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In doing so we broke the mould and we haven't stopped since. We are continuously redefining what you can expect from a luxury tour operator. Our team of specialists will work in partnership with your expert travel agent to help you plan the perfect holiday, one that is carefully thought out and seamlessly executed. At Lusso, high expectations and meticulous attention to customer service come as standard.

At the heart of all we do are our travel advisors. True specialists in their craft, most have over 25 years' experience within the industry and travel regularly to the destinations and properties within our portfolio, staying in the hotels, taking the tours, talking to the locals and sniffing out those one-of-a-kind experiences that make travelling with Lusso far more than just a holiday. Their first-hand, up-to-date and intimate knowledge allows them to truly advise you, from helping you choose the optimum room or suite to designing the most complex of multi-centre holidays, complete with private transfers, guided excursions and chosen activities.

Our close working relationships with all our partners mean that every effort is made to confirm even the smallest of special requests, adding that all-important personal touch to your truly bespoke holiday. We are incredibly discerning about the partners we work with, endeavouring only to use the best of the best, from airlines and accommodation to local experts on the ground who will take you to the heart of the countries they call home.

We also recognise the importance of complete peace of mind when you go away on holiday. That's why all our holidays that include flights are fully ATOL-protected, with non-flight packages protected by way of a bond held with ABTA, meaning your money is always safe in our hands.

At the end of the day our aim is simple – to help you create your ideal holiday and to organise it flawlessly.



*James Weaver*  
Managing Director





## *Want to discover more?*

Like a window display in Macy's, this brochure merely gives a flavour of what we can offer across the United States. It's by no means a catalogue of all the hotels we work with, the experiences we can offer, or the journeys we can create. In other words, if you don't see what you're looking for here, don't worry. Just ask your travel agent to contact us with your requirements. We work with well over 150 hotels in America (many of which can be found on our website) and have contacts on the ground from Miami to Seattle and Maine to San Diego. What you'll find in these pages is just for inspiration. The true journey begins when you speak to your travel agent about booking a Lusso holiday.

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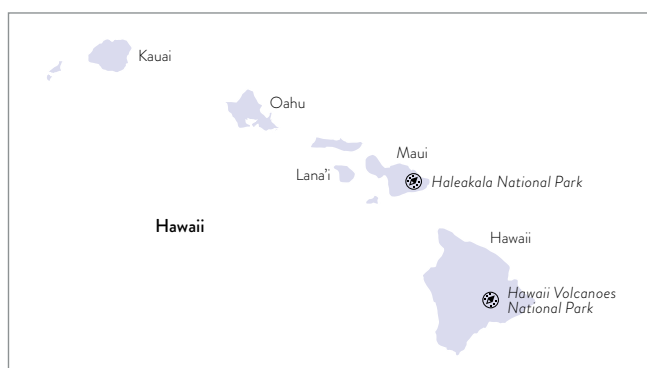
# Welcome to the United States

*So pervasive is American culture that we all have an idea of what to expect when we visit. In fact, it's often seeing the familiar with our very own eyes that provides the greatest thrill when travelling in the States: iconic yellow taxis waiting in line in Times Square, cable cars heaving their passengers around San Francisco, paddle boats steaming up the Mississippi River, or jazz musicians playing on the streets of New Orleans.*

Whether you're looking for a fun family holiday, a scintillating city break, an outdoor adventure or a romantic escape for two, the United States has an answer for everything. For here is a country masquerading as a continent, where just about every type of holiday imaginable is possible, from the bright city lights of New York and Las Vegas to the autumn colours of leafy New England and the reefs and rainforests of heavenly Hawaii.

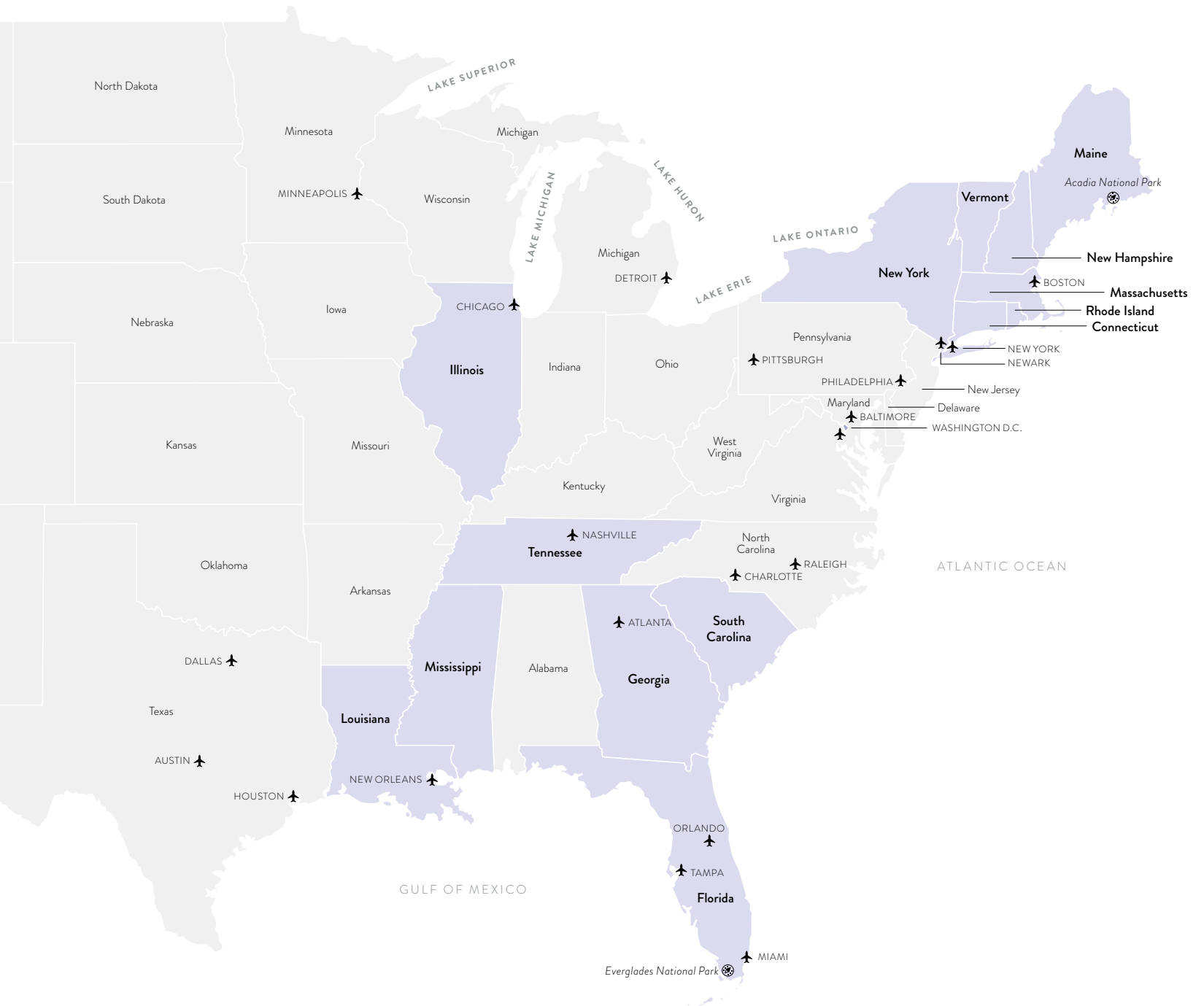
Yet in a country so large, it's often hard to know where to start when planning a holiday. That's where our USA specialists come in. Our travel advisors have journeyed extensively across America and regularly return to the regions and properties within our portfolio, meaning you can be assured of a first-hand, honest and up-to-date opinion. You'll find their personal recommendations for what to see and do in this vast and varied country on pages 6, 36 and 70 of this brochure.

One thing is for sure though, travelling in America is almost always about the journey, which is why we've filled these pages not just with hotels but with suggested itineraries for each of our destinations. These are merely examples of what's possible in the region. They can of course be booked as you see them on the page, but they can also be adjusted to suit your own tastes, interests, budget and timeframe. Such is the beauty of tailor-made travel.



 Cities with direct UK flights







Inside the USA with

*Julie Hammond*

### Why should I visit the United States?

I can think of at least 50 reasons – the states themselves. Each one is different, with its own identity and personality.

### What's your fondest memory from your time in America?

Definitely bottling my own wine in California's Sonoma Valley. I had the chance to do so at Buena Vista Winery and found the process so fascinating I've been recommending it ever since.

### What's your favourite US state and why?

More of a collection than a single state but I adore New England, especially in autumn – or 'fall' as they say there. Boston makes a wonderful base from which to explore the area, though the real fun lies in making your own discoveries along quiet leafy byways – stopping at cider mills, stocking up on maple syrup, and posing for photos by quaint covered bridges and iconic, red barns.

### Which places live up to the hype?

It's got to be Las Vegas. Sin City is brash, fun and strangely alluring. It's also a launchpad for visiting the Grand Canyon, best seen from the air on a helicopter tour – a worthwhile indulgence if ever there was one.

### What's your favourite city and what must I do while I'm there?

For me it's the City by the Bay, glorious and bohemian San Francisco. Go in autumn or winter for the clearest days (summer fog often obscures the views), hire a bike and cycle across Golden Gate Bridge.

### Where should I go if I'm looking for adventure?

Arizona is America's adventure capital, from hiking to the floor of the Grand Canyon and white-water rafting on the Colorado River to hot-air ballooning in the Sonoran Desert.



Covered bridge, New England



## Discover the USA *your way*



### Road Trips

It's no surprise to us that many of the holidays we sell in the States are self-drives. Distances between places of interest in America are often huge and hiring a car – whether it be a luxury SUV or a classic convertible Mustang – gives you the freedom to explore at your own pace, stopping when and where you want. Classic routes like Highway 1 down the coast of California and the Overseas Highway that connects the Florida Keys are among the world's most celebrated road trips. But there's just as much fun to be had exploring the scenic byways of leafy New England, the desert roads of Arizona or the juke joints and honky-tonks that pepper the Deep South. Lusso can arrange car hire to suit your travel needs, with pick-ups and drop-offs in multiple destinations across the United States.



### Motorhomes

Hiring a motorhome – or an RV as they're known in the States – is a wonderfully exciting way to tour around America. As with hiring a car, you have the freedom and flexibility to go where you want when you want, but with a motorhome your choice of where to spend the night is virtually limitless. There are RV campgrounds right across the States, including within most national and state parks. Fancy sleeping on the shores of Lake Michigan, near the rim of the Grand Canyon or by the beach in California? You can with an RV. Our partner, Cruise America, has 50 years' experience delivering motorhome holidays. Their top-of-the-line motorhomes come in multiple sizes, each custom manufactured to be as safe, comfortable and reliable as possible. All offer sleeping, cooking, shower and toilet facilities and come with a free app to help you find campsites and local points of interest. And with pick-up and drop-off sites in 32 locations across 22 states, there's almost nowhere you can't go.

### Motorcycle Tours

For those of you who prefer two wheels to four, we offer a wide range of self-guided and fully supported guided motorcycle tours through our partnership with EagleRider, the world's largest motorcycle touring company, from classic journeys from Chicago to Los Angeles along Route 66 to mountain rides through the rearing Rockies down to Yellowstone National Park. We work with EagleRider because we think they're the best in the business. They've got 150 locations in the US and a fleet of more than 4,000 motorcycles, including the latest models from Harley-Davidson, BMW, Indian, Honda, Triumph and more. Their guides are second to none, their support teams are excellent and there are tours available for all levels of rider.

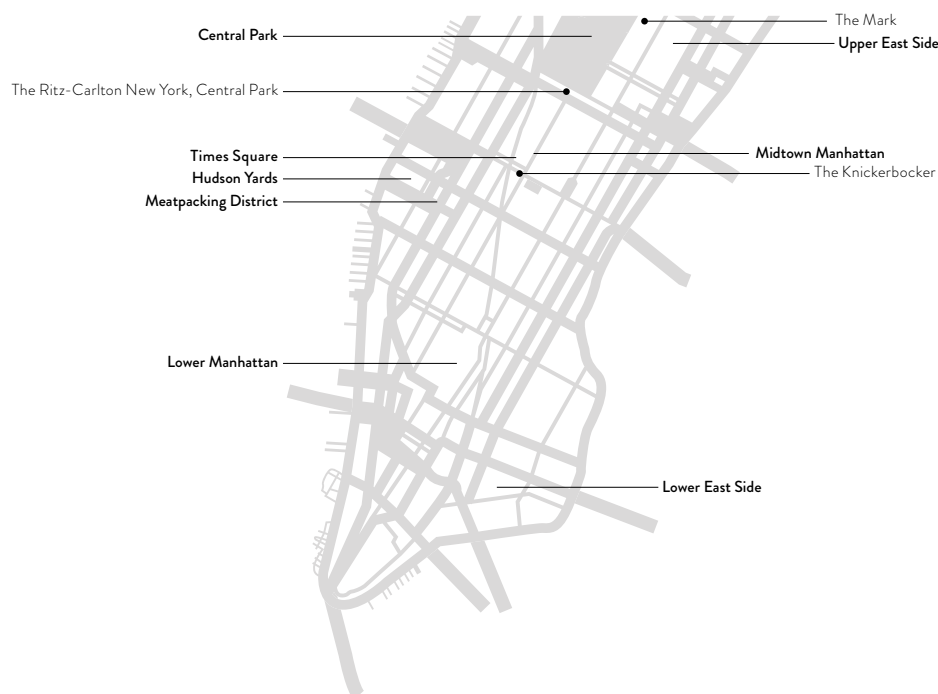


### Attraction Tickets

We can make planning your holiday even easier by securing you tickets in advance to many of America's top theme parks and attractions. In Florida alone we can arrange tickets and multi-day passes to the likes of Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort, LEGOLAND Florida Resort, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and the Kennedy Space Center. Beyond the Sunshine State, options include Disneyland Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood in California, and the Empire State Building, Edge New York and SUMMIT One Vanderbilt in New York. We can also arrange a host of bucket-list experiences to enhance your holiday, several of which are highlighted on the itinerary pages throughout this brochure, such as helicopter trips to the Grand Canyon, hot-air balloon flights over the deserts of Arizona, and whale-watching tours off the coast of New England.



*Ask your travel agent for more details about booking car hire, motorhomes, motorcycle tours or attraction tickets as part of your Lusso holiday.*



## New York

It's often said that you can tell the difference between a tourist and a local in New York because the tourists are always gazing upwards. And with so many breathtaking new additions to the skyline in recent years, it's easy to see why.

SUMMIT One Vanderbilt, now the tallest building in Midtown Manhattan, offers awe-inspiring views from its transparent, glass-enclosed sky decks. It's a similar story in New York's newest neighbourhood, Hudson Yards, home to Edge, the highest outdoor observation deck in the western hemisphere. Not to be outdone, the Empire State Building has undertaken a four-year renovation project and offers a totally revitalised visitor experience, with observation decks on the 86th and 102nd floors, a wide range of restaurants, plus exhibits on everything from the building's construction to its place in the films, TV shows, adverts and comics of popular culture. Closer to the ground but also new is Little Island at Pier 55 on the Hudson River, a three-acre oasis that floats above the water on 132 tulip-shaped stilts.

Of course, it's not all new. All the wonderful old reasons to visit New York are still there too: the bright lights of Broadway, the billboards of Times Square, horse and carriage rides through scenic Central Park, and shopping until your feet hurt at Bloomingdale's and Macy's. A visit to the moving 9/11 Memorial & Museum is an absolute must, as is taking a cruise past the Statue of Liberty, taking in museums like MoMA and the Met, and taking a stroll along the elevated High Line, an abandoned railway line that's been cleverly transformed into one of the city's best green spaces.

With so much on offer – not to mention some of the best hotels and restaurants in America – it doesn't matter when you visit either. Come in summer for picnics in the park. Come in winter for festive traditions like the lighting of the tree at Rockefeller Center. But above all, come, for you haven't seen America until you've experienced New York.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** April to May and September to October are the most pleasant times of the year, as the city experiences distinct seasons; summers can be hot and humid while winters are cold with frequent snow. December is popular for Christmas shopping and is festively chilly.

**Average temp** 22°C (spring & autumn)

**How to get there** American Airlines, Virgin Atlantic and Delta from Heathrow to JFK • British Airways from Heathrow to JFK and Newark and from Gatwick to JFK • United from Heathrow and Edinburgh to Newark • Virgin Atlantic and Aer Lingus from Manchester to JFK • Delta from Edinburgh to JFK

**Average flying time** 8 hours

**GMT** -5 hours

**Tourist office** [www.nycgo.com](http://www.nycgo.com)

**Ideal for** Culture, History, Art, Cuisine, Shopping and Nightlife









#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 45 minutes by road from JFK Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 330 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*

### *Times Square*

## The Knickerbocker

Located right by Times Square, The Knickerbocker offers easy access to the best of Broadway, Bryant Park, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and the many shops of Midtown. Behind its original 1905 facade lies a chic and contemporary interior, with impressively sound-proofed rooms and suites, decorated in taupe and silver and equipped with comfy beds, bespoke furnishings and generous rain showers. Celebrity chef Charlie Palmer heads the hotel's culinary programme, from his elegant namesake restaurant to the artisanal coffee shop adjacent to the lobby and the hand-crafted cocktails on offer at St. Cloud, the rooftop bar that's built a well-earned reputation as one of the best places in the city to watch the New Year's Eve ball drop.

#### PRICES

*3 nights from £1,260*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Superior Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with British Airways from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 50 minutes by road from JFK Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 259 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, La Prairie Spa, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*

### *Midtown Manhattan*

## The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park

With an enviable location overlooking Central Park and close to the famed shops of Fifth Avenue, this landmark hotel offers newly imagined rooms and suites with townhouse-inspired spaces, Central Park views and bespoke furnishings. Rooms feature telescopes pointed at the park while suites showcase works from local artists. The new Club Lounge provides an exclusive setting where guests can enjoy food from a range of local talent. La Prairie Spa offers facials, scrubs and indulgent treatments like a Caviar Massage, while the redesigned fitness centre and movement studio make it easy to stay healthy. Dining options range from picnics in the park to the gastro lounge Contour, which offers small plates and cocktails from morning until night.

#### PRICES

*3 nights from £1,930*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Superior Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with British Airways from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 40 minutes by road from JFK Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 153 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Frederic Fekkai Hair Salon, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Bicycles.*

### *Upper East Side*

## The Mark

Set in the exclusive Upper East Side on the corner of 77th Street and Madison Avenue, the super-stylish Mark is just a well-dressed stroll from a convoy of high-end boutiques, including Vera Wang, Missoni and Christian Louboutin. While the glamorous lobby makes a bold statement with its striped marble flooring and abstract artwork, the rooms and suites are more calming and understated, ranging in size from comfortable doubles to a five-bedroom penthouse. The restaurant by acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten holds its own against any in the city, while experiences range from cycling to Central Park with a picnic prepared by Jean-Georges himself to private pedicab tours of Manhattan's top shops, museums and galleries.

#### PRICES

*3 nights from £2,485*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Madison Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with British Airways from London.



NEW YORK

## Essential Experiences - Our Suggestions



### SUMMIT One Vanderbilt

Rising 1,401 feet above the streets of New York, SUMMIT One Vanderbilt is the tallest building in Midtown Manhattan and offers breathtaking views from its transparent skyboxes. The most daring can ride the world's largest glass-floor lifts even further, to the highest panoramic viewing point in Midtown. There are also art installations and cocktails to enjoy.



### Sports Events

Sport is a huge part of American culture and New Yorkers are hugely passionate about their home-town teams. Whether it's watching the Yankees play baseball in the Bronx or the Rangers or the Knicks play ice hockey and basketball at Madison Square Garden, we can get you tickets for the greatest games in town.



