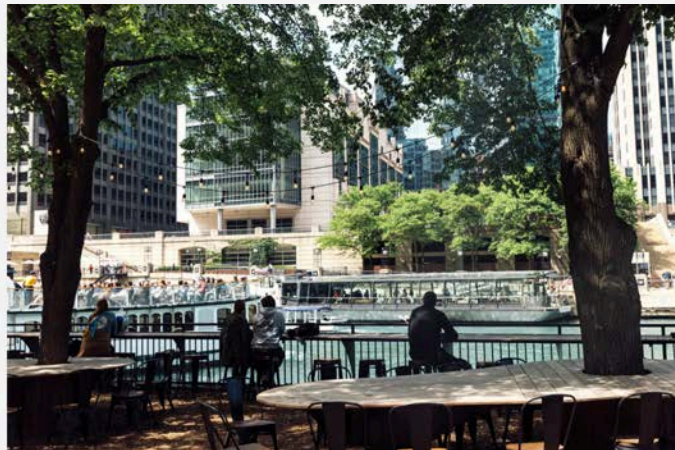




GREEN IN THE CITY

With so much green space in Chicago, you can easily hop from park to park and experience the best of the city. First stop: [Millennium Park](#). Chicago's most famous park is known for the [Cloud Gate](#), also known as "The Bean," an art installation that reflects the skyline and is a perfect background for taking selfies. On summer nights you can check out [free live music](#), outdoor [movies](#) and cultural performances at the sculptural Jay Pritzker Pavilion, while next door at Grant Park, visitors can enjoy a summer concert series and food festival in September.

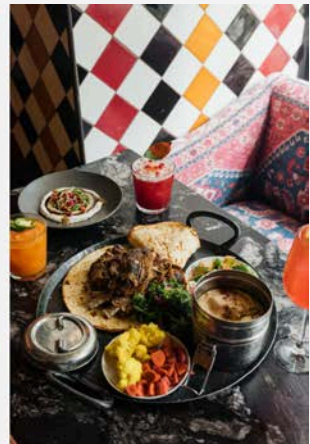
Although Millennium Park and Grant Park are the most visited, Lincoln Park and Humboldt Park are local favorites. The expansive Lincoln Park is home to statues, art installations, a [nature boardwalk](#), a [conservatory](#) and the [Lincoln Park Zoo](#), which offers free entry. On the west side of the city, rent a swan paddle boat at [Humboldt Park Boat House](#). Then, take in the beauty of [Garfield Park Conservatory](#), one of the largest botanical gardens in the country, or see the city from a new angle on [The 606](#), a former rail line transformed into an elevated walking trail.



ALONG THE RIVER

The [Chicago Architecture Center River Cruise](#) is consistently voted the city's favorite attraction, and for good reason. From the top of a riverboat, you'll hear about the city's history through its buildings — from the Great Chicago Fire to the World's Fair and the gravity-defying architecture you see today. Prefer to be closer to the water? Head out on your own with a rental from [Urban Kayaks](#) or rent a vintage-inspired boat from [Chicago Electric Boat Company](#) to see the sites in style.

There's lots to do on the banks of the river, too. The [Chicago Riverwalk](#) is a 1.25-mile (2-kilometer) path of gardens, art installations and restaurants. Order a glass of wine at [City Winery](#) and sit on the Riverwalk steps to watch yachts come and go, or grab a pretzel and beer at [The Northman Beer & Cider Garden](#).



EAT THE CLASSICS

No trip to Chicago is complete without deep-dish pizza. Fan-favorite [Giordano's](#) — known for its delightfully indulgent pies — has a location at Navy Pier where you'll also find [Garrett Popcorn Shops](#), another Chicago must-eat. For classic Chicago-style hot dogs — served on a poppy seed bun with yellow mustard, sweet pickle relish, white onion, pickled peppers, tomato, dill pickles and celery salt — try [Kim and Carlo's Hot Dog Stand](#) on Museum Campus. It's one of the best in the city and a real treat to eat on the lawn after a few hours exploring museum exhibitions.

When you've sampled your fill of street food, make a reservation at one of the city's options for finer fare. As the third biggest city in the United States, Chicago boasts a plethora of world-class restaurants. [Gibsons Italia](#) has floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Chicago River, [Beatnik on the River](#) has creative cocktails and Mediterranean dishes in a boho-chic setting, [RPM Seafood](#) is the place to go for celeb sightings and [Pizzeria Portofino](#) is perfect for spritzes with a view. Chicago is also known for steakhouses, and [Chicago Cut](#) is hard to beat — both for its excellent food and its riverfront location.



DRINKS WITH A VIEW

Head to the [Roof on the Wit](#) for craft cocktails with skyline and lake views, rain or shine. The retractable ceiling allows visitors to enjoy this spot year-round. See the sights by day and dance to a lineup of international DJs by night. At [Utopian Tailgate](#), another colorful rooftop bar in Lincoln Park, you can play bar games like bocce ball, beer pong, cornhole and more. Or at eighth-floor [Bar Avec](#), find Mediterranean-inspired bites and fresh cocktails.

One of the busiest places on a Chicago summer day is a Nashville hot chicken restaurant — [Parson's Chicken & Fish](#) — mostly because of its large patio and Negroni slushies. Whether you're there for food or just drinks, it's a Chicago summer pastime. In the West Loop, [Kaiser Tiger's](#) beer garden has more than 20 brews on tap and tons of space for larger groups, while [Piccolo Sogno](#) is perfect for a romantic glass of wine in a beautiful courtyard.