### Architectural Tour

Skyscrapers may have been invented in Chicago but they were perfected in New York. We can arrange architectural tours in various districts of New York, in which local experts guide you through the city's many architectural styles, from stately Federal and exuberant Beaux Arts to brutalist postmodern and contemporary projects from international 'starchitects'.



### Broadway Shows

There's no more quintessential a New York experience than catching a show beneath the bright lights of Broadway. Given the popularity of some shows, we recommend pre-booking tickets through us before you travel. We can even arrange for you to join a cast member for a private backstage tour after the performance to see sets, costumes and props close up.



### 9/11 Memorial Private Tour

The events of 9/11 were perhaps the most pivotal in modern history. We can arrange private guided tours of Ground Zero featuring stops at St Paul's Chapel, the 9/11 Memorial, the FDNY Memorial Wall, the 9/11 Museum, the Oculus and more, led by New Yorkers with personal connections to the tragic events of 11 September 2001.



### Hudson Yards

Explore one of New York's hottest new neighbourhoods, Hudson Yards. Highlights include the interdisciplinary arts centre The Shed; Vessel, an Instagram-ready basket of infinite staircases; and Edge, the highest outdoor sky deck in the western hemisphere. The really brave can even scale the outside of the skyscraper, 1,200 feet above the ground.

# New England

When it comes to holiday destinations, New England has it all. Autumn – or fall as they call it in the States – is an excellent time to go, when the leaves on a million trees turn a vibrant tapestry of scarlet, gold, purple and orange. The colours start to turn in the northern states of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire around mid-September, peaking around mid-October. In the southern states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, the change starts later and the incredible colours often last until November. These are perfect months for self-drive itineraries, with the air crisp and cool and the farm stalls piled high with apples and swollen pumpkins.

But New England is more than a one-season wonder. The long coastline is an ideal summer playground, with opportunities for everything from whale-watching tours to swimming and sea kayaking. From Maine's rocky shoreline, past the stylish seaside resort of Kennebunkport to the broad sandy beaches of Cape Cod and upmarket islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, New England's coast is ripe for summer exploration.

There is history, too. New England has born witness to many a nation-forging moment. The Pilgrim Fathers (and Mothers) landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1620. The first shots of the Revolution were fired just outside Boston in 1775. And Fenway Park, the country's oldest baseball stadium, opened for the Red Sox in 1912.

Boston makes for a wonderful city break, offering world-class museums, galleries and concert halls, as well as the famous Freedom Trail that links the city's historic sites. But it's also the gateway to the wider region. From Boston you can head out onto the quiet leafy backroads, exploring scenic villages with steeple-topped churches, clapboard houses and iconic covered bridges, where historic inns and boutique hotels guarantee a warm welcome.

Then there is the food, regarded as some of the finest in America. It was New England chefs that piloted the farm-to-fork movement and right across the region you'll find fresh local produce being championed in restaurants, hotels, markets and farm stores. The seafood is especially sublime; the lobster rolls are quite possibly worth the price of a plane ticket alone.

## Important Information

**Best time to visit** Without doubt, the most popular times to travel to New England are the summer season, from mid June through to August, or for the autumn foliage season, from late September into October and even early November in some areas. The winter months are cold and snowy, while spring months can be unpredictable.

**Average temp** 24°C (summer & autumn)

**How to get there** British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, American Airlines and United from Heathrow to Boston • Delta from Heathrow and Edinburgh (seasonal) to Boston

**Average flying time** 7 hours 30 minutes

**GMT** -5 hours

**Tourist office** [www.visitnewengland.com](http://www.visitnewengland.com)

**Ideal for** Culture, History, Art, Cuisine, Beaches, Hiking, Natural Beauty and Autumn Colours











MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## Boston, Boats & Beaches

*Everyone thinks of New England in the “fall” but its glittering coastline and well-earned reputation for sensational seafood makes it a perfect beach holiday destination at almost any time of year. This seaside and city break combines the historic sites of Boston with the wide sandy beaches of the Cape Cod peninsula, the salty Yankee charms of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, and the grandiose mansions of Newport, Rhode Island.*

### DAYS 1-3 BOSTON

Arrive in Boston and enjoy a private transfer to the **Fairmont Copley Plaza** for a three-night stay. Opened in 1912, this stately landmark is the grand dame of Boston hotels, combining Beaux Arts interiors with modern creature comforts. Spend the following days exploring the city’s varied sights and attractions. Follow the Freedom Trail linking its principal historic sites, shop among the boutiques of Newbury Street, join a whale-watching cruise from the harbour, or take a tour around Harvard, one of the most prestigious universities in the world.

### DAYS 4-6 CAPE COD

Collect your hire car and head down the coast for a three-night stay at the charming **Chatham Bars Inn**, set on a vast sandy beach with arresting views of the yawning Atlantic. Wealthy Chatham, with its boutiques, galleries and old country stores, sits at the bottom of Cape Cod’s National Seashore, which has enjoyed federal protection since 1961. Its curving coastline is one of America’s most beautiful, offering wide, open beaches, rippling sand dunes and crashing waves all the way north from Chatham to Provincetown.

### NUMBER OF DAYS

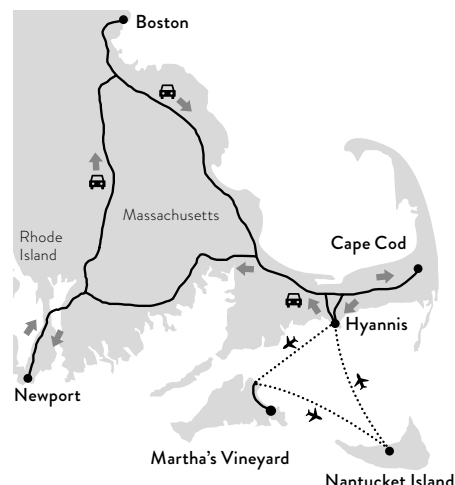
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### PRICES FROM

13 nights / 14 days from £4,075 per person

### YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, private transfer on arrival in Boston, compact car hire with insurance for 11 days, inter-island flights and hotel accommodation as detailed.*







Designed by

*Julie Hammond*

*“The food in New England is some of the best I’ve experienced anywhere in America, especially on the coast, where the clam chowder and lobster rolls are to die for!”*

#### DAYS 7-8 MARTHA’S VINEYARD

Drive to Hyannis, leave your hire car and board a small-aircraft flight to Martha’s Vineyard for a two-night stay at the **Nobnocket Boutique Inn**, an elegant B&B set in a renovated turn-of-the-century home. Far less developed than Cape Cod yet more cosmopolitan than neighbouring Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard offers wonderful opportunities for cycling, riding and romantic sunset cruises. It’s also home to the West Tisbury Farmers Market, the oldest and largest open-air market in New England.



#### DAYS 9-10 NANTUCKET ISLAND

Take a short flight to Nantucket Island and check in to the iconic **White Elephant**. A two-night stay affords time to explore Nantucket Town, a National Historic District encompassing more than 800 historic structures within a single square mile. Beyond its boutiques and fabulous array of restaurants, the wider island offers picturesque beaches, wild open moors, sea captains’ mansions and clear waters for swimming.

#### DAYS 11-13 NEWPORT

Fly back from Nantucket to Hyannis, collect your hire car and drive to Newport for a three-night stay at **The Vanderbilt**, a boutique hotel just minutes from the waterfront. Tourists travel from all over to walk Newport’s famous Cliff Walk, past the grandiose mansions of 19th-century America’s richest families. The most impressive of these is undoubtedly The Breakers, tours of which can be arranged through the hotel.

#### DAY 14 BOSTON

Enjoy a final breakfast before returning to Boston to drop your car at the airport in time for your flight home.

### ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS



#### Newport Mansions

In the 19th century, wealthy families like the Astors and Vanderbilts descended on Newport to escape the summer heat. The mansions they built – modestly dubbed ‘summer cottages’ – are perfect examples of America’s Gilded Age. Several are open for both public and private tours, including Marble House, The Elms and the undisputed showstopper, The Breakers.



#### Whale Watching

The seasonal home to humpback, finback and minke whales, the waters off New England are ranked as one of the world’s premier whale-watching destinations. Charter your own private yacht for a day or join a sightseeing cruise with a naturalist guide out of Boston, Cape Cod and other coastal destinations for an up-close view of the ocean’s gentle giants.



#### Harvard Tour

Have you ever wondered what it’s like to walk the hallowed halls of Harvard University; to get a glimpse of college life at one of the most prestigious institutions in the world? This ultimate tour covers the history and architecture of the Ivy League campus and includes the chance to talk with a Harvard professor and enjoy lunch at the famous Faculty Club.



### *Boston, Massachusetts*

## Fairmont Copley Plaza

This stately landmark is the grand dame of Boston hotels. While the exterior is commanding, the interior is spectacular, complete with glittering chandeliers, gilded mirrors and columns of Italian marble. Rooms and suites are modern-classic in style with elegant furnishings, curated artworks and marble bathrooms. For the most discerning guests, Fairmont Gold rooms offer dedicated staff plus a private lounge serving complimentary breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres. The OAK Long Bar + Kitchen is one of Boston's best restaurants, and though former guests include Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, the star of the show now is undoubtedly Cori Copley, the canine ambassador who sleeps in the grand lobby.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 383 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*

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### *Cape Cod, Massachusetts*

## Chatham Bars Inn

Set on a vast sandy beach with arresting views of the Atlantic Ocean, Chatham Bars Inn is one of the oldest and best of Cape Cod's luxury hotels. Some of the most atmospheric rooms occupy the photogenic main house, built in 1914, while classic New England-style cottages are spread along a quarter of a mile of private beach. The newer Spa Suites are upstairs from the spa itself and are more contemporary in style, complete with saunas, steam showers and whirlpool baths. The spa itself is superb, set in a Zen garden with private steam showers, an outdoor pool and hot tub. Restaurants range from the more formal Stars with its panoramic views of Chatham Harbor to the Sacred Cod Tavern and the seasonal Beach House that spills out onto the sand.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 1 hour and 30 minutes by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 217 Rooms & Suites, 4 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Spa, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Tennis, Golf, Croquet, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Sailing, Fishing & Boat Rental.*

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### *Newport, Rhode Island*

## The Vanderbilt

Everything here is a delicious reminder of Newport's heyday 100 years ago, when the town was the essential summer destination to see and be seen. Gilded Age touches are everywhere, from the wood-paneled walls and the books in the library to the art on the walls and the secret drinks cabinet, operated on an honesty basis. The epic Roof Deck is one of the best-kept secrets in Newport, serving oysters and champagne as you watch the sun set over the harbour. For dining after, choose from either award-winning gastro-pub fare at The Dining Room or classic dishes like Rhode Island clam chowder at The Conservatory. There's also rooftop yoga, indoor and outdoor pools and a blissful spa offering an innovative range of treatments and therapies.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Providence Airport, 1 hour and 30 minutes by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 33 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Grace Vanderbilt Spa, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Gym.*



### Woodstock, Vermont

## 506 On The River Inn

Owned and run by the same Vermont family since opening in 2014, 506 On The River Inn offers genuine charm and from-the-heart hospitality. The year-round retreat is beautifully located on the banks of the Ottauquechee River, just two miles from the picturesque village of Woodstock and surrounded by six acres of gorgeous Vermont countryside. All rooms have river views and a private patio or balcony complete with two rocking chairs. The five suites are in a separate building and boast full kitchens, living rooms and a covered outdoor terrace. Facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and hot tub, a library and fitness room, a games and entertainment lounge, and a wonderful bar and bistro that's become a popular local dinner spot.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 1 hour and 40 minutes by road from Burlington Airport, 2 hours and 20 minutes by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 45 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, Cedar Sauna, Children's Play Room, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga & Billiards.*



### Meredith, New Hampshire

## Church Landing at Mill Falls

Located along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in the quaint town of Meredith, Church Landing is the most luxurious of the four properties that comprise the Mill Falls at The Lake resort. Guestrooms at the Adirondack-style inn were completely renovated in 2020 and feature private lakefront balconies, cosy fireplaces and soft, down bedding. The Lakehouse offers gourmet dining within the hotel itself, though guests can also take advantage of the wider resort restaurants, like the beautifully located Waterfall Café, which overlooks the lake and a 40-foot waterfall. Other highlights include two indoor/outdoor pools, a full-service spa and activities ranging from roasting s'mores round the campfire to hiking in summer and skiing in winter.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 45 minutes by road from Manchester Airport, 2 hours by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 72 Rooms, Suites & Cottages, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Cascade Spa, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Kayaks, Canoes, Paddleboards & Boat Cruises.*



### Kennebunkport, Maine

## White Barn Inn

Not for nothing has White Barn Inn been blessed with just about every hospitality and dining award possible. This charming estate on the Kennebunk River has been a draw for couples seeking enchantment and celebrities seeking discretion for over 150 years. Guests can choose between a stand-alone cottage with views of the river and a room or suite in the historic main house, many with welcome touches like double-sided fireplaces, vases of fresh flowers and spa-like bathrooms with jet-tubs for two. The tempting outdoor pool is surrounded by greenery and the spa is one of the best in the region, but even these are trumped by the headline-grabbing restaurant, where indulgent four-course set menus are triumphant celebrations of the finest Maine produce.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Portland Airport, 1 hour and 35 minutes by road from Boston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 26 Rooms, Suites & Cottages, 2 Restaurants, Bar, Pool, Spa, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Yoga & Bicycles.*









*"Think of Miami and you'll probably picture South Beach – a cacophonous swirl of neon lights, Art Deco architecture, top-end boutiques and buzzing bars and restaurants"*







## Florida

Nowhere on earth has better theme parks than Orlando. At Walt Disney World Resort alone you'll find Magic Kingdom Park, EPCOT, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Disney's Animal Kingdom Park, not to mention the two water parks, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon and Disney's Blizzard Beach. Then there's Universal Orlando Resort, home to the hugely popular Wizarding World of Harry Potter, as well as Marvel Super Hero Island, the new Jurassic World VelociCoaster (Florida's tallest and fastest rollercoaster) and Universal's Volcano Bay water park. Plus of course there's LEGOLAND Florida Resort, home to more than 50 rides, shows and attractions, including the world's first Peppa Pig theme park.

Away from the theme parks, the Sunshine State is all about having fun in the sun. As the only state with two coastlines, its 1,200 miles of magnificent beaches are the envy of the other 49 stars on the flag. We especially love the quiet, white-sand beaches of the Gulf Coast – places like St. Pete Beach near Tampa, Sarasota and Naples – where days can be spent searching for dolphins and manatees in weather that's rarely anything but perfect.

Things get a lot livelier across on the east coast where South Beach, Miami remains America's cool kid, famous for its Art Deco architecture, turquoise Atlantic shoreline, vibrant Latin culture and exciting restaurant scene.

Starting virtually in Miami's back yard are the Florida Everglades, America's greatest wetland, while unfurling to the south-west are the Florida Keys, a string of tropical islands connected by an ocean-skimming highway. Key Largo is the closest to Miami and the self-proclaimed dive capital of the world. Islamorada is the place to head to for the best in sport fishing. Marathon is one for the history buffs, thanks to its fascinating museum on Pigeon Key. While colourful Key West, the southernmost point of the continental United States, is famous above all for its fiery red sunsets, raucous nightlife and as the former home of Ernest 'Papa' Hemingway.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** With warm temperatures and sunshine throughout the year, Florida is a wonderful year-round destination. Winters are mild and sunny while summers are warm and humid with short heavy showers.

**Average temp** 28°C

**How to get there** British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and American Airlines from Heathrow to Miami • British Airways from Gatwick and Heathrow (seasonal) to Orlando and from Gatwick to Tampa • Virgin Atlantic from Heathrow, Manchester, Belfast (seasonal) and Edinburgh (seasonal) to Orlando and from Heathrow to Tampa • Aer Lingus from Manchester to Orlando

**Average flying time** 9 hours 30 minutes

**GMT** -5 hours

**Tourist office** [www.visitflorida.com](http://www.visitflorida.com)

**Ideal for** Beaches, Theme Parks, Golf, Shopping, Nightlife, Fishing, Snorkelling and Diving









MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

# Magic of Florida

*Proving that there's more to Florida than just the House of Mouse, this 15-day self-drive takes you from the theme parks of Orlando to cultured, sophisticated and stylish Naples before ending amid the white-sand beaches and endlessly sunny days of the glorious Gulf Coast.*

**DAY 1 ORLANDO**

Arrive at Orlando Airport, collect your hire car and make your way to the luxurious Waldorf Astoria Orlando for a seven-night stay.

**DAYS 2-7 ORLANDO**

The next week has been left free for the child in you to enjoy the many theme parks and attractions that Orlando has to offer. Disney choices range from Disney's Magic Kingdom Park – with Cinderella Castle at its heart – to Disney's Animal Kingdom Park and the two family friendly waterparks, Disney's Typhoon Lagoon and Disney's Blizzard Beach. Other options include Universal Orlando Resort, with attractions dedicated to Harry Potter, Marvel, Transformers, Jurassic Park and the Despicable Me Minions, as well as LEGOLAND Florida and, slightly further afield, the Kennedy Space Center. Just be sure to ask your travel agent about booking multi-day passes in advance as this can often save you time and money.

In the evenings – or if you want a day off from park-based amusement – you'll find plenty elsewhere to entertain you in Orlando, including trendy craft breweries, eclectic shops and cutting-edge restaurants. The Milk District and Mills 50 are two especially up-and-coming neighbourhoods that really come alive after dark.

**NUMBER OF DAYS**

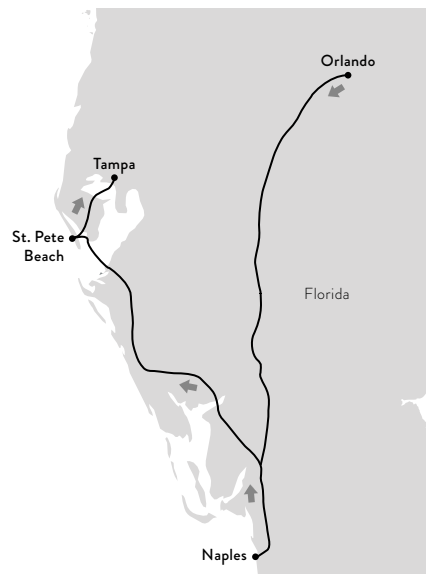
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**PRICES FROM**

14 nights / 15 days from £2,505 per person

**YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES**

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, compact car hire with insurance for 15 days and hotel accommodation as detailed.*







Designed by

*Natalie Bradburn-Lewis*

*“This itinerary offers the best of both worlds: a week of full-on family fun amid the theme parks of Orlando, followed by some well-deserved downtime relaxing on Florida’s incredible beaches.”*

**DAYS 8-11 NAPLES**

Drive south to Naples and check in for four nights at **Naples Bay Resort**. Located close to downtown, the resort offers almost every amenity under the sun, including a tennis club, fitness centre, full-service spa and a number of great restaurants. It’s also the only hotel in Naples with a marina offering direct access to the Gulf of Mexico, making it perfect for boat trips and watersports enthusiasts. Naples itself is a stylish, upmarket town known for its white-sand beaches, championship golf courses, good selection of restaurants and high-quality boutiques. It also makes a great base from which to explore the Everglades.



**DAYS 12-14 ST. PETE BEACH**

Take a leisurely drive up the Gulf Coast to St. Pete Beach and **The Don CeSar** hotel, affectionately known as the ‘Pink Palace’, where you’ll stay for the next three nights. Home to glorious white-sand beaches, including the longest undeveloped stretch of public beach in the county, clear gulf waters and 361 days of sunshine a year, St. Pete Beach is a coastal delight. Get out on the water by glass-bottom kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Visit the nearby Salvador Dali Museum, the 26-acre St. Pete Pier or the award-winning Fort De Soto Park. Head to the Corey Avenue shopping district to browse speciality shops and unique boutiques. Or plan a day out in Tampa at another of Florida’s most beloved theme parks, Busch Gardens, famous for its heart-racing rollercoasters and animal encounters.