WHERE TO STAY

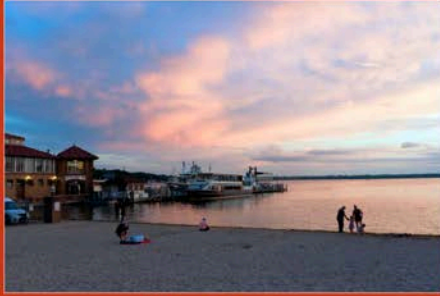
Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Though it's only steps from dozens of attractions, the Studios and 1-Bedroom Suites at the Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club, feel secluded and quiet. Enjoy the view from the rooftop pool, open for sunbathing or a relaxing dip in the warmer season. And your convenient location on the Magnificent Mile means you're only steps away from exciting shopping, dining and entertainment!



FALL INSPIRING DAY TRIPS

The nature in Chicago's surrounding area is perfect for a fall day trip. Visit these spots to take advantage of the last warm days of summer and the changing fall foliage.



Lake Geneva

Eighty miles from Chicago, resort town Lake Geneva is known for the calming water and Gilded Age mansions, which can be seen via a boat tour or a walk along the Geneva Lake Shore Path. This 21-mile trail was originally used by the Potawatomi Tribe; today, this public walking path leads along the shore through stately gardens, which are especially beautiful when framed in fall colors.



Starved Rock State Park

This state park on the Illinois River is famous for waterfalls, steep sandstone canyons and brilliantly colored leaves in the fall. It's about 90 minutes from Chicago but feels like a world away. In nearby Utica, try sparkling wines made with local varietals at Illinois Sparkling Wine Co. and have lunch at Lodi Tap House to sample local craft brews.

Member Resort Availability

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Chicago Magnificent Mile, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓

Endless summer

Your next adventure starts here

Your vacation should be anything but ordinary. That's why Destination Xchange is here with some ideas for your next getaway — whether you're looking for a last-minute trip or ready to plan for the year ahead.

Discover Your Next Destination

Take the scenic route in Sunriver, Oregon.

Sunriver is the perfect year-round playground. Bordered by the Deschutes River and the Deschutes National Forest, the area offers everything from mountain biking and hiking to river rafting and kayaking. There's also world-class golf, restaurants and shopping to enjoy.

Where to Stay: The Pines at Sunriver

Make memories in Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Experience the charm of Cape Cod. Spend your days at the beach, stroll the Bass Hole Boardwalk, bike the Rail Trail or sample some of the best seafood in New England. You can also plan day trips to the famous islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Where to Stay: The Cove at Yarmouth

Hit the beach in San Clemente, California.

Stay in the heart of Southern California, where laid-back vibes and stunning ocean views are always in season. Relax on world-class beaches, visit the boutiques on Avenida Del Mar, cast a line from the San Clemente Pier and enjoy coastal views on the Beach Trail.

Where to Stay: Grand Pacific at San Clemente

Find paradise in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Playa del Carmen has it all. Pristine beaches, turquoise water, buzzing nightlife, world-class golf and plenty of outdoor activities — from snorkeling to deep sea fishing to swimming with dolphins. You can also visit the Tulum ruins to feel as though you've stepped back in time.

Where to Stay: Grand Mayan Riviera Maya

Stay for sea views in Funchal, Portugal.

Year-round sunshine, historic attractions and lush landscapes make Funchal an ideal island escape. Visit the beaches, go on a culinary adventure or stop by the botanical gardens. Remember to ride the Funchal Cable car for sweeping views 600 meters above sea level.

Where to Stay: Pestana Grand Hotel

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Oahu



The vibrant, nature-blessed Hawaiian island of Oahu — with its plethora of activities and sights — will give you something to write home about

Words: Charlene Fang **Images:** Pexels & Unsplash

Oahu, nicknamed “The Gathering Place,” is a dream destination for travelers seeking an adventure-filled vacation that combines nature, culture and modern amenities. As the third-largest island in Hawaii, Oahu boasts stunning landscapes with majestic mountain ranges, picturesque valleys and white sand beaches blessed with legendary surf breaks.

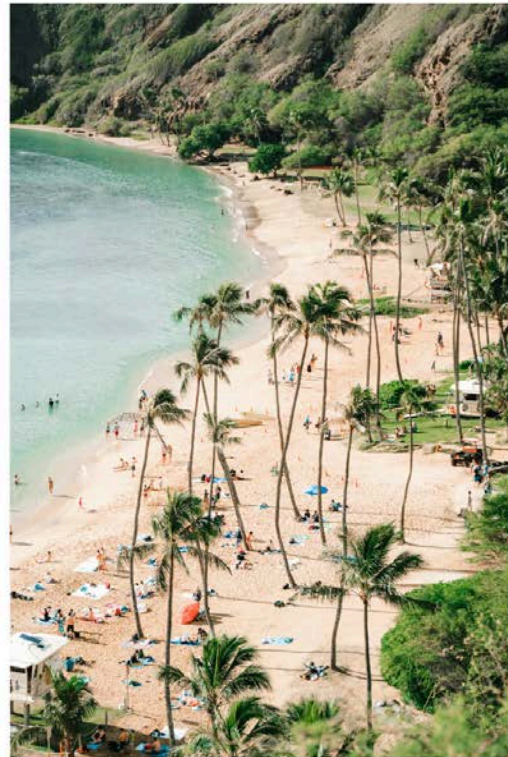
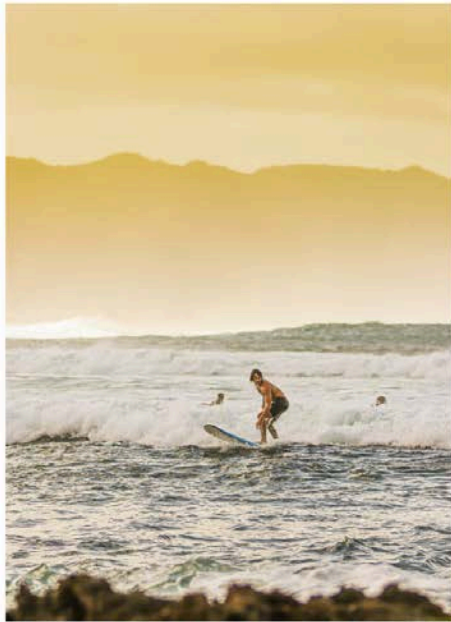