**DAY 15 TAMPA**

Say a final goodbye to the deep blues of the Gulf of Mexico before returning your hire car to the airport in Tampa in time to catch your flight home

**ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS**



**Kennedy Space Center**

The Kennedy Space Center brings the epic story of the US space programme to life. Not only can you stand nose to nose with the Space Shuttle Atlantis, meet the latest Mars Rover and relive the final moments leading up to the moon landing, we can even arrange for you to chat with a real astronaut and hear exactly what it’s like to live and work in space.



**Everglades Tour**

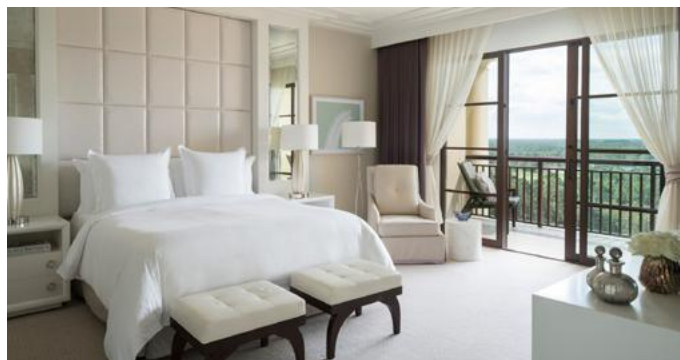
Join an experienced airboat captain for a private tour through the Florida Everglades, the only subtropical preserve in North America. Enjoy speeding through the sawgrass as you look out for alligators, turtles, snakes, birds and even manatees. Night-time tours are also available, when the guides use torches to find the telltale glow of alligators’ eyes.



**Diving & Snorkelling**

Take a short boat ride from Key Largo to explore the shallow reefs of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary with a master diver or certified snorkel guide. The reefs off Key Largo have been protected by the state for over four decades and are home to a multitude of sea life, several historic shipwrecks and the iconic bronze statue, *Christ of the Abyss*.





#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from Orlando Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 443 Rooms & Suites, 6 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Lazy River, Splash Zone, Spa, Kids For All Seasons Club 4-12 Years, The Hideout Gaming Centre, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Golf & Tennis.*

#### Orlando

### Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World® Resort

Located within the grounds of Walt Disney World Resort, the Four Seasons is one of Orlando's most enticing hotels, with a fabulous choice of contemporary rooms and suites whose furnished balconies offer scenic views of the surrounding parkland. Rooms above the fifth floor even offer views of the nightly Disney fireworks. Facilities include tennis courts, two elegant infinity pools, a lazy river, a five-acre water park, a sumptuous spa plus a private golf course. A choice of six restaurants ensures variety at mealtimes, with options ranging from the rooftop restaurant Capa to the Italian Ravello, which offers twice-weekly breakfasts with some of Disney's favourite characters.

#### PRICES

*7 nights from £4,380*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Four Seasons Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from Orlando Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 500 Rooms & Suites, 6 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 3 Pools, Lazy River, Waldorf Astoria Spa, Kids Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles & Golf.*

#### Orlando

### Waldorf Astoria Orlando

Set on 482 emerald-green acres and surrounded on three sides by Walt Disney World Resort, the Waldorf Astoria Orlando offers a wealth of luxurious amenities, including three pools, a lazy river, a superb spa, kids' club, fitness centre and a championship Rees Jones-designed golf course. Rooms and suites are contemporary in design and boast spacious bathrooms with Italian marble bathtubs and glass-fronted showers. The six dining venues live up to the standards set by the original Waldorf Astoria in New York, as indeed does the highly attentive service. The resort offers complimentary daily transport to the Disney theme parks, while the Universal parks are just a 15-minute car ride away.

#### PRICES

*7 nights from £1,660*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Deluxe Nature View Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Orlando Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 1293 Rooms, 3 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 2 Pools, Zahanati Massage & Fitness Centre, Simba's Clubhouse Kids Club 3-12 Years, Children's Playground, Games Arcade, Babysitting & Complimentary Wi-Fi.*

#### Orlando

### Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge

There's nothing else in Florida like Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, where giraffe, zebra, gazelle and other wildlife are seen frequently from the guestrooms. A total of about 200 animals roam across the 74 acres of this highly imaginative safari-themed resort, which includes hundreds of pieces of African artwork, an 11,000-square-foot pool with a waterslide, and some of Disney's most exciting dining options, including Jiko – The Cooking Place, where African-inspired dishes are paired with an exceptional wine list. Other highlights include watching your favourite Disney films beneath the stars, roasting marshmallows around the fire as you listen to traditional storytelling, and complimentary bus transport to most of the Disney areas.

#### PRICES

*7 nights from £2,540*

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Standard View Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



## St. Pete Beach

### The Don CeSar

Affectionately known as the 'Pink Palace', this iconic hotel has been welcoming guests to the sugar-white beaches of Florida's Gulf Coast for nearly a century. The imposing exterior might be full Roaring Twenties but the newly refurbished rooms have a cool, coastal theme, with whimsical murals of tropical birds behind soft whitewashed headboards; suites boast extra space and stunning sea views. The sophisticated Maritana, named one of the top ten seafood restaurants in the US, is one of six excellent food and drink spots spread throughout the resort, including a beachfront cafe and an ice-cream parlour. Facilities include a private beach, two outdoor heated pools, a full-service spa and activities for kids, teens and adults alike.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Tampa Airport, 1 hour and 50 minutes by road from Orlando Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 277 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Spa Oceana, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Kayaks, Paddleboards & Jet-Skiing.*



## Sarasota

### The Resort at Longboat Key Club

With panoramic views of the Gulf of Mexico, The Resort at Longboat Key Club offers elegantly appointed one and two-bedroom suites, junior suites and standard rooms, all with private balconies and views of either the beach, nearby lagoon or golf course, of which there are two – The Harbourside, which borders Sarasota Bay, and the Links on Longboat, which runs along the Gulf of Mexico. Spike 'N Tees is a great spot for a celebratory drink after a day on the greens and is one of five great restaurants at the resort. Away from the fairways, the water is the main draw here, which explains the resort's 291-slip marina, ocean-facing pool and fully serviced beachfront, where activities range from yoga and tai chi to kayaking and paddleboarding.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Sarasota Airport, 1 hour and 20 minutes by road from Tampa Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 223 Suites, 5 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, The Spa, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Tennis, Bicycles, Golf, Kayaks & Paddleboards.*



## Naples

### The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

There's no shortage of luxury at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, which sits on a three-mile stretch of beachfront overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Only here it's served with a relaxed formality and a hugely impressive range of facilities for children, including a lovely family pool and an educational, interactive nature-based programme that includes beach combing, aquarium visits and microscope time in a kid-sized laboratory. For older kids and adults there's everything from jet skis and paddleboards to top tennis facilities, as well as a huge spa, a 24-hour fitness centre and an entertainment lounge with the latest virtual reality games. Almost all rooms have balconies and dining options range from delicious grilled steaks to seafood with sea views.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from Fort Myers Airport, 2 hours by road from Miami Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 450 Rooms & Suites, 5 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Kids Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Tennis, Kayaks & Parasailing.*







### *Palm Beach*

## The Breakers

Situated on the exclusive island of Palm Beach, The Breakers occupies 140 acres of sun-drenched oceanfront and has been the leading hotel in the area for well over a century. Built by railroad visionary Henry Morrison Flagler, its range of facilities is truly something to behold. Two championship golf courses, a tennis complex, a 20,000-square-foot spa and a Mediterranean-style beach club are just for starters. You'll also find four oceanfront pools, a sea-view fitness centre, a high-end shopping arcade and no fewer than eight restaurants, including the amazing HMF. Rooms are a blend of soft pastels and dark woods, with the exceptional Flagler Club adding tempting extras like breakfast, snacks and pre-dinner cocktails on a private roof terrace.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Palm Beach Airport, 1 hour by road from Miami Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 538 Rooms & Suites, 8 Restaurants, 8 Bars, 4 Pools, The Spa at The Breakers, Camp Breakers Kids Club 3-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Fitness Classes, Yoga, Pilates, Golf, Tennis, Bicycles, Snorkelling, Diving, Kayaks & Catamarans.*

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### *South Beach*

## The Setai, Miami Beach

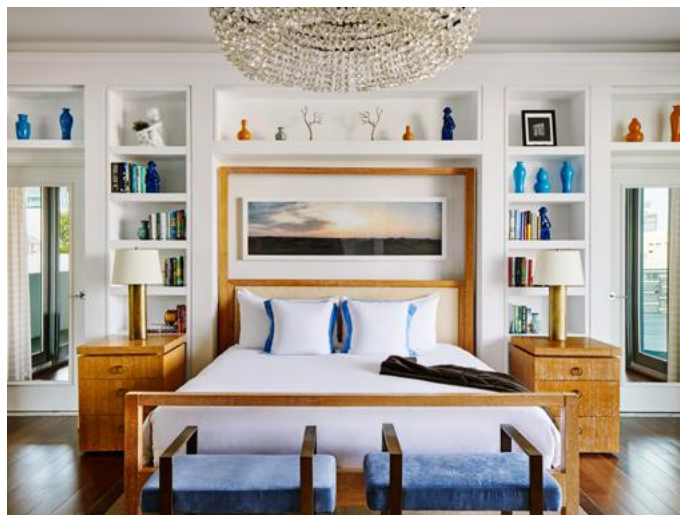
Right by the water in the historic Art Deco district of South Beach, The Setai, Miami Beach offers sweeping ocean views and a host of luxury amenities. Drawing inspiration from Asia, suites are split between the hotel's landmark 1930s Art Deco building and its modern 40-storey tower. Those in the former offer city and courtyard views while tower suites range from one to four bedrooms, offer world-class ocean views and enjoy exclusive benefits like complimentary breakfasts and round-trip airport transfers. Dining options include the excellent pan-Asian restaurant Jaya as well as the beachfront Ocean Grill. Three pools, an award-winning spa, a gallery of shops and a wide selection of land and watersports round out the facilities.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Miami Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 137 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 3 Pools, The Spa at The Setai, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Jet-Skiing & Parasailing.*

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### *South Beach*

## The Betsy - South Beach

Anchoring one end of iconic Ocean Drive, The Betsy is in the heart of the bustling Art Deco district and offers a refreshing, more intimate alternative to Miami's towering resort hotels. Its 130 rooms and suites combine elegant design with the simple beauty of a tropical hideout, with marble bathrooms, walnut floors and artwork from the owner's own collection. Restaurants range from the appropriately named LT Steak & Seafood to a casual trattoria serving pizzas, pasta, charcuterie and salads. Facilities, meanwhile, include an intimate courtyard pool, a spa and fitness centre, a skyline deck that's perfect for sunrise yoga, regular literary events and jazz evenings, plus a rooftop pool with 360-degree views of Miami and the ocean.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from Miami Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 130 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 2 Pools, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Library, Fitness Centre, Bicycles & Yoga.*



*The Palm Beaches, Florida*

THE ORIGINAL. THE ONE. THE ONLY.

A gentler side of Florida awaits – with cleaner sands, warmer waters and fewer crowds. The Palm Beaches have been the warm-weather getaway of choice for discerning travellers for over 125 years. Come see where America’s First Resort Destination™ was built and genuine hospitality began.



**Beautiful Beaches**

With 47 miles of gorgeous coastline, The Palm Beaches are home to some of the finest stretches of sand in southern Florida. Searching for seclusion? Relax on the remote beaches of Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter, or at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach. Need entertaining? Stroll the promenade at Singer Island Municipal Park. Want fun for all the family? Find child-friendly swimming at Red Reef Park in Boca Raton, or follow the Underwater Snorkel Trail at Riviera Beach.

**Fun in the Sun**

Outdoor activities abound in The Palm Beaches. Get your thrills on the coast with a speedboat tour or flyboarding experience. Slow things down with a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard. Or swim alongside sea turtles and dive historic shipwrecks. On land you’ll find hiking, biking and riding trails, the world’s largest croquet facility and over 160 golf courses, including The Champion, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course that features the Bear Trap, one of the most challenging three-hole stretches in golf.

**World-class Shopping**

Better leave room in your suitcase to enjoy shopping in The Palm Beaches. Worth Avenue rivals the best shopping districts in the world, with everything from Chanel and Gucci outlets to fine jewellery and home furnishings. Beyond Palm Beach, fashionistas flock to the Town Center at Boca Raton. Pineapple Grove in Delray Beach boasts eclectic finds from local artisans. Treasures are unearthed along Antique Row. And savings can be found on over 100 brands at the Palm Beach Outlets.

**Food & Drink**

Some of the best restaurants in south Florida are located in The Palm Beaches. Take Guanabanas in Jupiter, for example, famous for its fresh seafood, live music and waterfront setting, or the always-packed Avocado Grill in West Palm Beach, known for its ultra-fresh raw bar and delicious small plates. For dessert, try chocolate tasting on a free tour of the Hoffman’s Chocolates factory. Then wash it all down at one of The Palm Beaches’ 20 excellent craft breweries.



*“The Palm Beaches have something for everyone. A must is a visit to HMF, The Breakers hotel’s hottest gathering place, for a night of amazing food and cocktails to die for. Or if you’re after some pampering, I recommend a treatment at Spa Palmera at another great hotel, The Boca Raton. It will leave you feeling like you’re floating on air.”*

Sarah Gibbons, Senior Product Manager

**SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT BOOKING A LUSO HOLIDAY TO THE PALM BEACHES**

**GETTING THERE AND AWAY**

*It couldn’t be easier to reach The Palm Beaches thanks to regular flights into Palm Beach International Airport via hubs including Atlanta, New York and Boston. Alternatively, fly direct to Orlando year-round from London or Manchester, or seasonally from Belfast and Edinburgh, or fly direct to Miami from London and transfer by private car in 2.5 hours or 50 minutes respectively.*







### Islamorda

## Cheeca Lodge & Spa

Situated on a narrow peninsula surrounded by shimmering waters and marine life, Cheeca Lodge & Spa has it all: a gorgeous stretch of sandy beach, three heated pools, a nine-hole golf course and the longest pier in the Florida Keys, from which George H.W. Bush used to run fishing tournaments. Guests are still welcome to fish from the pier, where they can also borrow kayaks and paddleboards free of charge or board a sunset cruise or sailing charter. Spacious rooms and suites are spread between the main lodge and bungalows; the pick of the bunch are the oceanfront suites with their private balcony bathtubs. Dining options range from the flagship seafood restaurant Atlantic's Edge to Italian and sushi options and two open-air tiki bars.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 1 hour 30 minutes by road from Miami Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 214 Rooms, Suites & Bungalows, 3 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 3 Pools, The Spa at Cheeca, Camp Cheeca Kids Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis, Hiking Trail, Snorkelling, Paddleboards, Kayaks, Pedal Boats, Parasailing, Hobie Cats & Fishing.*



### Duck Key

## Hawks Cay Resort

A stunning natural lagoon greets guests on arrival at this tropical resort, situated on the small, secluded island of Duck Key, about midway between Miami and Key West. Rooms and suites feature Caribbean-style décor, furnished patios or balconies and either island or waterfront views. Family rooms come with bunk beds, the new penthouse suites boast breathtaking rooftop terraces, while villas come with two to four bedrooms, living rooms and kitchens. There are five swimming pools, including one exclusively for adults, as well as tennis courts, a spa and fitness centre, fishing and snorkelling charters, bikes, kayaks, paddleboards and a popular kids' club. Seafood, as you'd imagine, features strongly across the multiple restaurant options.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 1 hour by road from Key West Airport, 2 hours by road from Miami Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 431 Rooms & Villas, 5 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 5 Pools, Calm Waters Spa, Kids Club 5-12 Years, Teens Club 13-17 Years, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Gym, Bicycles, Tennis, Snorkelling, Diving, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Jet-skiing & Kite Boarding.*



### Key West

## Ocean Key Resort & Spa

Sunset Pier would be reason enough to book a stay at this charming hotel in the heart of Key West's Old Town. It's by far and away the best place to catch the sunset and is a wonderful dinner option before a night on the tiles in nearby Duval Street. There are plenty of reasons to stay put in the hotel, though, including more refined dining at signature restaurant Hot Tin Roof, a boutique spa that draws heavily on influences from Bali and Thailand, plus an oceanfront pool and cocktail bar. Rooms and suites feature private balconies with stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico or historic Duval Street, as well as pastel-hued walls, cheery floral and striped fabrics, colourful rugs and generous bathrooms with luxurious marble tubs.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 10 minutes by road from Key West Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 100 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, 2 Bars, Pool, Spa Terre, Fitness Centre & Wi-Fi.*



# FIND YOUR FLORIDA KEYS

Stretching in a graceful arc from mainland Florida south-west into the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys are connected by the legendary 113-mile-long Overseas Highway, thus setting the stage for one of America's greatest road trips.



## Key Largo

*Best for diving and snorkelling*

Key Largo is the gateway to the Everglades and a mecca for divers and snorkellers, who come to explore its shipwrecks and the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, America's first underwater park, where the sunken statue *Christ of the Abyss* stands surrounded by corals and colourful tropical fish.



## Islamorada

*Best for fishing*

Islamorada is considered the sport-fishing capital of the world, with expert fishing guides ready to take you across the backcountry's shallow flats in search of bonefish, snook, tarpon and other game fish, or out into the Atlantic, where the swift-moving Gulf Stream attracts marlin, sailfish and swordfish.



## Marathon

*Best for history and conservation*

Marathon's Dolphin Research Center and Turtle Hospital are both great examples of the many conservation projects and animal rehabilitation centres found throughout the Keys. Also worth a visit is the museum on Pigeon Key, which tells the story of the original Overseas Railroad from Miami to Key West.



## Big Pine & The Lower Keys

*Best for nature*

The Lower Keys are known for their wild spaces and tropical beauty. Walk the trails of the National Key Deer Refuge, swim and snorkel in the gin-clear waters Bahia Honda State Park, or search for dolphins and manatees by kayak or paddleboard in the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge.



## Key West

*Best for sunsets and nightlife*

You know the sunsets are good when there's a nightly celebration devoted to them. Head to Mallory Square two hours before dusk to soak up the festival-like atmosphere. Then paint the town red on mile-long Duval Street, hitting legendary bars like Sloppy Joe's and Captain Tony's Saloon, where Hemingway used to drink.

### DRIVING THE FLORIDA KEYS

#### 11-Day Self-Drive Itinerary

*This laidback itinerary follows the Overseas Highway from Art Deco Miami to the sun-and-sand playground of Key West, the southernmost point of the continental United States.*

**Day 1 Miami** Arrive in Miami, collect your hire car and check in to Fontainebleau Miami Beach for one night.

**Day 2 Key Largo** Drive to Islamorada and check in for three nights at Cheeca Lodge & Spa, perhaps stopping on the way in Key Largo to snorkel or dive in the Keys' protected waters.

**Days 3-4 Islamorada** Go backcountry fishing for bonefish and tarpon, or deep-sea fishing for grouper and giant tuna. Alternatively, try kayaking or paddleboarding, relax at your hotel, or visit the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center.

**Days 5-7 Duck Key** Continue down to Duck Key for a three-night stay at Hawks Cay Resort. Enjoy boating, swimming, snorkelling and other watersports. Or head beyond the hotel to the Turtle Hospital or Dolphin Research Center on nearby Marathon.

**Day 8 Big Pine & Lower Keys** Cross Seven Mile Bridge to Big Pine, perhaps stopping to enjoy the beauty of Bahia Honda State Park or the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary. Continue to Key West and check in for three nights at Ocean Key Resort & Spa.

**Days 9-11 Key West** Enjoy the nightly spectacle of fire-eaters, sword-swallowers and street performers at Mallory Square. Tour Hemingway's former home and studio. Visit the Little White House, the former vacation home of President Truman. Or strike out by seaplane to Dry Tortugas National Park, seven beautiful small islands adrift in the Gulf of Mexico.

**10 nights / 11 days from £2,650 per person including economy flights from London with Virgin Atlantic and Delta, 11 days' car hire and 10 nights' accommodation in a standard room on a room-only basis.**

**SPEAK TO YOUR TRAVEL AGENT ABOUT BOOKING A LUSO HOLIDAY TO THE FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST**





## Georgia & South Carolina

History comes thick and fast in the charming Southern states of Georgia and South Carolina. Residents will tell you that the Civil War general W.T. Sherman spared Savannah, Georgia, because of its beauty, a story easily believed when you walk through its rich Historic District, where parades of houses reveal 200 years of architectural styles. A particular favourite is the Owens-Thomas House, considered the best Regency-style house in America.

Savannah's squares are at their best in spring, when the azalea, dogwood and magnolia trees are in full bloom. But even in the thick of an August heatwave, as greenery grows wildly up cast-iron balconies, Savannah's charm is relentless. And if the mugginess gets too much, there's a host of great restaurants in which to fortify yourself, many serving up classic Lowcountry fare such as fresh shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes and succulent roasted oysters.

Across the state border, Charleston is equally charming, with its colourful houses, cobblestone streets and horse-drawn carriages. A remarkable 73% of its pre-revolutionary buildings remain intact, making it the best-preserved colonial city in America. Around the city are several antebellum mansions now open to the public, including Magnolia, Drayton Hall and Boone Hall Plantation. While out in the harbour is historic Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

Between these two cities are a string of alluring islands and breathtaking beaches. Closest to Savannah is Tybee Island, home to Georgia's tallest and oldest lighthouse. Travelling north, both Hilton Head Island and Kiawah Island offer world-class hotels as well as miles of white-sand beaches. While just south of Charleston, Folly Beach teems with ocean-based attractions, including the 1,000-foot Folly Beach Pier, a pelican rookery and seafood restaurants of every stripe imaginable.

With so much action on the coast, it's easy to forget Atlanta. But the so-called capital of the South has a lot to offer too, from the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca-Cola to a string of sites associated with the city's most famous son, Martin Luther King Jr.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** Georgia and South Carolina have subtropical climates. With hot and humid summers and short mild winters, spring and autumn are the most comfortable times to visit.

**Average temp** 23°C

**How to get there** Virgin Atlantic from Manchester and Heathrow via Atlanta to Savannah and Charleston • United from Heathrow and Edinburgh via Washington D.C. or Newark to Savannah and Charleston • American Airlines from Heathrow via Charlotte or Philadelphia to Savannah and Charleston • Delta from Heathrow and Edinburgh via Atlanta, Boston or JFK to Savannah and Charleston

**Average flying time** 11 hours 30 minutes

**GMT** -5 hours

**Tourist office** [discoversouthcarolina.com](http://discoversouthcarolina.com) | [exploregorgia.org](http://exploregorgia.org)

**Ideal for** Beaches, Watersports, Fishing, Golf, Culture and History









MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## Historic Georgia & South Carolina

*From avenues of oak trees and antebellum mansions to pristine beaches and subtropical sea islands, this lesser-visited region of eastern USA offers history, charm and spectacular scenery in generous, equal measures.*

### DAYS 1-3 SAVANNAH

Collect your hire car upon arrival at Savannah Airport and make your way to **Mansion on Forsyth Park**, a Gothic Victorian mansion turned contemporary boutique hotel, where you will enjoy a three-night stay. Shaded by old oak trees draped in Spanish moss, perfumed by magnolias and filled with historic buildings, public squares and pretty gardens, few American cities are more arresting than Savannah. Many of its attractions are in the highly walkable Historic District, including the Owens-Thomas House, one of the best examples of Regency architecture in America, and the tall brick warehouses of the waterfront, many of which have been tastefully transformed into seafood restaurants and riverfront bars. Guided walking tours come highly recommended, as does a visit to old Fort Jackson, which has stood in Savannah's skyline for nearly two centuries.

### NUMBER OF DAYS

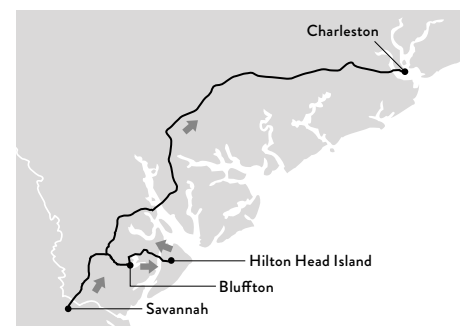
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### PRICES FROM

11 nights / 12 days from £3,230 per person

### YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, compact car hire with insurance for 11 days and hotel accommodation as detailed.*



### DAYS 4-5 BLUFFTON

Head north across the border into South Carolina and enjoy the scenic drive up to **Montage Palmetto Bluff**, a former hunting lodge on the May River set in 20,000 acres of protected maritime forest. It's the ultimate Lowcountry retreat and your base for the next two nights, allowing ample opportunity to explore its lagoons and secret beaches, to relax with a massage, or to try your hand at anything from kayaking and golfing to clay pigeon shooting.





Designed by

*Natalie Bradburn-Lewis*

*"I was taken aback by just how beautiful the cities of Charleston and Savannah really are, with their historical houses, cobblestone streets and pretty horse-drawn carriages."*

**DAYS 6-8 HILTON HEAD ISLAND**

Continue to the coast and check in for three nights at **The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa**. One of the most popular resort areas on the eastern seaboard, Hilton Head Island is a seaside playground with over 20 championship golf courses, some 200 tennis courts, numerous spas, quaint museums, historic buildings, shops and art galleries. A wide range of bike and nature trails criss-cross its sea marshes, lagoons, forests and sandy beaches, all of which can be explored in the island's warm, subtropical climate.

**DAYS 9-12 CHARLESTON**

Enjoy the scenic drive up the honeycombed coastline of South Carolina – past peninsulas, channels and subtropical sea islands – to the colonial city of Charleston and check in for three nights at **The Charleston Place**. Oozing with charm and dripping with history, Charleston's famed Historic District contains one of the nation's largest collections of antebellum architecture, and a fair share of distinctive Victorian buildings as well. Walking tours are a wonderful way to get to know the city. Almost all visit Fort Sumter, where the Civil War started in 1861, and Rainbow Row, a terrace of bright pastel houses dating back to the 1740s. But they also dip down back alleys and explore cobble streets, revealing hidden gardens and courtyards, graveyards, churches and antebellum mansions. Charleston also boasts a lively entertainment scene with a great choice of music venues, bars and excellent restaurants, while just beyond the city are some magnificent plantations that are well worth a visit. Return your hire car at the airport on day 12 in time to catch your flight home.



**ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS**



**World-Class Golf**

Golfers will find more than 33 world-class golf courses in the Lowcountry area, including championship courses on Hilton Head and Kiawah islands designed by such legendary course architects as Robert Trent Jones Sr., Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus. Expect an array of leisurely and challenging rounds, with enough variety to cater to golfers of all abilities.



**Private Sailing Charter**

Set sail from Hilton Head Island on a sailing trip like no other, on an authentic America's Cup-winning vessel. Cruise under full sail around the island's picture-perfect coastline, have a turn taking the helm, or simply sit back and enjoy the ride as the experienced crew demonstrate what these classic 12-metre yachts are really capable of.



**Fort Sumter Tour**

Take a ferry ride across Charleston Harbor – perhaps even spotting dolphins along the way – and see where the first shots of the Civil War were fired on a privately guided tour of Fort Sumter. Learn about the events that led up to the war – the deadliest in America's history – and listen to park rangers recount the stories of its first bloody battle.





### *Charleston, South Carolina*

## The Charleston Place

Occupying an enviable location within walking distance of Charleston's famed historic sights and downtown shopping district, this iconic property treats guests to an effortless blend of gentility and modern comfort. Rooms and suites come with antique furnishings, marble bathrooms and cloud-like king beds. The Club Level occupies the top two floors, where guests enjoy added extras like all-day dining in the two-storey lounge complete with marble bar. Elsewhere, the award-winning Charleston Grill embodies the best of Southern cooking, while the Palmetto Café offers alfresco dining in an attractive, garden-like courtyard. A rooftop spa and a saltwater pool beneath a retractable glass skylight are the icing on the cake.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Charleston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 434 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, The Spa at Charleston Place, Beauty Salon, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Yoga.*



### *Charleston, South Carolina*

## Hotel Bennett

The Bennett stands imposingly on the corner of King Street, Charleston's main drag, and Marion Square, site of the lively Saturday farmers' market. Though newly built there's a sense of tradition here, evidenced by the jacketed doormen ushering guests inside past hand-painted murals of 18th-century Charleston. Rooms and suites are more modern, offering luxury bed linens, capacious oval bathtubs and large walk-in showers. Two roof terraces, one quieter and on the third floor, the other more sociable and on the ninth, look out across downtown, the latter featuring a stunning heated pool with luxurious private cabanas. There's also a spa, a salmon-pink champagne lounge, a delicious patisserie and the signature restaurant, Gabrielle.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Charleston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 179 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, The Spa at Hotel Bennett, Wi-Fi, Fitness Room & Yoga.*



### *Kiawah Island, South Carolina*

## The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Located along the pristine shores of Kiawah Island, just 21 miles from downtown Charleston, this elegant oceanfront hotel combines luxury living with Southern style and charm. Interiors evoke the grandeur of a coastal mansion, with sweeping staircases, hand-painted murals and treasured antiques. Most rooms and suites come with ocean views and a private balcony, as well as walk-in showers and separate soaking tubs in the bathrooms. Facilities include the plush Sanctuary Spa, a fitness centre with indoor pool, tennis, watersports and an outdoor infinity pool and hot tub. There are numerous award-winning restaurants to choose from, not to mention several beautiful beaches, miles of cycling and walking trails and five championship golf courses.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 45 minutes by road from Charleston Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 255 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 3 Pools, Sanctuary Spa, Kids Club 3-15 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Pilates, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis, Surfing, Paddleboards, Kayaks & Fishing.*



### Bluffton, South Carolina

## Montage Palmetto Bluff

Set on the May River within 20,000 acres of maritime forest, about midway between Hilton Head Island and Savannah, Georgia, lies Montage Palmetto Bluff. The resort appears at the end of a long cinematic road lined with the Lowcountry's signature live oaks, whose twisted boughs are festooned with Spanish moss. Spacious rooms, suites and cottages blur the lines between indoor and outdoor luxury. Interiors boast pine floors, fireplaces, massive plush beds and palatial bathrooms, while the screened, furnished terraces and balconies afford unparalleled views of the surrounding forest and lagoon. When not relaxing at the spa or dining across a choice of restaurants, options include golfing, riding, biking, kayaking and scenic yacht cruises.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Savannah / Hilton Head Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 233 Rooms, Suites, Cottages & Homes, 5 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 3 Pools, Spa Montage, Salon Montage, Paint Box Kids Club 5-12 Years, Children's Activities (seasonal), Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, 2 Fitness Centres, Yoga, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis, Bowling, Archery, Horse Riding, Kayaks, Canoes, Boating & Fishing.*



### Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

## The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

Located on a rugged stretch of Atlantic beachfront, this smart yet laidback resort provides the perfect base from which to explore Hilton Head Island. Sun-filled guestrooms and suites feature private balconies with views of the island, resort or in many cases, the ocean. Both farm- and sea-to-table dining are championed at the resort's on-site restaurants, including Lowcountry favourites in The Carolina Room. Three outdoor pools with private cabanas are just steps from the white sandy beach. The revitalising spa offers a wide array of treatments. And some of the best golf and tennis facilities on the island are just a stone's throw away. Bikes are also available to discover the island's many creeks, lagoons and forests.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 5 minutes by road from Hilton Head Island Airport, 45 minutes by road from Savannah / Hilton Head Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 416 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 3 Pools, Heavenly Spa, Children's Activities (seasonal), Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis & Paddleboards.*



### Savannah, Georgia

## Mansion on Forsyth Park

Buildings in Savannah don't get much more Southern Gothic than this red-brick Victorian mansion turned luxury boutique hotel. Rooms, however, are not in the 19th-century main building but in an additional building next door, one that adheres remarkably closely to the style of the original. As a result, they're very spacious, boasting luxury bed linens, marble bathrooms and in many cases views of the adjacent Forsyth Park. The restaurant 700 Drayton has a focus on Southern fare, cocktails can be savoured in the elegant Bösendorfer Lounge, and afternoon tea enjoyed in the Marble Garden Courtyard. There's also a tranquil spa, an on-site cooking school, a marble-framed pool and an art gallery showcasing works from both local and international artists.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Savannah / Hilton Head Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 125 Rooms, Restaurant, 2 Bars, Pool, Poseidon Spa, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Gym.*







Inside the USA with

*Natalie Bradburn-Lewis*

### What's your favourite US state and why?

I adore Florida as it truly has something for everyone. Once you've tired yourself out in the theme parks of Orlando, Florida's beaches offer year-round relaxation. I especially love the quiet, white-sand beaches of the Gulf Coast – places like St. Pete Beach near Tampa, Sarasota and Naples.

### Do you have a favourite American hotel?

There's a special place in my heart for the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on the Big Island in Hawaii. I saw probably the best sunset of my life there while sipping cocktails just steps from the ocean.

### Where should I go to get off the tourist trail?

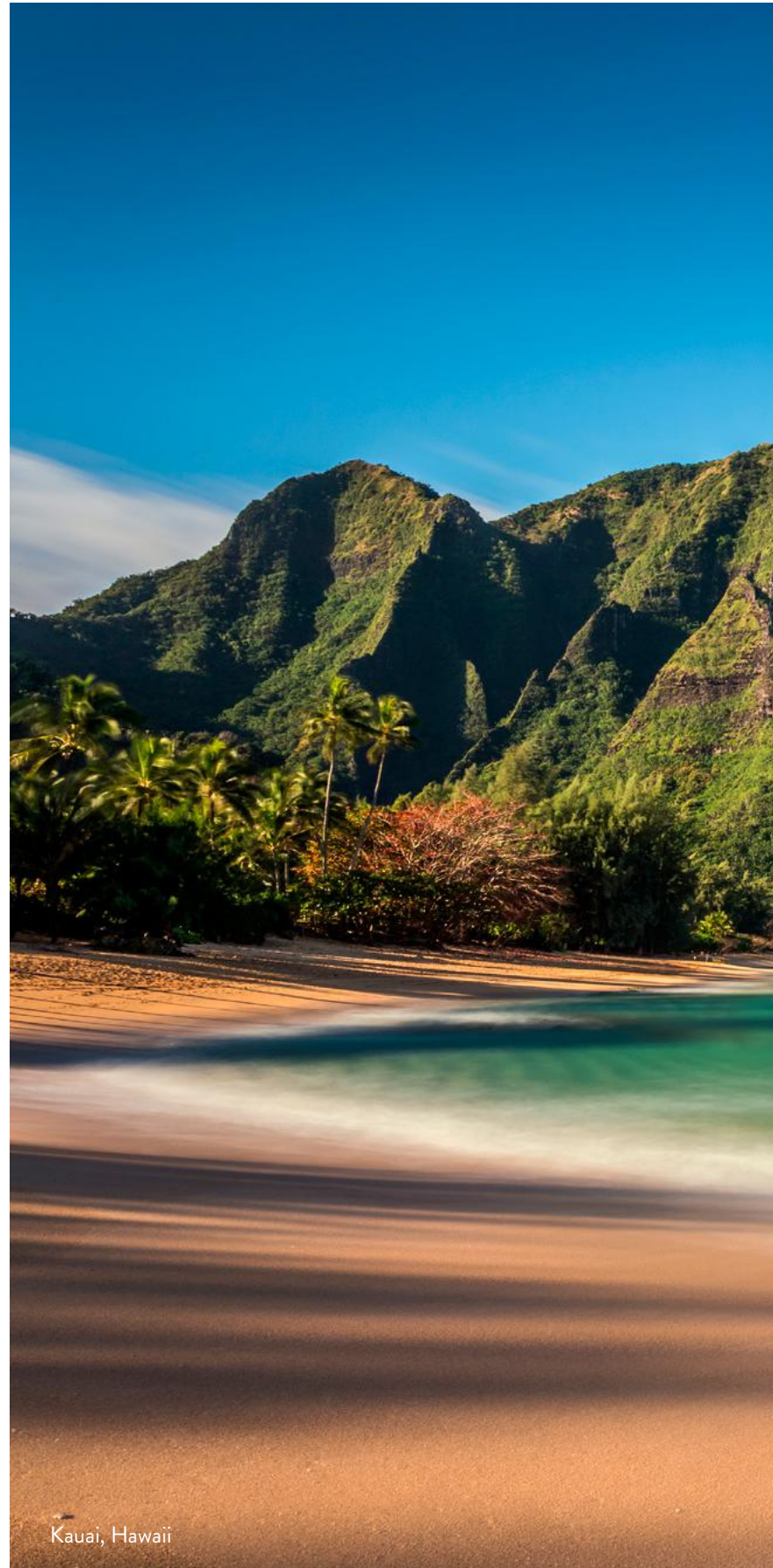
That's easy – Kauai in Hawaii. Home to just 5% of Hawaii's population, it looks exactly how you imagine a tropical island to be, probably because it's been the backdrop to films like *Jurassic Park*, *Kong: Skull Island* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*. Pack a picnic, have a boat drop you off on a deserted beach and play Robinson Crusoe for a day. Bliss!

### Where is best for a beach holiday?

For somewhere a bit different, the South Carolina coastline is a beach-lover's dream, with fabulous spots like Folly Beach and Kiawah all easily accessible from Charleston, not to mention Hilton Head Island, with its 12 miles of gorgeous, rugged beaches.

### What's the best way to sample American culture?

Philadelphia is packed full of art, culture and American history. The Declaration of Independence was signed here in 1776 in what's now Independence Hall, across the street from another of America's most famous symbols, Liberty Bell. Festivals and jazz concerts are held regularly at Penn's Landing, and spread around the city are over 3,000 murals, in effect turning Philly into the world's largest outdoor art gallery. Plus, of course, you've got duty-free shopping, the legendary Rocky steps, and the famous Philly cheesesteaks – surely the best steak-and-cheese rolls on the planet?



Kauai, Hawaii









## The Deep South

It's hard to imagine a more seductive city than New Orleans – a sultry melting pot of French, Spanish, Creole and Southern styles. Arrive for Mardi Gras and you'll witness one of America's most spectacular celebrations; a season of parades and carnivals that starts on Twelfth Night and ends on Shrove Tuesday. But New Orleans is wonderful at any time of year. Just consider the lively French Quarter, a compact neighbourhood of narrow cobbled streets laid out in the 1720s, where gloriously faded buildings with wrought-iron balconies house stores selling everything from museum-quality antiques to voodoo paraphernalia. The soundtrack to it all is the sweet strain of jazz, which spills out of bars, is played on street corners and hangs in the air on paddle-steamer cruises down the Mississippi River.

As important as music to the state of Louisiana is its place in the history of the civil rights movement. The Louisiana Civil Rights Trail launched in 2021 to commemorate the places and people that blazed a trail for equal rights in the 20th century. Visiting sites along the trail is a wonderful way to engage with their stories. There is a marker, for example, outside the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge, the site of the nation's first bus boycott, which inspired Doctor King's landmark Montgomery bus boycott two years later.