This multi-faceted locale offers a little bit of everything, with rich cultural activities and a bustling food and drink scene that is sure to leave you yearning to return year after year.





Once a recreational area of Hawai'i's royalty, the crystal-clear waters of Hanauma Bay offer some of the island's best snorkeling, where schools of tropical fish and even honu (sea turtles) can be spotted in waist-deep water. [Advanced reservations](#) are required as only 1,400 people are allowed in daily. **Planning tip:** Please use only reef-safe sunscreen to help preserve the coral.

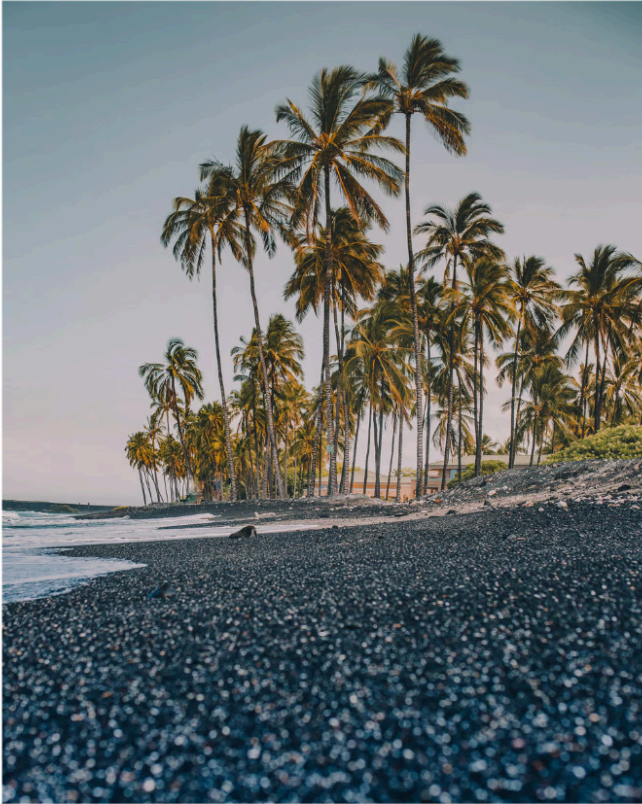


Summertime sees Waimea Bay at its busiest, as the waters are calm enough for snorkeling and swimming. But come winter, this is one of the best spots to catch top-class surfing action.



There's something for everyone on the famed 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) Waikiki Beach. Go body surfing at Queen's Beach, let the little ones loose in the calm waters of Kuhio Beach, or situate yourself in the water flanking the statue of Duke Kahanamoku and try surfing. Plus, if you forget anything, the area's ABC Stores are stocked with everything from boogie boards to sand toys and packaged snacks.

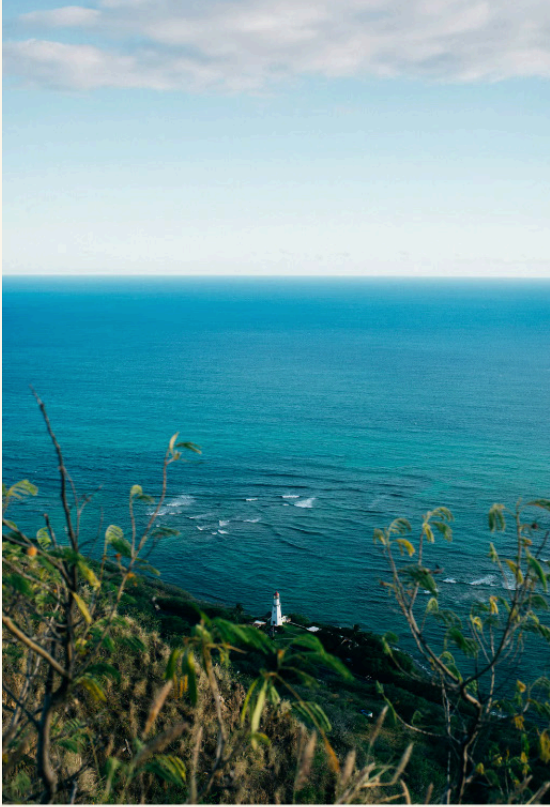




*The best way to experience Kailua Beach and Lanikai Beach (both often named as some of the best in the country) is out on the water. Rent a kayak from [Kailua Beach Adventures](#) and launch it from Kailua Beach Park. **Planning tip:** Parking is restricted, so it's best to use public transportation or ride-hailing services to get to Kailua Beach Park.*



*If waterfalls are on your must-see list, the 1.6-mile (2.6-kilometer) round-trip hike to Manoa Falls takes you through a lush rainforest setting — where “Jurassic Park” was filmed — to a beautiful 150-foot (46-meter) waterfall. While the trail is well-maintained and suitable for beginners, it can be muddy and slippery after heavy rain, so plan accordingly. **Planning tip:** To enjoy this rugged adventure safely, please also stay on the marked trails and refrain from hiking alone. Or visit [Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden](#) for a serene stroll through the wide array of jungle flora.*



*Suitable for all hikers, the Makapuu Lighthouse Trail is a stroller-friendly, 2-mile (3.2-kilometer) hike offering beautiful ocean views for most of the way, culminating in a view of the breathtaking eastern coastline studded with rugged lava rock formations. Or, lace up your sneakers and trek up the majestic Diamond Head crater created 100,000 years ago during a single explosive eruption of volcanic ash. The trail has a moderate incline and requires navigating stairs, but your reward at the end is an unobstructed 360-degree view of Waikiki Beach and the city skyline. **Planning tip:** [Reservations are required.](#)*



A stroll through the lush grounds of the famous Byodo-In Temple Zen temple is not to be missed. The building is a replica of a 900-year-old temple in Uji, Japan, with a large wooden gate and a main hall housing a golden Buddha statue. Time your visit to coincide with the ringing of the sacred bell, a practice symbolizing the purification of the mind and the releasing of negative thoughts.



No trip to Hawaii is complete without watching dancers perform the graceful art of hula kahiko and hula auana. Catch a performance as part of a luau or at the [Polynesian Cultural Center](#). And for artistic depictions of the life and culture of Hawaii, visit the murals of [SALT at Our Kaka'ako](#).



Sample Hawaiian street food from pizza and local beer (from Kona Brewing Co.) to seafood (try Giovanni's Shrimp Truck) to shaved ice (don't miss Island Vintage Shave Ice).





It doesn't get more romantic than [Hau Tree](#), located in a tree-shaded spot overlooking Kaimana Beach. Run by James Beard Award-nominated chef Chris Kajioka, the menu features Pacific Rim cuisine and creative spins on tropical cocktails. Or visit award-winning [Pai Honolulu](#), helmed by Chef Kevin J. Lee, whose tasting menus are influenced both by his food science and fine dining training.

Images by Kaimana Beach Hotel

Where to stay



The Modern Honolulu

With minimalist-style rooms bathed in white and ivory overlooking the Ala Wai Harbor, city skyline or Pacific Ocean, this hip and lively boutique resort with contemporary surf-chic art pieces is perfect for travelers looking for a cosmopolitan experience. Bonus: There's an adults-only pool shaded by lush palm trees, a rotating event calendar featuring local musicians, daily cultural and fitness activities, and an outdoor restaurant where you can admire the view of Ala Wai Boat Harbor.



The Grand Islander, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Situated steps away from Waikiki Beach and the saltwater Hilton Lagoon, this spacious resort is not short on amenities — with five swimming pools, easy access to all sorts of water sports and an array of dining options. The 1-and 2-Bedroom Suites and Penthouse Suites come with fully equipped kitchens for longer stays. On Friday nights, Guests are in prime position to watch the weekly fireworks show.

Member Resort Availability

	HGVClub	HGVClub With Max	The Club	The Club With Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With Max
The Modern Honolulu		✓	✓	✓		✓
The Grand Islander, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓

A Perfect Bite

Three must-visit restaurants this season



Dine al fresco at eateries like The Kingstide and The Imperial



The Kingstide in Charleston, South Carolina

32 River Landing Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492

Why Go

As Daniel Island's first and only waterfront restaurant, The Kingstide boasts stellar views of the sprawling Wando River. Located around a 20-minute drive from Charleston's historic downtown area, the nautical-inspired, two-story space is an ideal spot to slow down and take in the natural beauty of the Lowcountry, while digging into crab fried rice and Oysters Rockefeller.

What to Order

Partnering with local fisheries and farmers, executive chef Kevin Getzewich delivers simple but elevated preparations of seasonally driven seafood and produce. The menu features wood-fired dishes cooked on the kitchen hearth, such as grilled octopus with romesco and potatoes, as well as carrots with chorizo-spiced jalapeño miso vin. Extravagant seafood towers of shrimp, lobster tails and Alaskan king crab are another irresistible specialty.

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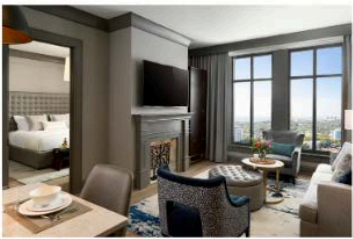
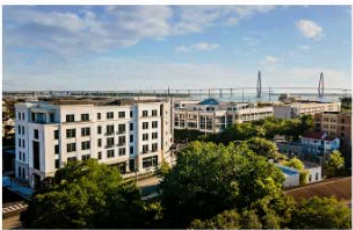
Waterfront open-air dining can be surprisingly difficult to find in Charleston, but The Kingstide offers plenty of seating on its elegant rooftop and piazza. Note that upstairs seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Enjoy fresh seafood served with a view at The Kingstide

Where to Stay

Book [Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club](#) for a convenient and contemporary base bordering the Charleston Historic District. Favorite attractions such as Liberty Square, South Carolina Aquarium and the shops and restaurants of King Street are all within a 15-minute walk of the property. After touring the city's cobblestone streets, return to your spacious Studio or Suite, complete with a king-size bed, walk-in shower and kitchenette or full kitchen. Guests also enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi, a 24-hour business center and a fitness center.