Head north to Mississippi and you'll soon reach Natchez, famous for its wealth of grand plantation properties, which survived the Civil War when the city surrendered without a fight. From here Elvis fans may want to detour to Tupelo, the singer's Mississippi birthplace, or head straight to Graceland, his world-renowned mansion in Memphis, Tennessee. It's one of the many music-related landmarks for which Memphis is famous. Others include the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, the live music venues of Beale Street and the iconic Sun Studio, which discovered the talents of Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison among others.

For a different kind of tune, continue north to Nashville, the home of country music and of the Grand Ole Opry, the world's longest-running live radio show. The city has had quite the boom in recent years, with new attractions like the National Museum of African American Music and swanky, revitalised neighbourhoods like The Gulch adding a progressive, renaissance flair to its stalwart Southern charms.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** The Deep South generally has sunny weather throughout the year with the highest rainfall and hottest temperatures occurring during summer months. Spring and autumn seasons are pleasantly warm during the day and cooler at night.

**Average temp** 25°C

**How to get there** British Airways from Heathrow to New Orleans and Nashville

**Average flying time** 9 hours 30 minutes

**GMT** -6 hours

**Tourist office** [www.deep-south-usa.com](http://www.deep-south-usa.com)

**Ideal for** Music, History, Nightlife, Culture, Cuisine and River Cruises









MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## Rhythm of the Deep South

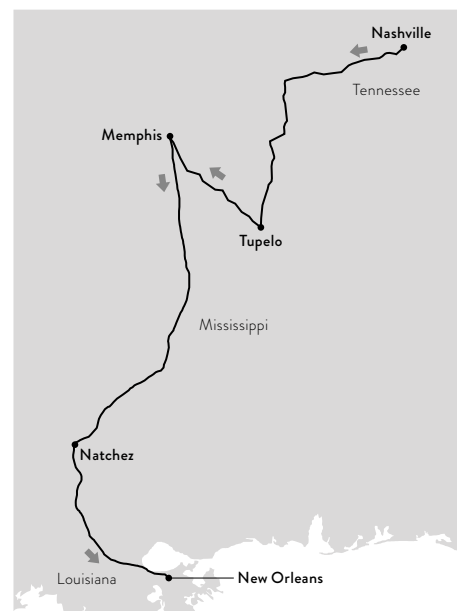
Explore the musical and historical landscapes of America's Deep South on this 13-day self-drive itinerary. From the country music capital of Nashville through Elvis's birthplace, Tupelo, and the blues towns of Memphis and Natchez to the Big Easy itself, vibrant New Orleans, the stops on this tour can't help but sing the story of America.

### DAYS 1-3 NASHVILLE

After arriving in Nashville, collect your hire car at the airport and drive to the **Thompson Nashville** hotel for a three-night stay. Located in the trendy Gulch neighbourhood, this boutique hotel offers easy access to restaurants, bars and famous Station Inn, Nashville's foremost home of bluegrass since 1974. Spend the next two days exploring all that Music City has to offer. Enjoy Lower Broadway, where honky tonks play live music seven days a week. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Grand Ole Opry. Or visit the Johnny Cash Museum and Country Music Hall of Fame.

### DAY 4 TUPELO

Drive from Nashville to Tupelo and check in for a night at **Hotel Tupelo**, a **Wyndham Hotel**. Tupelo has become something of a pilgrimage site for those who kneel before the King, as it was here, in a humble two-room structure, that Elvis Presley was born in 1935. The house, now a museum, is well worth a visit, with plenty of photographs, family heirlooms and Elvis-worn apparel.



NUMBER OF DAYS

13

PRICES FROM

12 nights / 13 days from £2,845 person

YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, compact car hire with insurance for 13 days and hotel accommodation as detailed.







Designed by

*Julie Hammond*

*“Tadore the Deep South. Memories of dancing to live music in the bars of New Orleans never fail to bring a smile to my face. Graceland is one tourist destination that actually lives up to the hype. And I still dream about the food at B.B. King’s Blues Club in Memphis, Tennessee!”*

**DAYS 5-7 MEMPHIS**

Next stop is Memphis, the birthplace of rock ‘n’ roll and the home of the blues. Check in for three nights at **The Peabody Memphis**, then set out to explore the city. We challenge you not to dance your way around the Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum, which tells the story of the musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic obstacles to create music that changed the world forever. Be sure also to visit Graceland, the King’s beloved mansion, the world-famous Sun Studio and lively Beale Street, the heart of the city’s historic district and home to many of its best live music venues.

**DAYS 8-9 NATCHEZ**

From Memphis, drop back into Mississippi and make your way to Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. Your base for the next two nights will be **Monmouth Historic Inn & Gardens**, an antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens. From here we recommend visiting some of the plantation homes around Natchez, which grew more and more extravagant in the 18th and 19th centuries as wealthy planters aimed to outdo each other.

**DAYS 10-13 NEW ORLEANS**

End your dive into the Deep South in the city of New Orleans with a three-night stay at **Hotel Monteleone** in the heart of the historic French Quarter. Take a riverboat ride on a traditional paddle steamer, soak up the nightlife of bustling Bourbon Street, dine on Cajun and Creole cuisine in any number of great restaurants, or simply follow your ears to one of the city’s many juke joints playing New Orleans jazz at all hours of the day. Return your hire car at the airport on day 13 in time to catch your flight home.



**ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS**



**Graceland VIP Experience**

Enjoy a VIP tour of Graceland, Elvis’s Memphis mansion. See the house how it was in 1977, the year Elvis died. Step aboard the King’s private planes to see how he travelled in luxury. Walk among his collection of classic cars. And look back at his career through an amazing collection of gold and platinum albums, flashy stagewear and film memorabilia.



**New Orleans Music Tour**

Jazz as we know it was born in New Orleans in the late-19th century and is the soundtrack to any visit to the city. This noteworthy tour, guided by a local music expert, is a toe-tapping trip through the Big Easy’s most musical neighbourhoods, stopping along the way at popular bars and clubs, or to listen on street corners to brass bands and buskers.



**Plantation Tour**

The plantations of the Deep South offer a poignant insight into the lives of the wealthy estate owners, their families and the slaves forced to work there during the 18th and 19th centuries. This well-balanced tour out of New Orleans visits two of the most important plantations in the region, Oak Alley Plantation and Houmas House Plantation and Gardens.





### *New Orleans, Louisiana*

## Hotel Monteleone

An icon on the New Orleans hotel scene, the Monteleone first opened its doors in 1886 and has been treating guests to timeless luxury ever since. Situated in the heart of the French Quarter, this historic family-owned property commands a prime location on Royal Street, just a block away from Bourbon Street and a short walk from Jackson Square and the French Market. The decadent lobby sets the tone for your stay here and leads to a selection of elegantly appointed rooms, plus suites embellished with period furniture. Take in the views from the rooftop pool, unwind in Spa Aria, dine to live jazz at restaurant Criollo, or sip cocktails at Carousel, the hotel's famous revolving bar.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from New Orleans Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 570 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, Spa Aria, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Yoga.*

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### *New Orleans, Louisiana*

## Royal Sonesta New Orleans

With its Art Deco styling, striking abstract art and grand floral arrangements, this much-loved hotel brings a touch of class to the carnival of Bourbon Street. Rooms and suites are light and spacious, with options to look onto the secluded pool or tropical courtyard, or to gaze down at Bourbon Street from your wrought-iron balcony. Restaurant R'evolution is one of the city's most innovative fine-dining establishments. A more casual affair but well worth ducking into is the Desire Oyster Bar serving seafood and Creole classics, while the drinks and live music of Le Booze and The Jazz Playhouse provide nightly entertainment. A heated outdoor pool, poolside bar, coffee shop and 24-hour fitness centre round out the facilities.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from New Orleans Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 483 Rooms and Suites, 3 Restaurants, 5 Bars, Pool, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*

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### *Natchez, Mississippi*

## Monmouth Historic Inn & Gardens

Step back in time with a stay at this imposing early-19th-century antebellum mansion set in 26 acres of manicured gardens. The charming property is home to 30 rooms and suites, split between the main house and seven outbuildings, repurposed as cottages and guest homes. Suites are a vision of old Southern grandeur with canopied wooden beds, original artworks, exquisite antiques and other period furnishings. Guests gather in the evenings for pre-dinner drinks in the Quitman Lounge & Study before heading to the award-winning Restaurant 1818 to enjoy seasonal Southern fare in what were once the old parlour rooms. A great alternative, however, especially in summer, is to opt for a romantic picnic in the beautiful hotel grounds.

#### **THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

*Transfer: 1 hour and 30 minutes by road from Baton Rouge Airport, 2 hours and 45 minutes by road from New Orleans Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 30 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, Bar & Complimentary Wi-Fi. Children Under 10 Years Old Not Accepted.*



*Memphis, Tennessee*

## The Peabody Memphis

Located in the heart of downtown Memphis, just a five-minute walk from Beale Street, The Peabody is a Memphis institution and has been welcoming guests since 1869. Everyone who's anyone has stayed here, from A-list celebrities to British royalty. Integral to the hotel's charm are the twice-daily duck parades, when the Peabody's five resident mallard ducks march around the marble fountain in the lobby. Get beyond the lobby, however, and you'll find rooms and suites decorated with rich textures and specially commissioned wall art, both formal French and casual Italian dining options, a heated indoor pool, the wonderful Feathers Spa, and on Thursday nights through the summer, the best rooftop party in the city.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Memphis Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 464 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, Feathers Spa, Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*



*Nashville, Tennessee*

## Thompson Nashville

With 12 floors and 224 rooms, the size of Thompson Nashville may stretch the definition of 'boutique', but it certainly fits the bill in terms of artistry and attention to detail, from the local artwork in the lobby to the dark wood floors, colourful woven rugs, claw-foot bathtubs and rooftop bar serving craft cocktails and Southern-brewed beers. In the rooms, floor-to-ceiling windows look down on The Gulch, one of Nashville's most desirable neighbourhoods, filled with bars, shops and restaurants. Not that you need to stray from the hotel to get a good meal, or even a good coffee. Killebrew Coffee is a hipster-style coffee shop just off the lobby, while the Marsh House restaurant has built its reputation on sustainable Southern seafood.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Nashville Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 224 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, Bar, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*



*Nashville, Tennessee*

## Four Seasons Hotel Nashville

Set to open in late-2022, Four Seasons Hotel Nashville is one of the most exciting new hotels to reach the South in recent years. The 235 rooms, including 42 suites, are all elevated on the 7th to 14th floors to offer far-reaching views of the city or Cumberland River and feature clean-lined designs with hints of local black walnut, leather and burnished metal. The all-day dining restaurant will focus on seafood with a Southern influence, while the spa is set to open with six sunlit treatment rooms, including a couple's suite. Most hotly anticipated of all, however, is the expansive rooftop terrace, complete with private cabanas, buzzing bar and grill, year-round heated hot tub and dazzling infinity-edged pool.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Nashville Airport*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 235 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, Bar, Pool, Spa Tub & Fitness Centre.*







## Arizona & Nevada

A year-round destination with a lot to shout about, Arizona is famously an outdoor state. Few things on earth are as staggering to behold as the Grand Canyon. The mile-deep chasm carved by the Colorado River is 277 miles long and up to 18 miles wide. Its striated walls change colour by the hour and its numerous hiking trails are virtually peerless when it comes to dramatic views.

But the state's natural wonders don't stop at the Grand Canyon. The giant Saguaro cacti of the Sonoran Desert can grow up to 50 feet tall. The twin-humped peaks of Camelback Mountain reward those who make the climb with spectacular views over Scottsdale to the south and the dreamy desert landscapes of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve to the north. While on the border with Utah, the vast barren plain of Monument Valley is punctuated by magnificent monoliths and eroded spires with names like Totem Pole, the Mittens and Elephant Butte.

Linking it all together are a string of lavish resorts with exceptional facilities and a couple of key hubs. Scottsdale is an adventure, spa and wellness destination par excellence. Its thriving Old Town is packed full of bars, restaurants, Native American art galleries and reminders of the Old West. It's also something of a golfing mecca, with players taking advantage of the city's 330 days of sunshine a year to enjoy its dozens of desert courses. To the north, Sedona stands tall against a backdrop of pine-green hillsides and red-rock towers. It's especially known for its energy vortexes, whose healing properties are channelled by the town's many spas and retreats.

Any trip to Arizona can easily be combined with a visit to Las Vegas in neighbouring Nevada. One of the world's most remarkable cities, Las Vegas dazzles with theatrically themed hotels, timeless casinos, fabulous floor shows and celebrity-chef restaurants. Most of the action centres around the world-famous Strip, which is perhaps best appreciated from the air on a night-time helicopter tour. And if you need a break from neon, a number of Nevada attractions are easily discovered by private excursion, including the Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, the Mojave Desert and Red Rock Canyon.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** The deserts of Arizona and Nevada can lead to some very high temperatures during the summer months, so the best times to visit are spring and autumn. March and April and October and November are ideal times to visit Las Vegas, Scottsdale and other parts of these states, with warm days, mild nights and very little rainfall year-round.

**Average temp** 25°C

**How to get there** British Airways and American Airlines from Heathrow to Phoenix • British Airways and Virgin Atlantic from Heathrow to Las Vegas

**Average flying time** 11 hours

**GMT** -8 hours

**Tourist office** [visitarizona.com](http://visitarizona.com) | [visitlasvegas.com](http://visitlasvegas.com) | [travelnevada.com](http://travelnevada.com)

**Ideal for** Nightlife, Casinos, Golf, Cuisine, Culture, Shopping, Adventure, Hiking and Natural Beauty









MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## Bright Lights & Desert Sights

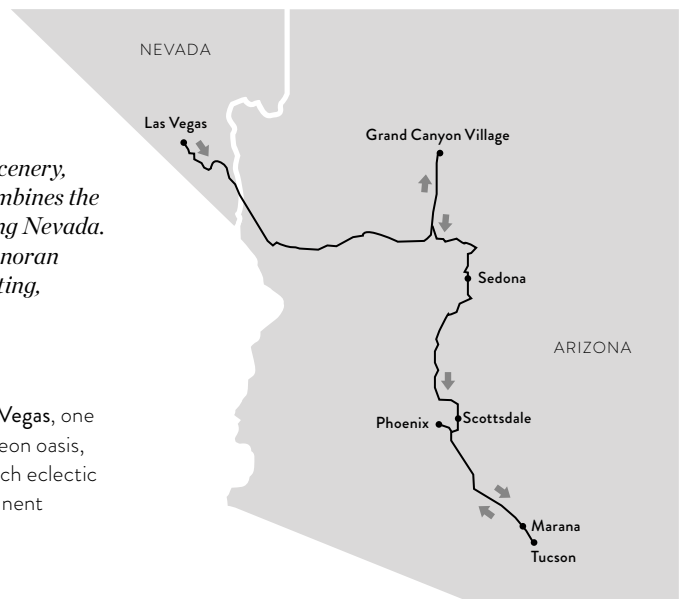
*With over 300 days of sunshine a year and a staggering mix of breathtaking scenery, Arizona is primed for outdoor adventures. This 13-day self-drive itinerary combines the best of the state with a three-night stay in glamorous Las Vegas in neighbouring Nevada. Stare in awe at the Grand Canyon, marvel at the giant Saguaro cacti of the Sonoran Desert, and feed your taste for adventure with boundless opportunities for rafting, riding, hiking, biking, hot-air ballooning and private jeep safaris.*

### DAYS 1-3 LAS VEGAS

Upon arrival in Las Vegas, a private transfer will take you to **The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas**, one of the most luxurious hotels on the city's famous Strip. Rising from the desert like a neon oasis, Las Vegas is home to the world's largest casinos, most flamboyant floor shows, and such eclectic attractions as the X-Scream rollercoaster (the third highest in the world) and a permanent exhibition of Lady Gaga's wardrobe. Take it all in during a three-night stay.

### DAYS 4-5 GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Collect your hire car from the airport and make the scenic drive to **El Tovar Hotel**, an historic lodge perched dramatically on the south rim of the Grand Canyon. There are numerous ways to take in the splendour of perhaps nature's greatest wonder. Hike to the bottom of the canyon floor, book a rafting trip on the Colorado River, or soar above it all on a helicopter tour.



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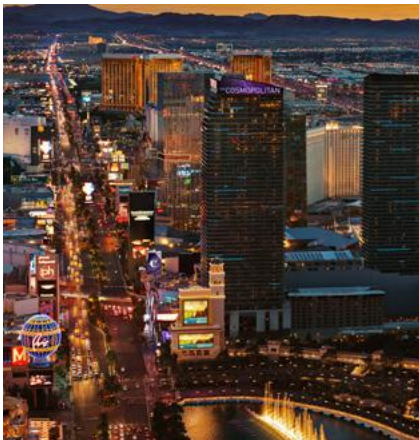
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### PRICES FROM

12 nights / 13 days from £4,785 per person

### YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, private airport transfer on arrival in Las Vegas, compact car hire with insurance for 10 days and hotel accommodation as detailed.*







Designed by

*Clare Sheldrick*

*“Forget London or New York, Vegas is home to the most spectacular stage shows on the planet. Last time I was there I watched Michael Jackson ONE by Cirque du Soleil and was completely blown away by the mix of dance, acrobatics and visual effects – all set to the music of the legendary King of Pop!”*

**DAYS 6-7 SEDONA**

Drive to Sedona and check into the **Enchantment Resort** for a two-night stay. Famous for its huge sandstone rock formations, which blaze red and orange in the fiery desert sun, Sedona is a mecca for outdoor activities, with everything on offer from horseback tours and private jeep safaris to mountain biking, hiking and three championship golf courses. For souvenirs, we recommend a visit to Tlaquepaque Arts & Shopping Village, styled after a traditional Mexican village.

**DAYS 8-9 SCOTTSDALE**

Continue south to Scottsdale for two nights at **The Phoenician**, a sensational hotel with its own 18-hole golf course, all set against the backdrop of Camelback Mountain. With such favourable weather, hot-air balloon rides are especially popular here, with guests treated when they land to a champagne breakfast in the Sonoran Desert. Scottsdale itself offers theatres, museums, art galleries and Arizona’s largest shopping centre, Scottsdale Fashion Square.



**DAYS 10-12 MARANA**

A three-night stay at **The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain** near the high desert city of Tucson affords time to explore one of Arizona’s greatest natural attractions, Saguaro National Park, home to an iconic emblem of south-west America, the giant Saguaro cacti, which can grow up to 50 feet tall. Other highlights in the area include daily re-enactments at the site of the Gunfight at the OK Corral, the San Xavier del Bac Mission, a well-known pilgrimage site founded in 1692, and visits to the Pima Air & Space Museum, one of the largest museums of its kind in the world.

**DAY 13 PHOENIX**

Enjoy a final spot of shopping or sightseeing in Tucson before returning your hire car at the airport in Phoenix in time for your flight home.

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**Bubbles & Balloons**

There’s no better way to experience Arizona’s stunning desert scenery than aboard an exhilarating hot-air balloon flight, capped off upon landing with a celebratory champagne breakfast in the wild. Soaring thousands of feet in the air, the unobstructed desert views are quite simply breathtaking, and the calm and serenity of ballooning is unparalleled.



**Maverick Helicopter Tours**

An absolute must in Arizona and Nevada is a helicopter tour with Maverick Helicopters, the limousines of the skies. Popular options include flights above the neon lights of the Las Vegas Strip, and out over the Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Mojave Desert to the Grand Canyon, where you’ll land for champagne on a private bluff above the Colorado River.



**Las Vegas Foodie Tours**

Indulge the senses with a range of Las Vegas foodie tours. Get the red-carpet treatment as you’re whisked to VIP tables at the hottest restaurants in town to enjoy signature dishes from some of the city’s top chefs. Leave the casinos behind to explore the farm-to-table fare of the booming downtown area. Or enjoy a boozy brunch at three of the city’s best brunch spots.





## *Sedona* Enchantment Resort

Enchantment Resort's remote location, nine miles from Uptown Sedona, is key to the magic of staying here. Rustic adobe guestrooms with beehive fireplaces and private decks look out at arguably the most spectacular canyon in Sedona's Red Rock Country. The landscape was considered a place of healing by the Native Americans, a theme carried forward in the excellent Mii amo spa, which is due to reopen in autumn 2022 after extensive renovation. Incredibly, there are over 100 weekly activities to choose from, from hiking and mountain biking to stargazing, art classes, tennis, golf and tours of the local area. It's certainly enough to work up an appetite, something you'll want with you in the resort's three highly praised restaurants.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 2 hours by road from Phoenix Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 218 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 5 Pools, Mii amo Spa, Camp Coyote Kids Club 4-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Room, Yoga, Tennis & Bicycles.*



## *Scottsdale* The Phoenician, A Luxury Collection Resort

Set against the backdrop of Camelback Mountain, The Phoenician has real wow-factor, especially Canyon Suites, a highly exclusive boutique hotel that sits within the wider resort. Back in the main building, Italian linens and oversized marble bathrooms come as standard, as do deep sunken bathtubs big enough for two. Many rooms have private patios or balconies with mountain views. There are also freestanding villas with parking on the doorstep. Children will love the Funician Club, Game Room and the poolside Kids Zone complete with treehouse and spray guns, while adults can choose between eight delicious restaurants, tee off on the 18-hole golf course, unwind at the spa, swim in any of the nine pools, or explore the desert on an eco-tour.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Phoenix Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 671 Guestrooms & Suites, 8 Restaurants, 5 Bars, 9 Pools, Splash Pad, The Phoenician Spa, Funician Kids Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Tennis, Golf, Bicycles, Water Volleyball & Basketball.*



## *Marana* The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

Seamlessly woven into the Tortolita Mountain slopes just 30 minutes from Tucson, The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain is a casually luxurious oasis set high in the Sonoran Desert. The 253 rooms, suites and casitas offer exceptional desert and mountain views, with interiors that take their cues from the scenery outside – think burnt orange hues and Native American patterns. The destination spa is wrapped by bouldered ravines, the inviting pool complex sits at the convergence of cactus-studded canyons, and guests have access to over 25 miles of breathtaking hiking trails. If that weren't enough, there are also three nine-hole golf courses and four terrific restaurants, including CORE Kitchen & Wine Bar with its 2,800-bottle wine cellar.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Tucson Airport, 1 hour and 15 minutes by road from Phoenix Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 253 Rooms & Suites, 4 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 3 Pools, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Ritz Kids Ranger Programme 5-12 Years, Fitness Centre, Fitness Classes, Bicycles, Golf & Tennis.*



## Las Vegas

### The Venetian® Resort

The Venetian Resort has spared no expense in replicating Venice's most famous landmarks, including St Mark's Square with its iconic clock tower and a Grand Canal stocked with singing gondoliers. Add to this over 4,000 suites – the most basic of which are nearly double the size of your average Las Vegas hotel room – and you've got yourself a truly monumental hotel. Celebrity chefs rule the restaurant roost here, with offerings from Thomas Keller, Wolfgang Puck and David Chang among others, while facilities include a state-of-the-art casino, four large pools spread across two acres, a 134,000-square-foot spa with more than 90 treatment rooms, and an ever-changing roster of shows, events and nightly entertainment.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,075

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Luxury Suite on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Las Vegas Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 4,028 Suites, 42 Restaurants, 11 Bars, 4 Pools, Canyon Ranch Spa, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Casino.

## Las Vegas

### The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

One of the newer hotels on the Las Vegas Strip, The Cosmopolitan is chic and contemporary, with digital art installations, illuminated staircases and interactive sculptures set to dazzle from the outset. It's also huge, with a glamorous 100,000-square-foot casino, several floors of shops and designer boutiques, two fitness centres, outdoor tennis courts, three rooftop pools overlooking the Strip (one of which doubles as the hotel's lively Day Club), an indulgent spa with its own hammam, plus a one-of-a-kind collection of 26 restaurants. Rooms are spacious, warm and welcoming, offering views of the Strip and millennial-friendly touches like iPad-controlled lighting, provocative artwork and black marble bathrooms.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,140

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a City Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 10 minutes by road from Las Vegas Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 3,041 Rooms, 26 Restaurants, 7 Bars, 3 Pools, Marquee Dayclub, Sahara Spa & Hammam, 2 Fitness Centres, Tennis & Casino.

## Las Vegas

### Wynn & Encore Las Vegas

Situated at the northern end of the Strip, the Wynn set a new standard for luxury hotels in Las Vegas; lavish standards that have been rigorously maintained by its younger sister Encore. Interiors are a mix of gleaming marble floors, arched domed ceilings and bold floral displays. Rooms come with floor-to-ceiling windows, implausibly plush beds and touch-screen controls, while the premium Tower Suites have exclusive benefits like breakfast credit and access to the private Tower Suites pool. There's a mall packed full of designer boutiques, a 2,000-seat theatre, a three-acre multimedia overwater experience, an 18-hole golf course, temperature-controlled pools with fully stocked cabanas, a brigade of great restaurants and of course a casino.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,290

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Wynn Resort Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Las Vegas Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 4,740 Rooms & Suites, 18 Restaurants, 7 Bars, 4 Pools, Encore Beach Club, Wynn Golf Club, Soul Cycle, 2 Fitness Centres, The Spa at Wynn, The Spa at Encore & Casino.



Grand Canyon, Arizona







*"Few things in this world produce  
such awe as your first ever glimpse of  
the gaping Grand Canyon"*



# California

From the misty redwood forests and gently rolling vineyards of the north to the sweeping deserts and sun-kissed beaches of the south, California's diversity makes it one of the most exciting states to visit in the whole of the USA.

If America has an answer to Tuscany then the celebrated wine regions of Napa Valley and Sonoma are it, where the quality of the vintages is easily matched by the excellent calibre of the hotels and restaurants. Away to the east, shimmering in shades of green and blue, is spectacular Lake Tahoe, a lure for watersports enthusiasts in summer and skiers in winter. To the south, the natural attractions of Yosemite National Park have become icons of the American landscape, from El Capitan, the largest single granite rock on earth, to Yosemite Falls and magnificent Half Dome.

Below wine country lies the City by the Bay, sensational San Francisco, home to vintage cable cars, Alcatraz, Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge. The city also marks the start of one of the world's greatest road trips – 500 miles of breathtaking seascapes along America's dream drive, the Pacific Coast Highway, from San Francisco to San Diego. An uncontested highlight is the astonishing stretch of coast from Monterey to San Simeon, a serpentine ribbon of highway winding hundreds of feet above the roaring Pacific through the wilds of Big Sur. From here it's on to the 'American Riviera', stylish Santa Barbara, before setting your sights on the Hollywood hills and the glamour of LA.

Los Angeles has something for everyone, from the designer boutiques of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills and the carnival-esque amusements of Santa Monica, to the family attractions of Universal Studios Hollywood and nearby Disneyland Resort. Yet it's not the only city worth stopping at in the south. Lost in the desert, the oasis town of Palm Springs is a much-loved retreat of the Hollywood elite, while stylish San Diego offers beautiful broad beaches, a world-famous zoo and safari park, and one of the most exciting downtown areas in America.



## Important Information

**Best time to visit** Southern California can be visited year-round; summers are hot and dry while winters are slightly cooler with a small amount of rain. Northern California has a more temperate climate with warm summer days but cold winters. The northern coast experiences rain and fog during the winter while the mountains have some snowfall.

**Average temp** 21°C

**How to get there** British Airways from Heathrow to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Jose • Virgin Atlantic and United from Heathrow to Los Angeles and San Francisco • American Airlines from Heathrow to Los Angeles

**Average flying time** 11 hours

**GMT** -8 hours

**Tourist office** [www.visitcalifornia.com/uk](http://www.visitcalifornia.com/uk)

**Ideal for** Beaches, Surfing, Culture, Art, Cuisine, Nightlife Shopping, Natural Beauty and Hiking









MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## California Dreaming

*Three iconic cities, the rolling vineyards of the Central Coast, and the chance to drive arguably the finest coast road in the world all combine perfectly to create this classic road trip from San Francisco in the north to San Diego in the south.*

### DAYS 1-3 SAN FRANCISCO

After arriving in San Francisco, a private transfer will take you to the **Argonaut** for a three-night stay. The hotel offers views of the Golden Gate Bridge and easy access to many popular attractions. Walk to Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39, hop on a cable car over the hill to Union Square, ride a streetcar along the Embarcadero, or board a ferry to infamous Alcatraz.

### DAYS 4-5 CARMEL

Collect your hire car and head off down the coast past Monterey Bay to **Carmel Valley Ranch** in the heart of California's Central Coast wine country. The ranch sits on a hill amid 500 acres of rolling hills and farmland, complete with river, lakes and vineyards. It makes a wonderful contrast to the busy coastal villages of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pebble Beach, which are a short ten-minute drive down the valley to the sea.



### NUMBER OF DAYS

16

### PRICES FROM

15 nights / 16 days from £6,595 per person

### YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, private airport transfer on arrival in San Francisco, compact car hire with insurance for 12 days and hotel accommodation as detailed.*





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*“If you’re always dreaming of the open road and the freedom of a world-beating road trip then this journey down the California coast is the perfect trip for you. From the Golden Gate Bridge to the Hollywood Hills, cultured Santa Barbara to stylish San Diego, it’s the Golden State at its absolute best.”*

**DAY 6 PISMO BEACH**

The route today from Carmel to Pismo Beach is easily one of the most spectacular coastal drives in the world. It follows the legendary Pacific Coast Highway, which literally clings to America’s western edge, snaking its way above the surf-carved seascapes of Big Sur, a coastal wilderness where the Santa Lucia Mountains meet the roaring Pacific Ocean. Look out for elephant seals at Point Pedras Blancas just north of San Simeon, then check in for the night at **Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa** in Pismo Beach.

**DAYS 7-8 SANTA BARBARA**

Continue south to Santa Barbara, an idyllic town set between the mountains and the sea, sometimes referred to as the ‘American Riviera’. Check in for two nights at **El Encanto, A Belmond Hotel, Santa Barbara**. Enjoy wonderful wines from the surrounding vineyards and dine on the delicious food that’s synonymous with the area.



**DAYS 9-10 LOS ANGELES**

Prepare to feel like a movie star as you settle into **The Beverly Wilshire** for a two-night stay. Shop till you drop on Rodeo Drive, walk among the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, go behind the scenes of a real working movie set at Universal Studios Hollywood, or soak up the sun in playful Santa Monica.

**DAYS 11-13 LAGUNA BEACH**

A short drive will take you to Laguna Beach, famed for its secluded coves and surf spots, not to mention its galleries and trendy arts festivals. Take time to relax here with a three-night stay at **Montage Laguna Beach**. The beach and ocean views are the main attractions, though the excellent Loft restaurant and ocean-inspired spa never fail to disappoint.

**DAYS 14-16 SAN DIEGO**

The trip ends in style with a two-night stay at the iconic **Hotel del Coronado**, which sits on 26 acres of prime Pacific beachfront a stone’s throw from San Diego. Perhaps visit SeaWorld, LEGOLAND or San Diego Zoo, or venture downtown to the bars and restaurants of the historic Gaslamp Quarter. Return your hire car at the airport on day 16 in time for your flight home.

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**Alcatraz Night Tour**

This exclusive evening visit to the infamous prison island includes a live narration as the ferry takes a special ‘around the island’ route to Alcatraz – both perks not offered during the daytime tour. Once docked, enjoy the world-famous audio tour, cell door demonstrations, talks by expert historians and other optional activities not offered during the day.



**Universal Studios VIP Tour**

Star treatment awaits on this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Universal Studios Hollywood. Tour famous movie sets and hop off the trolley to access areas not normally open to the general public. Express access to theme park rides, priority seating for select shows, VIP dining and complimentary valet parking are among the other perks.



**Napa Valley Wine Train**

Part museum, part fine-dining restaurant, the Napa Valley Wine Train is made up of exquisitely restored 100-year-old rail cars and offers timeless journeys through one of the top wine-producing regions of the world, stopping for tastings at celebrated Napa Valley wineries and serving a decadent, multi-course, farm-to-table meal along the way.





## *San Francisco* Argonaut Hotel

Housed in an historic red-brick warehouse, this boutique hotel is just steps from Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square and Pier 39. A nautical theme brings genuine charm without sliding into kitsch, with vintage steamer trunks, antique telescopes and braided ropes aplenty. Several of the rooms enjoy views of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge and some even have whirlpool baths. This being California, there's a yoga mat in every room as well as an on-site fitness centre open 24/7. Spa treatments are offered in the privacy of your room and complimentary bikes are available from reception. The restaurant specialises in sustainable seafood, including creamy chowders served in edible sourdough bread bowls.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 252 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Bicycles.*



## *San Francisco* Fairmont San Francisco

With impressive views of both the city and the bay, Fairmont San Francisco occupies a coveted spot atop well-heeled Nob Hill, near the only spot where each of the city's cable car lines meet. The 606 rooms range from standard doubles to one-of-a-kind suites worthy of celebrating life's special occasions. These include a spectacular sprawling penthouse and a truly special suite named after the singer Tony Bennett, who first sang *I Left My Heart In San Francisco* in the hotel's lavish Venetian Room. Standout facilities include the legendary tiki bar and restaurant the Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar, and a wonderful rooftop garden – a true city oasis complete with lawns, palm trees, a central fountain and comfy lounge seating.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 606 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga & Bicycles.*



## *Forestville, Sonoma* Farmhouse Inn

This boutique hotel is romantic and stylish in equal measure. Rooms are ideal to cosy up in with feather beds and fine linens, oversized fireplaces and exquisite bathrooms with jetted tubs and steam showers. Suites step things up with country-chic interiors and double-sided fireplaces to both warm you in your room and out on your private balcony. The original farmhouse, built in 1873, is home to the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant; s'mores are served at nightfall around the communal firepit; and the nightly turndown includes chocolate-chip cookies and a glass of cold milk. There's an award-winning spa with complimentary products to take back to your room and try, plus exclusive access to some of Sonoma's finest wineries.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Sonoma County Airport, 1 hour 25 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 25 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, Pool, Spa at Farmhouse, Babysitting & Complimentary Wi-Fi.*



## St Helena, Napa Valley Meadowood Napa Valley

Situated on a private 250-acre estate, Meadowood Napa Valley is a luxurious and welcoming wine country retreat. Set in a forested valley, rooms, suites and lodges vary in size and layout and feature charming details such as fireplaces and window seats, as well as private decks with scenic woodland views. Most guests come to be wined and dined, choosing between romantic in-room picnics, open-air dining at the Terrace Café, and fabulous fine-dining at The Restaurant, which boasts three Michelin stars as well as a wine cellar with over 1,200 labels. Facilities include two professional croquet lawns, seven tennis courts, three swimming pools, a fitness centre, hiking trail, state-of-the-art spa and a nine-hole golf course.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 1 hour and 30 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 85 Suites, Cottages & Lodges, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, 3 Pools, The Spa at Meadowood, Children's Activities (seasonal), Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis & Croquet.*



## North Lake Tahoe The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe

This year-round destination offers scenic beauty and adventure in abundance. In winter it's a ski lover's dream, with a ski-in/ski-out location, a daily après-ski hour with champagne and oysters, marshmallow toasting around a cosy fire pit, and activities ranging from snowshoeing and snowmobiling to cross-country skiing. In summer the three outdoor pools come into their own, as does the Lake Club, a separate lakeside property exclusively for Ritz-Carlton guests, offering direct beach access, private boat trips, complimentary kayaks and stand-up paddleboards as well as gourmet food and drink. Back at the resort you'll find rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and cosy fireplaces, a relaxing spa and a choice of top restaurants.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 45 minutes by road from Reno Tahoe Airport, 3 hours and 30 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 181 Rooms, Suites & Residences, 4 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 2 Pools, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Yoga.*



## Monterey Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

This grand dame of Monterey Bay isn't just by the bay, it's been built right over its crashing surf, deep in the heart of Cannery Row. Stand on the balcony of an ocean-view room here and you could be on a cruise ship, with the waters of the bay both before and beneath you. Upgrade to a suite and enjoy such luxuries as expansive sun decks, elegant living spaces and spa-like marble bathrooms. The views are key to the rooftop spa too, one of the best in North America. Located on the penthouse level, it boasts a panoramic terrace with outdoor hot tubs, nine treatment rooms and an ocean-view couples' tub room. Other highlights include the oceanfront restaurant Coastal Kitchen and complimentary bikes for getting out and exploring.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Monterey Airport, 2 hours by road from San Francisco Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 290 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, Bar, Vista Blue Spa, Wi-Fi, Bicycles & Fitness Centre.*







## *Carmel Valley* Carmel Valley Ranch

A place for wine lovers, families and outdoor enthusiasts alike, Carmel Valley Ranch sits on a hill with its facilities spread across 500 acres of Central Coast wine country, complete with rivers, lakes, forests and vineyards. There's nothing but suites here, all of which come with spacious outdoor decks, romantic fireplaces and anywhere from one to four bedrooms. An organic approach is championed across the resort's several restaurants, with much of the produce grown within the hotel grounds. The excellent climate lends itself to outdoor activities, with options ranging from tennis, golf, hiking and horse riding to beekeeping, falconry and vineyard tours. There are also three outdoor pools and an excellent spa with a wide array of treatments.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Monterey Regional Airport, 2 hours by road from San Francisco Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 181 Suites, 4 Restaurants, 3 Pools, Spa Aiyana, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Gym, Yoga, Tennis, Golf & Archery.*

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## *Big Sur* Post Ranch Inn

Perched on the cliffs of Big Sur, 1,200 feet above the Pacific and encircled by mountains and towering redwoods, this boutique bolthole commands possibly the most dramatic location of any hotel on the California coast. Each of its 40 guestrooms is an architectural marvel offering jaw-dropping ocean or mountain views. Cliff Houses offer outdoor decks suspended above the ocean; Ocean Houses blend into the hillside with grasses and wildflowers covering their roofs; Tree Houses are built on stilts nine feet from the forest floor; one building is even shaped like a butterfly with rooms beneath its wings. The views continue at the clifftop restaurant Sierra Mar, a favourite with locals and as renowned for its wine list as for its locally sourced menus.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 50 minutes by road from Monterey Regional Airport, 3 hours by road from San Francisco Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 40 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, 3 Pools, Post Ranch Inn Spa, Fitness Room, Yoga & Complimentary Wi-Fi. Children Under 18 Years Old Not Accepted.*

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## *Pismo Beach* Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa

With a clifftop position halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa is about as close to the Pacific Ocean as you can get – it's quite possible you'll see dolphins leaping out of the water right in front of your balcony. The hotel was originally designed as an apartment building and as a result all the suites are unusually large, boasting spacious terraces, living rooms, dining rooms and full gourmet kitchens. The spa offers everything from facials and massages to guided wellness rituals, while the restaurant pairs locally sourced cuisine with over 800 local and international wines. Next to the restaurant is the outdoor pool and a coastal path that's great to explore on the resort's complimentary bikes.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 3 hours by road from Los Angeles Airport, 3 hours and 30 minutes by road from San Francisco Airport.*  
*Accommodation & Facilities: 60 Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, The Spa at Dolphin Bay, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga & Bicycles.*