Treat your taste buds with this award-winning chef's seasonal creations



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Jazamango in Los Cabos, Mexico

Calle Naranjos, Esquina Jardín, Plaza Principal, Fraccionamiento Las Huertas, Tres Santos 23300 Todos Santos, Mexico

Why Go

James Beard Award-nominated chef Javier Plascencia creates culinary magic at Jazamango, his farm-to-table restaurant in Todos Santos. Set on a lush 1-acre (0.4 hectare) garden packed with sweet potatoes, verdant herbs and mango trees, the al fresco eatery grows much of its own produce. Be sure to allow extra time for a tour and to relax by the fire pit with a cocktail.

What to Order

Heralded as one of the best restaurants in Los Cabos to provide a true taste of the region's Baja Mediterranean cuisine, Jazamango showcases fresh, sun-ripened produce on a seasonally rotating menu. Start with wood-grilled chocolate clams (a delicacy that's mainly found in Baja California) and fish and shrimp tostadas with avocado and furikake before moving on to roasted suckling pig with green bean sofrito and organic chicken with assorted vegetables. Vegetarians will be equally happy, thanks to menu offerings including roasted cauliflower with caramelized zucchini seeds and fava bean hummus crowned with black lentils, sesame seed crisp and fresh cow's milk cheese.

Details

If you're craving something simple, the pizzas from the wood-burning oven are a local favorite. Choose one topped with the catch of the day or a heap of fresh vegetables.



Where to Stay

Discover a tropical paradise at [La Pacifica Los Cabos, a Hilton Club](#). In addition to 11.3 acres (4.6 hectares) of beachfront for swimming and snorkeling, the property offers Guests two pools overlooking the Sea of Cortez, a full-service spa and easy access to nearby shopping and golfing. Choose from an array of on-site dining options, including local seafood at Mio, Italian cuisine at Vela and Mexican American fusion fare at Lena. Many Studios and Suites come with balconies boasting full or partial ocean views. Nearby [Cabo Azul, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) also offers delicious eats at the swim-up bar and restaurant, as well as plenty of relaxation time at the spa, plunge pools and hot tubs.



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The Imperial in Washington, D.C.

2001 18th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009

Why Go

This Michelin-honored restaurant and bar in Adams Morgan was one of Washington, D.C.'s buzziest openings in the past few years. The three-story venue includes a chic, light-filled dining room, an adjoining raw bar and a moody drinking den with an extensive collection of rare and vintage spirits. The highlight, however, is the two-tiered romantic rooftop garden where you can dine under the stars.



What to Order

The Imperial's refined, Mid-Atlantic-meets-Southern-France menu serves sophisticated and fun recipes fit for a fancy dinner party. Kick off your meal with bites of lobster deviled eggs and baked brie with black raspberry jam and pretzel chips before tasting pan-seared scallops with hominy grits and beef Wellington with black truffle jus. Be sure to stick around for a nightcap: The bar's whimsical cocktails — such as the Above the Clouds, which combines pisco, yerba mate, citrus cordial, egg white and bitters — are just as memorable as the food.

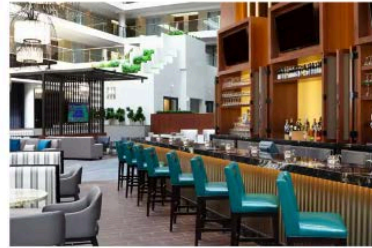
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Planning tip: The raw bar, where you can order platters of raw shellfish and other seafood delicacies, doesn't accept reservations.



The Imperial's rooftop is a perfect spot for craft cocktails and creative bites

Ideally located between Georgetown and Dupont Circle, [The District, a Hilton Club](#) offers prime access to the capital's most celebrated sites, including the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and many Smithsonian Institution museums. Lining the top floors of the Embassy Suites by Hilton Washington, D.C. Georgetown, this discrete property comes with a range of special amenities including a private Owners Lounge for The District's deeded Owners, complimentary breakfast offered at the Embassy Suites, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.



Member Resort Availability

	HGVClub	HGVClub With Max	The Club	The Club With Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With Max
Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
La Pacifica Los Cabos, a Hilton Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Cabo Azul, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
The District, a Hilton Club	✓	✓		✓		✓

THE CARRY-ON

BEACH READY

Soak up the sun with these beach must-haves



Polaroid Now Generation 2 i-Type Instant Camera • \$120

Document your adventures with this vintage-style Polaroid camera and turn your memories into an instant souvenir. Although the classic style is the same as always, the camera's technology has been updated to modern standards.



Baggu Go Pouch Set • \$40

Neatly pack your beach gear with these pouches made from recycled nylon. With three convenient sizes, you can stash toys, swimsuits and more to avoid bringing the sand home with you.



Columbia Global Adventure Packable Hat II • \$35

Columbia's sun hat will not only keep you shaded on hot and sunny beach days — it protects against both UVA and UVB rays — but can also fold up inside your suitcase to avoid awkward packing problems.



Yeti Rambler Wine Tumbler • \$25

Ensure your wine stays perfectly crisp and cold. The stainless steel tumbler also has an easy slide lid to prevent spills (and keeps sand from sneaking into your cup).



Supergoop SPF Set • \$20

This four-piece sunscreen set includes SPF protection for every type of beach excursion, whether you're looking to lounge on the sand or dive into the waves. It's designed to avoid the sticky, gloopy texture of the average sunscreen and is reef-friendly.



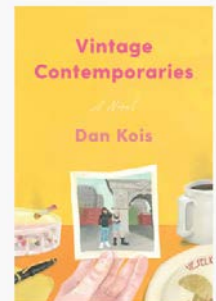
Target Blue Stripes Paddle Ball • \$10

Try your hand at this classic beach game with these adorable bright blue paddles. The set comes with a carrying bag and two types of balls, ready for hours of play.



OSEA Atmosphere Protection® Cream • \$54

Keep your skin happy even on windy beach days or through a salty dip in the sea. Made from seaweed, this moisturizer is designed to layer under your sunscreen.



Vintage Contemporaries by Dan Kois • \$28

Set in New York City around the turn of the millennium, this novel tells a coming-of-age tale exploring the concepts of art, parenthood, friendship, success and failure.



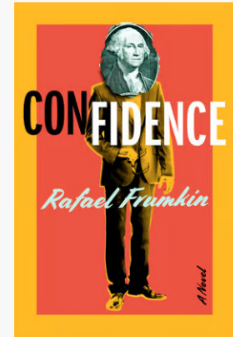
Target Backpack Cooler
• \$20

Forget bulky old-school coolers. This funky insulated backpack-style bag is tall enough to fit a bottle of wine, along with any other charcuterie board accompaniments.



Ray Ban Clubmaster Classic
Sunglasses • \$171

These timeless 1960s-style sunglasses have been worn by music icons like John Lennon and are the perfect fit for any beach outing. The lenses can be adapted to any prescription and you can even add polarization to prevent glare.



Confidence by Rafael
Frumkin • \$28

Full of scams, schemes and a new take on the American Dream, Confidence follows the story of a troubled teen who dreams up a big con targeting a Theranos-like corporation.



Business & Pleasure Beach
Blanket • \$119

Claim your spot on the sand with this festive beach blanket. The quick-drying cotton blanket has a hole in the center for a beach umbrella and also comes with a convenient leather strap to roll the blanket into a bundle for easy transportation.



Zanatany Concepts
Vanisee Tote • \$150

Made of sustainable raffia fibers and handmade in Madagascar, this chic bag fits all your swimming essentials. The chic tassle design is intricately woven and looks great with your vacation outfits.



Beach Slides Squish
Sandal • \$59

These bright and funky sandals are ready to transport you to the perfect beach day. They're easy to slip on and off, but the added cushion in the platform makes them more comfortable and attractive than a basic flip-flop.



Explore Miami Beach's sandy shores and stunning Art Deco architecture

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Tropical Miami Beach in Florida serves up swaying palm trees, Art Deco backdrops and legendary Latin American vibes



Day one 7:30 A.M.

Rise early to beat the sun's most intense heat and head out for a stroll or bike ride along the Beachwalk, an oceanfront pedestrian and cycling path that runs for 7 miles (11.3 kilometers) north from South Beach. [Miami Beach Bicycle Center](#) rents comfortable beach cruisers that come with helmets, baskets and locks.

10 A.M.

Visit [Abbalé Telavivian Kitchen](#) in Miami Beach's chic SoFi (South of Fifth Street) neighborhood for a lively brunch. Recipes passed down by the Colombia-born chef's Syrian family include shakshuka served with a Jerusalem bagel and hummus complete with a soft egg on top.



12:30 P.M.

Take a boat tour into Biscayne National Park, one of Florida's three national parks, to see the area's natural reserves. Pontoon boat tours guided by naturalists from the [Biscayne National Park Institute](#) depart from gorgeous Coconut Grove to explore Stiltsville, where quirky wooden structures stand atop stilts in the open bay.



3 P.M.

Craving a snack after your time on the water? Miami's favorite sandwich is the Cuban. Visit [Sanguich De Miami](#) along Calle Ocho in Little Havana (the neighborhood that's home to much of the Cuban diaspora) to try its version, which is piled with slow-roasted pork and house-made pickles.



5 P.M.

Head back to South Beach in time for one of the city's best happy hours at [Sweet Liberty Drinks & Supply Company](#). A neon sign on the wall reminds the crowds to "Pursue Happiness." For many, that comes in the form of the venue's potentially delicious piña coladas, made with three types of rum, coffee beans and crowned with a sherry floater.

8:30 P.M.

Dine stylishly late like the locals and settle in for an iconic Miami Beach seafood feast at [Joe's Stone Crab](#). Florida's favorite (and sustainably harvested) crustacean, the stone crab, is in season from October 15 through May 1. The restaurant also serves fresh Florida fish including snapper, grouper and mahi-mahi year-round.





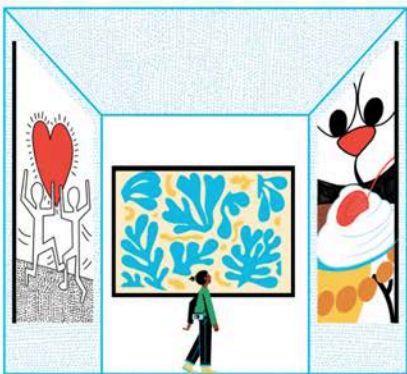
11 A.M.

If you're visiting over a weekend, drive west across Biscayne Bay to the Wynwood Arts District for one of Miami's most vibrant brunch scenes at [R House Wynwood](#). Here, Miami's top drag performers sashay to a packed house on Saturdays and Sundays, while crowds nosh on Latin-inspired fare (the chimichurri cheeseburger sliders are a winner) and sip mimosas. For something more French, head around the corner to [Pastis](#), a New York City favorite that is new to Miami.



Day two 8 A.M.

Kick off another beach day bright and early by heading to palm-lined [South Pointe Park](#), where a 450-foot-long (137-meter) pier juts into the Atlantic Ocean. You may also see cruise ships passing within close range, returning to the port of Miami from Caribbean sailings.



2 P.M.

Along with the outdoor graffiti and mural gallery [Wynwood Walls](#), Wynwood's main art draw is the [Rubell Museum](#). It houses a private contemporary art collection within six buildings, including works by Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Jeff Koons.