### Santa Barbara

## El Encanto, A Belmond Hotel, Santa Barbara

This elegant hilltop hideaway could scarcely feel more different from Los Angeles, just a 90-minute drive away. For starters, no road is either visible or audible, and from the moment you walk in you're immediately met by views of the Pacific Ocean, glittering beyond the large restaurant terrace. This air of tranquillity is carried through to the rooms and bungalows, which are spread across seven acres of lush sloping gardens. Many have balconies or outdoor terraces; the best have patio gardens. The main restaurant is one of the best in southern California, though afternoon tea in the lounge and a gourmet picnic in the hilltop gardens are well worth leaving room for. A destination spa and an especially pretty pool round out the facilities.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Santa Barbara Airport, 2 hours by road from Los Angeles Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 92 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, The Spa at El Encanto, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Fitness Classes & Electric Bicycles.*



### Beverly Hills

## Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills

Set right at the heart of Beverly Hills where the Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards meet, this elegant Art Deco-inspired hotel opened in 2017 and represents the very best in California luxury. Rooms and suites are effortlessly elegant and feature giant walk-in closets, the latest tablet technology, floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies overlooking the city. Guests can dine at the signature Jean-Georges Beverly Hills restaurant, a romantic choice for couples, alfresco at The Rooftop by JG, or even poolside on the rooftop lounge deck beside panoramic views of the Hollywood Hills. Rodeo Drive is just half a mile away, and when you're done with shopping there, the lavish La Prairie Spa will be waiting on your return.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 45 minutes by road from Los Angeles Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 170 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 3 Bars, Pool, La Prairie Spa, Beauty Salon, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Yoga.*



### Beverly Hills

## Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel

The backdrop to *Pretty Woman* and the setting for Wolfgang Puck's Michelin-starred steakhouse CUT, this Italian Renaissance masterpiece is one of the most famous hotels in America. The elegant 1920s building is divided into two wings: the Beverly Wing looks out at the residents of Beverly Hills while the Wilshire Wing commands breathtaking views of the Los Angeles skyline. Together, they offer 395 beautifully appointed guestrooms, including some very spacious suites. Hotel experiences include 'Pretty Woman For A Day' and 'A Night With The Stars', where guests spend a night in a romantic tent for two, with the entire 10th-floor terrace at their disposal. There's also a world-class spa and a Mediterranean-style pool with private cabanas.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 25 minutes by road from Los Angeles Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 395 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, The Spa at Beverly Wilshire, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.*







## *Santa Monica* Shutters on the Beach

As one of only two luxury hotels on the beach in Santa Monica, Shutters offers breathtaking ocean views in a beach-house setting that combines the barefoot ease of the west coast with the elegance of Cape Cod and the north-east. Stylish rooms and suites feature hardwood floors and are as luxe as can be. The ONE Spa is a favourite among residents and celebrities, the pool deck boasts private cabanas and spectacular ocean views, while local activities range from cycling and volleyball to yoga on the beach. The restaurants are equally impressive, from the refined 1 Pico to the more casual Coast and the multi-purpose Living Room with its views of the Pacific. The service is stellar, the setting idyllic – sometimes the classics are classic for a reason.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Los Angeles Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 198 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, ONE Spa, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Paddle Tennis & Volleyball.*



## *Newport Beach* The Resort at Pelican Hill®

Located just north of Newport Beach on over 500 acres of California coastline, The Resort at Pelican Hill knows how to make an impression. Italian influences are everywhere. The manicured hills and terracotta roofs give a luxury Tuscan vibe, while the massive circular pool, inspired by the Colosseum in Rome, boasts breathtaking ocean views and is ringed by terraced decks and private cabanas. Stylish bungalows offer wood-beamed ceilings, limestone-framed fireplaces and deep-soaking tubs. Villas are next level, with ocean views, kitchens, dining rooms and private butlers. The excellent spa offers daily beach walks, golfers have access to two 18-hole courses, and diners can choose between California classics and the flavours of northern Italy.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from John Wayne Airport, 45 minutes by road from Los Angeles Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 204 Bungalows & 128 Villas, 4 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 2 Pools, The Spa at Pelican Hill, Camp Pelican Kids Club 4-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles & Golf.*



## *Laguna Beach* Montage Laguna Beach

Perched on a coastal bluff with white-sand beaches below, Montage Laguna Beach fuses excellent amenities with genuine warmth and character. Proximity to the beach and ocean is one of the main attractions and guestrooms, suites and villas all feature patios or balconies with panoramic views. Dining areas have exceptional vistas too: through floor-to-ceiling windows at the excellent Loft restaurant, and from the terrace of the Mosaic Bar and Grille, at the edge of the bluff just 50 feet above the ocean. Naturally the spa is ocean-facing too and offers everything from massages to yoga and tai chi. To this you can add three sparkling pools, a comprehensive kids' club and activities ranging from surfing and kayaking to whale and dolphin watching.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from John Wayne Airport, 1 hour and 20 minutes by road from Los Angeles Airport, 1 hour and 20 minutes by road from San Diego Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 250 Rooms, Suites & Villas, 3 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 3 Pools, Spa Montage, Paintbox Kids Club 2-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Movement Studio & Yoga.*



## Palm Springs

### The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage

Sitting atop a bluff overlooking Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley, The Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage offers sweeping desert views, fine dining and one of the best spas in the area. Rooms and suites are elegantly decorated in dark browns, sandy tones and green accents, all of which complement the mountain and desert views from the patios and balconies. More stunning cliffside views are on offer at The Edge Steakhouse, with casual eats available at State Fare Bar & Kitchen. With 16 treatment rooms, many with private terraces, plus zones for yoga and meditation, the spa is exceptional. Other highlights include two outdoor pools (one for adults only) and plenty of stone fire pits – perfect for making s'mores or curling up with a glass of wine.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from Palm Springs Airport, 2 hours and 40 minutes by road from Los Angeles and San Diego Airports.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 244 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 2 Pools, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga & Bicycles.*



## San Diego

### Hotel del Coronado

With its \$400 million renovation now nearing completion, this landmark hotel just keeps on getting better. Popular among celebrities and beach-loving families for over 130 years, The Del is ideally located on the powdery white sands of the Pacific coast yet is only a stone's throw from sizzling San Diego. The 757 guestrooms are split between a number of distinctly different buildings, including the original Victorian beachfront hotel built in 1888, the modern Cabanas building just steps from the pool, the beachfront Views building complete with sunset-facing balconies, and the private, luxurious and exclusive Beach Village. Facilities include a slew of great restaurants, numerous outdoor pools, an award-winning spa, shops, watersports and even an ice rink in winter.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from San Diego Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 757 Rooms, Suites & Villas, 6 Restaurants, 3 Bars, 3 Pools, Spa at The Del, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Sailing, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Jet-skiing & Surfing.*



## San Diego

### Pendry San Diego

Opened in early 2017, this fashionable hotel is located in the heart of the historic Gaslamp Quarter, close to downtown attractions and an eclectic mix of restaurants, shops and nightlife. Not that you need to leave the hotel to be wined and dined. There's casual all-day dining at Provisional; high-end seafood at Lionfish; craft beer and pretzels at Nason's Beer Hall; Vegas-style partying at the Oxford Social Club; the lively rooftop Pool House; classy cocktails at Fifth & Rose; even a Moët & Chandon vending machine. Rooms are bright and welcoming with plenty of natural wood and Pendry-print wallpaper. The rooftop pool is the envy of the neighbourhood, and the intimate spa is the perfect retreat from the demands of daily life.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 15 minutes by road from San Diego Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 317 Rooms & Suites, 5 Restaurants, 4 Bars, Pool, Spa Pendry, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Bicycles.*







## Hawaii

With nearly 140 islands spread over 1,500 square miles of Pacific Ocean, Hawaii offers visitors a huge variety of things to see and do, from verdant jungles and active volcanos to swimming with manta rays and surfing some of the world's wildest waves.

Of the major islands, most visits start in Oahu. The name literally means 'gathering place' and from the early days when Hawaiian royalty chose Waikiki Beach to build their first houses, to today, when nearly 350,000 people call Honolulu home, the island has been the centre of Hawaiian culture. A visit to the moving Pearl Harbor National Memorial offers a fascinating insight into one of the most pivotal moments in US history. A hike up Diamond Head provides breathtaking views of Waikiki Beach. And from November to March, the island's legendary North Shore is pounded by some of the most monstrous waves on the planet, from Haleiwa to Sunset Beach, past Waimea Bay and the notorious Banzai Pipeline.

Second largest in terms of population, Maui ticks a whole lot of boxes, with whale-watching experiences, beautiful beaches and some of Hawaii's swankiest resorts among its trump cards. Watching sunrise from the top of hulking Haleakala Volcano is an absolute must, as is driving the corkscrew Hana Highway, a zig-zagging route along Maui's north-east coast that offers awe-inspiring views of waterfalls, beaches and tropical rainforests.

Though if it's rainforests you want, you might prefer the island of Kauai. Hawaii's 'Garden Isle' is the greenest and oldest in the Hawaiian archipelago, with a laidback vibe that's a million miles from the hubbub of Honolulu. About two thirds of the island is carpeted in jungle, with the other third home to some truly dramatic scenery, including the jaw-dropping cliffs of the Na Pali Coast and the spectacular Waimea Canyon.

Then there's Hawaii Island (aka Big Island) whose biggest draw is unquestionably Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, home to two of the world's most active volcanoes, including Kilauea, where molten lava flows can still be seen today.

### Important Information

**Best time to visit** The islands remain warm throughout the year, with little seasonal variation. Heavy rainfall can occur in some mountainous areas from December to February, but most areas only experience short showers while others remain dry.

**Average temp** 28°C

**How to get there** American Airlines, United and Delta via Los Angeles or San Francisco to Honolulu (Oahu), Maui and Kona (Hawaii) • American Airlines and United via Los Angeles or San Francisco to Kauai

**Average flying time** 18 hours

**GMT** -10 hours

**Tourist office** [www.gohawaii.com/uk](http://www.gohawaii.com/uk)

**Ideal for** Beaches, Surfing, Snorkelling, Diving, Culture, Natural Beauty, Adventure and Hiking









#### MULTI-CENTRE ITINERARY

## Aloha Hawaii

*Hop, skip and hula through the heavenly Hawaiian islands on this 15-day tour that demonstrates the breadth of the 50th state – from the historical sites of Oahu and the plunging cliffs of Kauai, to the smouldering calderas of the Big Island’s volcanos and the humpback whales that visit Maui in their thousands.*

#### DAYS 1-5 OAHU

Upon arrival in Honolulu, you’ll be taken by private car to the ‘First Lady’ of Waikiki hotels, **Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa** for a five-night stay. Spend the next few days sightseeing, relaxing and enjoying all that Oahu has to offer. Get a glimpse into Hawaiian culture at a traditional luau. Enjoy time at the beach trying everything from parasailing and surfing to snorkelling and catamaran cruises. Tap into Hawaiian history with visits to the Iolani Palace, the former residence of Hawaiian royalty, and the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. Take in panoramic views of Oahu from the summit of Diamond Head, the ancient volcanic cone that rises from the end of Waikiki Beach. Visit the fabled North Shore to watch surfers test their metal at big-wave spots like Waimea Bay and the Banzai Pipeline. Or find your island style among the luxury boutiques of Kalakaua Avenue.

#### DAYS 6-8 KAUAI

Transfer to Honolulu for your flight to Kauai where you’ll be met and transferred to **Ko’a Kea Hotel & Resort** for a three-night stay. It’s not for nothing that Kauai is known as the ‘Garden Isle’ of Hawaii. The fertile island – the backdrop to everything from *South Pacific* to the *Jurassic Park* series – is mostly covered in tropical rainforest and as such is a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. Highlights include Waimea Canyon, dubbed the ‘Grand Canyon of the Pacific’, and the Na Pali Coast, 22 miles of vibrant green valleys, thundering waterfalls and concertinaed cliffs 4,000 feet high. The coast can be explored by kayak or paddleboard, but by far the best way to take in the whole island is on a helicopter tour – something our experts will be happy to book for you.

#### NUMBER OF DAYS

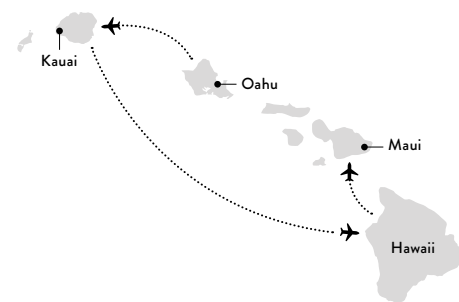
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#### PRICES FROM

14 nights / 15 days from £6,905 per person

#### YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES

*Prices are based on two people sharing a standard room and include economy flights from London, private airport transfers throughout and hotel accommodation as detailed.*







Designed by

*Natalie Bradburn-Lewis*

*“It’s almost impossible to pick Hawaii’s best beaches, but this tour provides ample opportunity to visit some of the front runners, including Lanikai Beach on Oahu (reportedly Barack Obama’s favourite), Poipu Beach on Kauai, Hapuna Beach on the Big Island and Kapalua Bay on Maui.”*

**DAYS 9-11 HAWAII ISLAND (BIG ISLAND)**

A private transfer will take you to the airport for your flight to Hawaii Island (aka Big Island), where you’ll be met and transferred to **Fairmont Orchid** for a three-night stay, a coastal resort with a protected lagoon, huge pool and excellent amenities. It’s the perfect base from which to explore the island. Follow Crater Rim Drive through Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to Kilauea Volcano, which has been spewing lava almost continuously since 1983. Hike to the spectacular Akaka Falls or along the Kona Coast to the Captain Cook Monument, which marks the site where the British explorer who discovered the Hawaiian islands was killed in 1779. Or pleasure your sweet tooth at Original Hawaiian Chocolate, the world’s only producers of 100% Hawaiian chocolate.



**DAYS 12-15 MAUI**

End your Hawaiian journey with a three-night stay at **The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua**, a stunning property on 54 beautiful, ocean-facing acres. When not enjoying the outdoor pools and two championship golf courses, options include helicopter trips over Haleakala Crater, which is big enough to fit all of Manhattan inside it; segway tours of laidback Lahaina, an old whalers’ town now lined with boutiques and waterfront restaurants; whale-watching tours to spot humpbacks in winter; and the zig-zagging drive along the scenic Hana Highway, past dozens of waterfalls and hidden-away beaches. Transfer to the airport on day 15 in time for your flight home.

**ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES - OUR SUGGESTIONS**



**Pearl Harbor VIP Tour**

This VIP tour includes time at the USS *Arizona* memorial, which commemorates the lives lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941; a trip below deck of the USS *Bowfin* submarine, dubbed the ‘Pearl Harbor Avenger’ for its successful attacks on the Japanese; and access to the battleship USS *Missouri*, where the Japanese surrender was finally signed in 1945.



**Big Island Volcano Adventure**

Nowhere is the power and beauty of Hawaii better expressed than in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, home to two of the world’s most active volcanoes. including Kilauea, which erupted continuously from 1983 to 2018. This adventurous tour gets you off the beaten path with an experienced guide for a blend of culture, history and awe-inspiring nature.



**Helicopter Sightseeing**

There’s no better way to view Maui than from the air with Maverick Helicopters. Tours range from 55 to 75 minutes. Highlights include a remote landing in the Hana Rainforest, seeing the world’s highest sea cliffs on neighbouring Molokoi, staring into the Haleakala Crater, and flying over hidden valleys, scenic waterfalls and the big-wave surf break, Jaws.





## Oahu Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort & Spa, Waikiki Beach

Known as the 'First Lady of Waikiki', Moana Surfrider combines Victorian elegance with contemporary comfort. Tastefully appointed rooms and suites are spread across three wings, with many offering breathtaking ocean views. Waikiki Beach is right on the doorstep, just beyond the sizeable outdoor pool, though the star of the show is the Moana Lani Spa, one of the best on Oahu, complete with relaxation lounges, saunas, steam rooms and two wonderful couple's suites with private hot tubs and panoramic views. The fitness centre offers daily morning yoga, while on-the-water options include surfing and paddleboarding. Dining choices range from afternoon tea on the elegant veranda to oceanfront dining at the island-inspired Beachhouse.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Honolulu Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 792 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, Moana Lani Spa, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Yoga.*



## Oahu Halekulani

All but a handful of rooms at heavenly Halekulani enjoy wonderful sea views. Spacious guestrooms come in natural, neutral tones; suites offer more space with one or two bedrooms, extra-large bathrooms and at least one balcony, while premier suites offer breathtaking views of Waikiki Beach and imposing Diamond Head. There's an array of dining options, including La Mer, one of the most awarded restaurants in Hawaii, as well as the more casual options, Orchids and House Without a Key. Attendants are always ready poolside with sunscreen and towels. There are numerous water and beach activities, Mindbody classes, signature sleep treatments, a comprehensive spa, plus excursions that tap into the history, culture and nature of Hawaii.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 20 minutes by road from Honolulu Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 453 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, Spa Halekulani, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Room, Snorkelling, Sailing, Fishing, Canoes & Surfing.*



## Kauai Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort

Known as the 'Garden Isle', Kauai is beloved for its tropical rainforests, wild, dramatic scenery and long sandy beaches. It's on one of these beaches that you'll find Ko'a Kea, regarded as one of the most romantic hotels in America. Most of the 121 rooms and suites offer at least partial sea views and all promise private lanais and marble bathrooms. The award-winning Red Salt Restaurant & Sushi Bar makes the most of the fresh local seafood. The spa includes beachfront cabana treatment areas, candlelit treatment rooms and a romantic couple's suite. Outside firepits maintain the romance at night, yoga and Pilates are conducted by the beach, and there's everything on offer from bikes and beach chairs to snorkels and surf lessons.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Lihue Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 121 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, 2 Bars, Pool, Ko'a Kea Spa, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Surfing, Paddleboards & Snorkelling.*



## Maui

### Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea

Set on one of the finest sweeps of sand in all Hawaii, this luxurious resort offers grand ocean views, nightly hula shows, contemporary rooms and the high levels of service you'd expect from a Four Seasons resort. Facilities include an oceanfront spa, an adults-only infinity pool with a swim-up bar, an open-air cardio and fitness deck, two additional pools, a tennis centre, kids' club and a trio of designer boutiques. Dining highlights include Spago, the Hawaiian outpost of Wolfgang Puck's signature LA restaurant, and Ferraro's, offering fine Italian dishes beneath the stars. Perhaps best of all though are the unique experiences on offer to guests, like a coffee plantation tour on neighbouring Hawaii Island by private helicopter.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Kahului Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 376 Rooms & Suites, 3 Restaurants, 5 Bars, 3 Pools, Spa, Kids For All Seasons Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Tennis, Golf, Snorkelling, Diving, Outrigger Canoes & Paddleboards.*



## Maui

### Fairmont Kea Lani

Situated on 22 acres of tropical landscape in upscale Wailea, the Fairmont Kea Lani is Maui's only oceanfront all-suite-and-villa resort. Island and Ocean Suites feature separate bedrooms and living rooms as well as oversized marble bathrooms and a massive lanai (balcony) with furniture for dining and lounging. Two- and three-bedroom villas up the ante with private outdoor plunge pools, barbecues and full kitchens. Of the four dining venues, standouts include signature restaurant Kō, known for its award-winning Hawaiian fusion, and Nick's Fishmarket Maui, famed as much for its 2,000-bottle wine cellar as its gorgeous fresh seafood. Other notable offerings include a top-notch spa, outrigger canoe experiences and hula and ukulele lessons.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Kahului Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 413 Suites & 37 Villas, 4 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 3 Pools, Willow Stream Spa, Keiki Lani Kids Club 5-13 Years, Babysitting, Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Snorkelling, Paddleboards & Canoes.*



## Hawaii

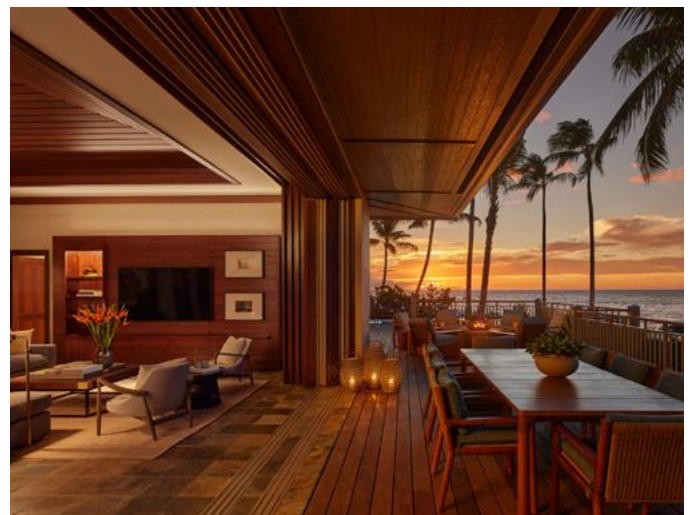
### Four Seasons Resort Hualalai

Spread among tropical palms between a lava-blackened volcano and a half-mile stretch of white-sand beach, the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai is an out-of-the-way Eden on Hawaii's Big Island. It offers everything you'd want from a tropical island holiday, including an impressive cultural centre, a snorkelable lagoon full of colourful fish, and a garden spa with innovative experiences that combine excursions to nearby salt flats or native forests with treatments using locally sourced products. There are over 20 room, suite and villa categories to choose from. Complimentary clinics are available at the PGA golf course. And amazingly, 80% of menu items in all of the resort's restaurants are sourced from the waters and farms around Hawaii.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Transfer: 10 minutes by road from Kona Airport.*

*Accommodation & Facilities: 243 Rooms & Suites, 4 Restaurants, 4 Bars, 7 Pools, Hualalai Spa, Kids For All Seasons Club 5-12 Years, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre, Yoga, Bicycles, Golf, Tennis, Snorkelling, Paddleboards & Canoes.*





# City Collection

*With heavy hitters like New York, Los Angeles and Boston to contend with, many of America's most captivating cities are too easily overlooked when it comes to planning holidays. Here are three of our favourite unsung heroes, conveniently packaged with flights, transfers and three nights' accommodation to make for memorable city breaks. We've plenty more ideas where these came from though, so do ask our experts about their favourite city stays.*



## Chicago

After New York, Chicago is America's most vital cultural capital and is a hard-to-beat choice for a scintillating city break. Fabulous restaurants like three-Michelin-star Alinea, memorable museums like the Art Institute of Chicago, parades of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, and a jazz, blues and music scene that's second to none are all just a few of the Windy City's highlights. For a bird's eye view of it all from a glass-floored floating balcony, visit Skydeck Chicago on the 103rd floor of the Willis Tower, or walk the shore of Lake Michigan for stunning views back at the rising city skyline.



## Seattle

There are few cities in the world blessed with a more beautiful setting than Seattle. Sitting at the edge of the picturesque Puget Sound, America's Emerald City is the gateway to the Pacific Northwest and the spectacular landscapes of Olympic, Mount Rainier and North Cascades national parks, all of which lie within a few hours' drive of the city. Of course there's plenty to explore in Seattle itself, not least the world-famous Pike Place Market, one of the oldest farmers' markets in America, the iconic Space Needle, the original Starbucks coffeeshop, and the immersive Museum of Pop Culture.



## Washington D.C.

America's capital is teeming with iconic monuments, museums, parks and broad boulevards. In springtime, cherry blossoms bloom along the city's centrepiece, the National Mall, home to such imposing landmarks as the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, where Daniel Chester French's massive sculpture of the brooding president sits, the stirring words of his Gettysburg Address etched behind him. Other places of interest include the world's largest library, the Library of Congress, the Neoclassical White House and the US Capitol, which holds the House and Senate chambers of government.



## Washington, D.C.

### Rosewood Washington DC

Set on the banks of the C&O Canal, Rosewood Washington, D.C. combines the intimacy of a boutique retreat with the service and facilities of a larger hotel. The understated brick facade barely hints at the grandeur inside: opulent wood panelling, parquet flooring from a French chateau, and plush leather chairs that give the feel of an old clubhouse. The 55 rooms, including 12 suites and six townhouses, offer more square footage than most urban hotels and come with high-end comforts like touch-panel technology, Nespresso machines and glass-enclosed rainfall showers. Celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck helms the F&B offerings, while facilities range from in-room spa treatments to a rooftop pool with views of the Potomac and Washington Monument.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,530

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Superior Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Washington Dulles Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 55 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, Complimentary Wi-Fi & Fitness Centre.

## Chicago

### Viceroy Chicago

Conveniently located in the exclusive Gold Coast neighbourhood, Viceroy Chicago is a swanky mix of vintage and contemporary, with the upper floors – a gleaming glass tower that's pure modern luxury – sitting atop the meticulously preserved facade of the 1920s hotel that was here before it. Design flourishes throughout are both polished and playful, from the towering blue wall of Proustian poetry in the avant-garde lobby, to the wallpaper art behind the beds in the rooms, where attention is focused on the jaw-dropping views from the floor-to-ceiling windows. The restaurant, Somerset, serves seasonal American dishes, while the rooftop lounge Devereaux offers cocktails and light bites beside an outdoor pool with sensational skyline views.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,330

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Superior Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with British Airways from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 35 minutes by road from Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 180 Rooms & Suites, Restaurant, Bar, Pool, Babysitting, Complimentary Wi-Fi, Fitness Centre & Bicycles.

## Seattle

### Fairmont Olympic Hotel

Among the city's most celebrated landmarks, this luxury hotel commands a great location in downtown Seattle, within walking distance of the waterfront and Pike Place Market. Built in the 1920s but fully refurbished in 2016, it strikes the right balance between old-world glamour and contemporary luxury. The glamour is most evident in the two-storey lobby, with its oak-carved panels, domed ceilings and gilded chandeliers. More modern are the rooms, around half of which are suites, complete with plush duvets and marble bathrooms with powerful rainfall showers. Dining options range from modern brasserie The George to the oyster bar Shuckers, while facilities include an indoor pool and hot tub, fitness centre, salon and excellent day spa.

#### PRICES

3 nights from £1,200

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a Deluxe Room on a room-only basis, inclusive of private transfers and economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from London.



#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Transfer: 30 minutes by road from Seattle Airport.

Accommodation & Facilities: 450 Rooms & Suites, 2 Restaurants, 2 Bars, Pool, Penelope and the Beauty Bar Spa, Wi-Fi & Gym.





Inside the USA with

*Clare Sheldrick*

### What's your favourite US city and what must I do while I'm there?

New York without a doubt. Be sure to picnic in Central Park, gaze in awe at Times Square and ride the ferry to Liberty Island. But leave time for some of the newer attractions too, like walking the High Line, a 1.5-mile urban park that snakes through the Meatpacking District 30 feet above street level.

### Which of the tourist hotspots live up to the hype?

If you're in San Francisco you should certainly visit Alcatraz. Once home to such notorious criminals as Al Capone, America's most famous prison makes for a wonderful half-day excursion, and the self-guided audio tour gives a fascinating insight into life on 'The Rock'.

### Where should I take the family?

For a good old-fashioned family holiday, head to the beaches of Cape Cod in New England. The powdery sand and calm waters of the cape's south side are especially child-friendly, and there are great opportunities for biking, fishing, boating and whale-watching.

### Where should I go to get back to nature?

Southern Florida is amazing for nature lovers. Head into the Everglades with a naturalist guide to spot pelicans, alligators, dolphins and manatees. Or head further south to the Florida Keys, which offer some of the best marine life encounters in the States. Dive the Shipwreck Trail off Key Largo. Kayak or paddleboard through the mangrove islands of the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge. And snorkel among rainbow-coloured parrotfish in the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary.

### What's the best way to travel around the States?

The most convenient and flexible way is to self-drive, which allows you to go at your own pace, stopping at whatever takes your fancy along the way. We'll help you find the vehicle that's right for you and your companions, be it a soft-top convertible for cruising in the sunshine or an SUV for better sit-up-high views. We can even arrange motorhome and motorcycle hire.



Central Park, New York





San Francisco, California



Cape Cod, Massachusetts



Everglades, Florida



# Essential Information

## Reservations

We firmly believe in the knowledge, added value and personal service that your travel agent can provide to you, both in terms of your choice of holiday and in the booking of your chosen arrangements with Lusso. Our destination specialists are always on hand to provide you and your chosen travel professional with those all-important finer details, however our holidays are only bookable through one of our travel agent partners.

## Financial Protection

### Flight inclusive packages

The flights and flight-inclusive holidays in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked is listed on it. Please see our Terms & Conditions for more information about financial protection. For further information regarding your ATOL Certificate go to: [www.atol.org.uk/ATOLcertificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOLcertificate)

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The information contained within this brochure is prepared many months in advance and we endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices are accurate at the time of publication. However, descriptions of accommodation, facilities and services are obtained from our suppliers in advance of publication and it is possible that an advertised facility may be withdrawn or changed for reasons such as lack of demand, bad weather, maintenance or renovation. Please note that the imagery is purely for your guidance and does not necessarily provide a current representation of the room type booked or the hotel and its surroundings, as further developments may have taken place since these images were taken. Please also note that climate information provided within this brochure is based on average weather conditions and the maps provided are not to scale. The prices in this brochure are for guidance purposes only and the price of your holiday will be confirmed at the time of booking. For an up-to-date holiday price, please contact your preferred travel agent who will assist you in making a request for a tailor-made quotation. Any special offers listed are subject to terms and conditions, details available on request.

Unless otherwise stated, all flight-inclusive prices include the following:

- Return international flights from the stated UK departure airport plus domestic flights where applicable

- Accommodation in the room category detailed based on two people sharing
- Meal plan as detailed\*
- Return private transfers from the airport to your accommodation (unless stated otherwise) – these may be shared for certain destinations
- 24-hour emergency contact for local assistance
- Any applicable special offers known to us at the time of booking
- US state and bed taxes
- ATOL protection contribution

\*For half board, full board and all-inclusive options restrictions may apply to certain restaurants, menu choices or dining locations such as in-room dining.

## Prices Exclude The Following:

- Overseas airport departure taxes payable locally, full details of which will be provided with your documentation where applicable
- Travel insurance (you must ensure that you have adequate cover for your chosen arrangements)
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, room service, gratuities, non-complimentary leisure activities such as spa treatments (unless stated otherwise) etc.
- Visa, passport and ESTA charges
- Any related cost of medical requirements for your chosen destination
- Excess baggage charges, resort fees and hotel car parking charges where applicable

## Accommodation Categories

The accommodation featured throughout our brochures carries no official hotel ratings and the room category terminology is that set by the hotel. Generally, the room categories and prices are determined by location within the resort/hotel e.g. proximity to the beach or pool. It is important to note that facilities vary quite significantly and due to the nature of the property may omit certain amenities such as televisions and air conditioning to retain the resort's authenticity or ambience. If a particular amenity is essential to your requirements, please check that this is available at the time of booking.

## Non-Featured Properties

We have the ability to book properties that are not featured in our brochure or on our website, however these are sold on a purely transactional basis and are therefore not booked with the same level of knowledge or contacts as our featured hotels.

## Airline Lounges

Unfortunately, regardless of the class of travel booked, the majority of US airports do not offer executive lounge access for either domestic or short haul flights including Mexico and the Caribbean. Please contact us or your agent should you require more information.

## Flight Times

The scheduled flight times detailed on your confirmation invoice are provisional and subject to change. Final timings will be advised to you on your travel documentation shortly before the departure date.

## Luggage Allowance

Luggage allowances and permitted items vary from airline to airline and we recommend that you check the luggage policy of the airline(s) with which you are flying or ask us for further details. Many US domestic airlines charge for checked luggage.

## Travel Documentation

Your travel documentation will be sent to your travel agent approximately 21–14 days prior to departure. Please check the documentation carefully and inform your travel agent of any errors or omissions as soon as possible.

## Passport & Visa Requirements

It is solely your responsibility to obtain any passports, visas, health certificates, international driving licences, entry requirements and other travel documents required for your holiday. Please note that we do not accept any responsibility or liability if you cannot travel, or incur any other loss because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements or any health formalities. See our Terms & Conditions for more information.

A valid ten-year British passport, with a minimum validity of at least six months on the arrival date back in the UK, is required for all holidays featured in our brochures. Should your passport be in the final year of validity we advise you to thoroughly check the requirements of the country you intend to visit prior to finalising your travel plans. For further detailed information please visit the HM Passport Office website [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office). Non-British citizens must check their passport and visa requirements prior to booking with the embassy or consulate of the country they intend to visit.

## Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)

Due to airlines' security measures, it is now essential that all persons travelling provide us with full and accurate passport information (Advance Passenger Information) before they travel. We are required to provide details of your destination accommodation, country of residence, name on your passport, passport number and date of birth to your airline. At the time of booking it is imperative that this information is provided to us accurately as it appears on your passport. Failure to do so could result in the airline refusing to allow you to board the aircraft or the country of destination refusing you entry. Please also be aware that airlines are unlikely to allow a subsequent name change after booking without financial penalty for which we cannot be held liable.

## Visa Waiver Programme (VWP)

UK passport holders may be eligible to travel to the United States (US) visa free under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) if they are travelling for business, pleasure or are in transit. They must be travelling on a valid, machine readable passport (MRP) or ePassport with an electronic chip. If you have either type of passport then you may qualify for up to 90 days travel without a visa under the VWP as long as you, or any of your party, have no serious communicable diseases, or have ever been arrested (even if not convicted). Please visit [uk.usembassy.gov](http://uk.usembassy.gov) for further details of all restrictions. If you are unsure whether



you qualify for travel under the VWP please consult the HM Passport Office or US Embassy.

### Electronic System Travel Authorisation (ESTA)

The US has a mandatory requirement for all those travelling (including infants) under the Visa Waiver Programme to provide details online at least 72 hours prior to travel. Anyone who has travelled to Libya, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen since 01 March 2011, as well as those who have dual nationality of some of these countries, will be excluded from the Visa Waiver Programme. If you do not have an ESTA you will be refused travel to the US. For more information, fees and to apply online, please visit the ESTA website at [esta.cbp.dhs.gov](http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov). It is extremely important that the information you provide is accurate and matches the APIS information you provided to us as any differences could delay or prevent your entry to the country.

### Health Requirements

We strongly recommend that you contact your GP or other medical professional for advice concerning the country you are visiting as early as possible, as health requirements such as required vaccinations can and do change. If you have a medical condition or are taking any medication then you should get clearance from your doctor prior to travel and we recommend that you carry a copy of the prescription with your medication. Further sources of information can also be found by visiting [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk), [www.masta-travel-health.com](http://www.masta-travel-health.com) or [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk).

### Travel Advice

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office recommends that all British travellers refer to its 'Know Before You Go' section on its website for the latest travel advice for your destination prior to departure. Please refer to [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk).

### Health & Safety

Applicable safety standards throughout our featured destinations are those of the country concerned and may not be the same standard as those expected within the UK. Please be aware that in some cases it can be lower. We therefore strongly advise you to exercise increased levels of care and diligence when abroad. We urge you to familiarise yourself with your surroundings, paying particular attention to fire procedures, fire exits and pool areas.

The depth and design of hotel pools vary and it may be the case that some hotels do not have poolside lifeguards present. Please take care in these situations, having first familiarised yourself with the depth of the pool and means of exit. This is especially important for any children you may have with you and you should ensure that they are supervised at all times.

Unfortunately, it is the case that crime occurs the world over and it is important that you take the same responsibility for your personal safety and possessions as you would at home. To reduce the chances of anything unpleasant happening, we recommend that you take appropriate precautions such as avoiding poorly lit areas at night, if you

are unsure where you are going ask your local representative or hotel reception for directions and advice on the local area, lock windows and doors, avoid carrying too much cash and use the in-room safe (where applicable) for passports and expensive items. We enclose with our travel documentation ABTA's guide 'Have a safe and healthy holiday' and we recommend that you read this as it contains important travel advice.

### Check-In/Check-Out

Check-in and check-out times vary from hotel to hotel but it is generally the case that rooms are available from 3pm onwards on the day of arrival and must be vacated by 11am on the day of departure. Should you require specific timings please ask us for further details.

### Dress Code

Dress codes vary between hotels and destinations. Please contact your travel agent or Lusso should you require further information with regard to dress code.

### Building Works

We aim to ensure that your arrangements will not be affected by substantial refurbishment or located in an area of significant building works. However, in certain developing areas building works are almost unavoidable and can begin without prior notice. Should we become aware of works that may adversely affect your holiday we will notify you and your travel agent as soon as possible.

### Utilities

Supplies of water and power in most of the destinations we feature are more than adequate. While it is uncommon, in some of the less developed or more remote destinations you may experience power and/or water restrictions. Please be patient while the hotel rectifies the problem.

### Car Hire

At Lusso we aim to offer competitive car hire but hiring a car through us is not included as standard within our package prices. When arranging car hire we recommend that you check carefully the items which are included within your rate and those which are excluded. Optional extras can include one-way drop-off fees, child seats, GPS systems, young drivers fees, additional driver fees and 'top up / excess waiver' insurance fees. Please note that if you are intending to hire a car within the USA the minimum age is 21 years and you must have held a full licence for a minimum of one year. On collection, all drivers must present a valid driving licence and passport. For holders of a UK licence, only the photo card is required, however, if the driver also has a paper licence we recommend they take this with them. Please also be aware that driving standards and speed restrictions may not match those that you are used to in the UK and we strongly advise extra care is taken while driving abroad. Additionally when collecting your hire car, please read through your rental agreement and any other documentation carefully before signing to ensure that you are in agreement to any locally added charges.

### Car Parking & Resort Fees

In the USA many hotels charge locally for parking. It is also commonplace in the USA for many hotels to charge a resort fee which is mandatory and may be added to your bill locally. In some cases these fees are also optional and can include items such as gym access, Wi-Fi, complimentary local telephone calls, daily newspaper etc. Please note this is not a definitive list. Should you require more information on whether a car parking or resort fee applies at your chosen hotel and what is included please contact your travel agent or ourselves for a schedule of any charges that may apply.

### Tipping

Tipping in the USA is expected and common practice. As a guide it is usual to tip between 15% and 20% of the bill for meals in restaurants and also for taxi drivers. Porters, bellboys and valets would usually receive \$2 per item carried. For any excursions or escorted tours we would recommend to check whether a tip is included within your cost of the tour as it is usual for the guide to expect a small gratuity.

### Special Requests

We take pride in being able to assist our clients wherever possible with any special requests you may have. However, these must be advised to us in writing at the time of booking. While every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled (please see our Terms & Conditions for more details).

### Data Protection

For the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) we are a data controller. In order to process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements can be properly performed we need to collect certain personal details from you and pass them on to the companies and organisations who need to know them so that your holiday can be provided or as is otherwise required by law. If you fail to provide us with this information, we may not be able to plan or confirm your booking so in making your booking, except where we are required by law to seek your explicit consent, we are entitled to assume you do not object to our doing any of the things mentioned above. We have appropriate security measures in place to protect the personal details you give us. You are entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed; to delete, rectify, block the information we hold about you; to complete and restrict its use, and to port it to another organisation. You have the right to object to the processing of your data in some circumstances and where we have asked for consent to process your data, you may withdraw this consent. For full details, please see our full privacy policy available on our website.

### Telephone Calls

It is important to us that we provide excellent customer service and it is for this reason that telephone calls to our UK office are recorded for security and monitoring purposes.







# Terms & Conditions

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