4 P.M.

Accustomed to year-round sunshine, Miami locals like to hit the beach later in the day, when the punishing midday rays relent, and the waters turn deep sapphire as the sun starts to set. For a less crowded scene than South Beach, head to [Haulover Park](#) at the northernmost end of Miami Beach. **Heads up:** A clothing-optional crowd gathers in the park's northern reaches, but bathing suits are the norm in the southern parts of this 1.4-mile-long (2.3-kilometer) beachfront park.



7 P.M.

For a casual dinner spot with something for everyone, the sprawling [Lincoln Eatery](#) is the international food hall of dreams. You'll discover everything from wood-fired pizza and globally-inspired crepes to Indian street food and freshly-made Asian noodle dishes on offer.



10 P.M.

There's no shortage of nightclubs for finishing out a South Beach evening. But if you're up for something more relaxed, delightful local dive [Abbey Brewing Company](#) offers craft beers, darts, a jukebox and a laid-back atmosphere that draws off-duty chefs, surfers and in-the-know out-of-towners.

Where to Stay

Book a stay at Art Deco properties [McAlpin Ocean Plaza, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) or [Crescent on South Beach, a Hilton Vacation Club](#), both offering 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites just moments away from the action of South Beach's trendiest neighborhood. At McAlpin Ocean Plaza, retreat to the private rooftop spa after a day out on the town. Or at Crescent on South Beach, step outside your door to the beautiful white sand beach and soak up the Florida sun.



Member Resort Availability

	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
McAlpin Ocean Plaza, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Crescent on South Beach, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓



4 Must-See National Parks

Visit these wild wonders of the United States

You can't go wrong choosing a national park to visit, but this quartet dramatically demonstrates how widely the wonders of nature vary as you travel across the United States.

National parks have been called the best idea the United States ever had — a way to preserve and protect the country's special places for all to enjoy and explore. There are currently 63 sites that carry the National Park designation, and you'll find them in 30 states and two U.S. territories. Yellowstone was the first, authorized in 1872, and New River Gorge the most recent, added in 2021. While all 63 parks are worth a visit, four stand out for their sheer size and distinctive natural delights: Grand Canyon, Glacier, Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah.



Grand Canyon National Park

U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt said the Grand Canyon was the one sight every person in the U.S. should see. The massive gorge in northern Arizona, formed by the Colorado River, is an astonishing 278 miles (447 kilometers) long, 600 feet (183 meters) to 18 miles (29 kilometers) wide and up to 6,000 feet (1,829 meters) deep. Grand Canyon National Park, established in 1919, draws millions of visitors each year to its two public areas, the North Rim and South Rim.

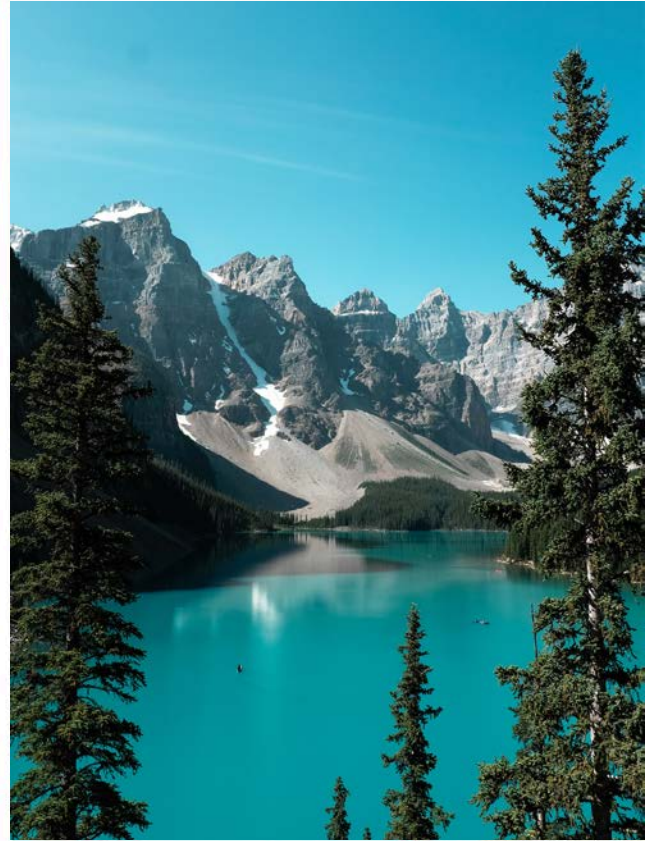
In addition to unmatched vistas from the rims, the park provides spots for hikes, mule rides, camping and whitewater rafting. Start at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center on the South Rim for your first look at the canyon from nearby Mather Point, or board free shuttle buses (which accommodate wheelchairs) that travel around Grand Canyon Village. The Rim Trail offers an easy walk (some sections are wheelchair accessible) with quiet views of the inner canyon and minimal elevation changes.

Explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Grand Canyon

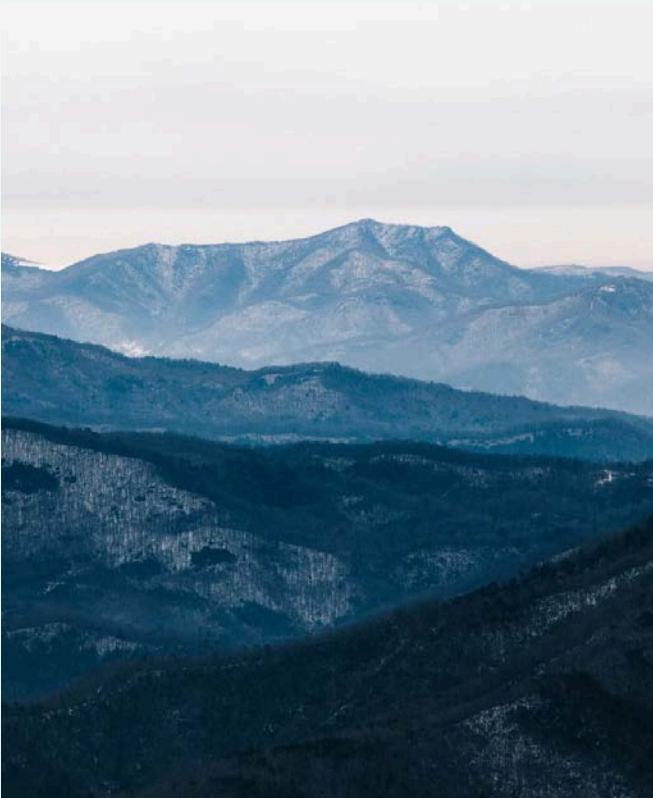
Glacier National Park

Prehistoric ice rivers carved out the mountain ranges in this region of Montana that Blackfoot Native Americans have considered the Backbone of the World. Established as a National Park in 1910, Glacier National Park features about two dozen of its namesake ice masses, plus alpine meadows, waterfalls and over 700 lakes.

Though few roads traverse the park's 1,600 awe-inspiring square miles (4,100 square kilometers), more than 700 miles (1,127 kilometers) of trails take visitors through layers of wilderness and human history. Trail of the Cedars, a gateway to towering trees, is one of the most accessible and most popular hikes. There's also one drive you must experience at least a portion of: The Going-to-the-Sun Road. This stunning 50-mile (80-kilometer) paved, two-lane highway spans the width of Glacier National Park and crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass at an elevation of more than 6,000 feet (1,829 meters).



Enjoy alpine views of the majestic Rocky Mountains in Glacier National Park



Take in Great Smoky Mountains National Park's signature misty vistas

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

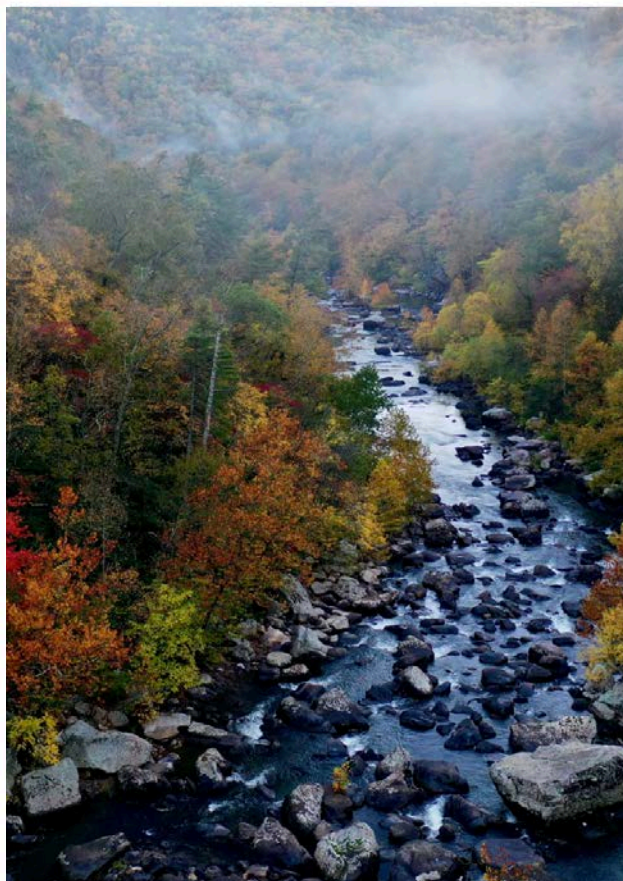
The peaks and valleys of the United States' most visited national park often hide behind the shrouds of blue mist that earned the majestic mountains their name. Great Smoky Mountains National Park covers more than 500,000 acres (202,343 hectares) in parts of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, preserving a portal to natural beauty and Appalachian culture.

Get an overview of the scenery from your vehicle: U.S. Highway 441 cuts through the heart of the park and is lined with picturesque overlooks, including the jaw-dropping Newfound Gap. For a closer look, explore the Oconaluftee Visitor Center, where you can see preserved historic log buildings, spring wildflowers and the park's famous elk. The Deep Creek area abounds with streams and waterfalls, and a loop hike takes you to the three main cascades.

Shenandoah National Park

Waterfalls, wildflowers and wildlife await at this Virginia treasure about 75 miles (121 kilometers) from Washington, D.C. Deer, wild turkeys and black bears find refuge among more than 200,000 acres (80,937 hectares) of protected lands, as do humans — namely hikers, cyclists, campers and anglers.

Get the grand tour on Skyline Drive, one of the country's most scenic roads. It's a two-lane, 105-mile (169-kilometer) route along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains and, at the posted 35 mph (56 kmph) speed limit, takes about three hours — more if you pull over frequently to marvel at the views. But you'll appreciate the leisurely pace, which lets you take in the panoramas safely. When you're ready to explore on foot, choose from more than 500 miles (805 kilometers) of trails, including several waterfalls such as Dark Hollow Falls and Doyles River Falls. Alternatively, check out Blackrock Summit, a short hike to the top of a rocky slope for gorgeous vistas of the Shenandoah Valley.



Wander the idyllic countryside of Shenandoah National Park

No matter which national park you pick, you'll find an adventure like no other.

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