America Rediscovered

EPIC JOURNEYS & UNFORGETTABLE ROADTRIPS



Go far away, But close to home.

Maybe you know America. Perhaps you were born here. Timeless, classic, and forever reinvented. Etched into our minds by the images of Ansel Adams. "A good photograph," he mused, "is knowing where to stand." In America, that may as well be everywhere. After all, the states are as vast as they are beautiful. To explore this huge and spectacular country is to take the deepest breath of clean air. To glimpse dramatic scenery. To follow open roads. It is to confront history, and to make it. Picturesque, remote and wild. America is drama at its most elemental.

The trips that follow, then, are acts. Parts of the story. They're ideas that celebrate America's great diversity, both new and old. From the remote, faraway wilds of icebound Alaska to the winelands of laid back California. From the colossal landscapes of Utah to the volcanic tropics of Hawaii. After all, as part of Black Tomato, we know that you aren't looking for the ordinary. You're not searching for what you've seen before.

So it's our job to help you find America Rediscovered, to change your view - and your mind. These trips are expertly crafted, diligently stage-managed and enviably luxurious. And when we say "luxury," we don't mean it lightly. We mean access. We mean time. We mean service that goes above and keeps on climbing. We mean planning, logistics and orchestration. We mean a guarantee that we'll take you into the heartlands and the fringes of oldest America. Cities, subways and suburbs will dissolve into the distance. It means showing you the great outdoors at its very greatest.

So let's rediscover America together.

"All travel is circular ... just [a] way of heading home."

PAUL THEROUX

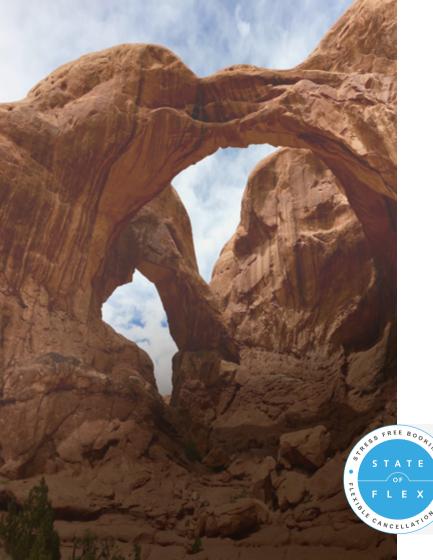












We'll save you time, energy and stress. Here's how.

- #1 We will plan the most sensible route, book socially distanced experiences, and arrange the top hotels with the most flexible terms possible. From the very start to the very finish, we'll account for everything, with the strongest focus on your safety and enjoyment.
- #2 Nobody enjoys airports (even more so this year). We'll handle all the logistics and details, including access to VIP lounges. We can dissolve stress by arranging luggage assistance and transfers throughout.
- #3 We'll ensure that you have access to only the best rooms, suites and private residences at your hotels and resorts, giving you the privacy you are looking for.
- #4 In the lead up to your trip, we'll keep you up to date on any changes or evolving requirements and will work behind the scenes to ensure you enjoy your much deserved time away as stress free as possible.
- #5 Most importantly, each trip we create is bespoke. No two will ever look the same. Tell us what you like, and don't like, and we'll sculpt the experiences around you and your comfort levels.

With State of Flex, all new bookings are now **100% refundable** should you cancel at any time **up to 30 days before your departure**. Should you change your mind, we won't charge you. Find true flexibility and peace of mind when you come with us.

FIND OUT MORE



Private residences, secluded villas & exclusive use

In addition to the road trips presented here, we can source private residences and villas across the States. We have an extensive list of partners and contacts to help you find a home away from home, and in some of America's most dramatic and beautiful landscapes.

Privacy, remoteness, and seclusion are guaranteed. Not to mention a few luxury comforts to enhance your stay including your own private chef, and daily cleaning services. These are ideal for families seeking a single base to better explore a region, or a place to simply relax and watch the world go by.

If you want to up the ante on a home away from home, we also have an enviable list of luxurious hotel properties across the states that we can take over exclusively for you. That might entail a buy-out of an intimate bolthole just for the immediate family. It might involve sorting out a wilderness base-camp for a group of adventurous friends. Let us know and we'll get to work.

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Please visit our Private Travel page.



The trips and when you should go

New England	
MAY-OCTOBER	
South West	

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Yellowstone & Grand Tetons 19 April-October

Alaska 25 May-september

Hawaii All year round

MARCH-OCTOBER

California

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New England SEAFRONTS, CULTURE & FORESTS OF BIRCH

This historic region is America at its most poetic. With charming seaside villages, exciting cuisine, sumptuous forests and humpback whales, it has always been dynamic, progressive and colourful, giving inspiration to the likes of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Edward Hopper. A natural home for hikers, bikers, kayakers and drivers, the region boasts near infinite water-based experiences across its 5000 miles of ever-changing coastline (we can arrange the likes of fishing, swimming, surfing and sailing). What's more, we've arranged for you to stay at some of the region's most charming, private and luxurious hotels, keeping your contact with other travelers to a minimum. Tell us what you want to do. And we'll make it happen.





Logistics



Your route

- FLY TO NYC, BOSTON, OR PVD (1)
- DRIVE TO NEWPORT 2
- DRIVE TO KENNEBUNKPORT 3
- FLY TO NANTUCKET 4
- 5 RETURN FLIGHT FROM NYC, BOSTON OR PVD

You can fly commercially or privately. We can arrange private jets and exclusive terminal access. That is what we're here for.

We'll provide a luxury vehicle for you to enjoy the road trip in true comfort.

As with all our trips, we can arrange special assistance at every point to enhance your overall travel experience.

Just let us know.

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Trip highlights

RIDE THE WAVES IN NARRAGANSETT BAY

Board your private America Cup antique sail charter and explore the cottages, lighthouse and landscapes of historic Jamestown. Sit back and enjoy the scenery or learn the ropes for yourself with its experienced crew.

A PRIVATE HELICOPTER FLIGHT TO BLOCK ISLAND

A thrilling helicopter ride will put you at the heart of this remote Nature Reserve, described as "one of the last great places." You can cycle, hike, fish and sail off its dramatic waters, or visit the famous North and Southeast Light – some of America's oldest lighthouses.

WHALE WATCHING IN THE GULF OF MAINE

Embark on this tour off the coastal waters of Maine. Alongside an expert guide, you'll go in search of whales, mink, dolphins, and puffins. You never forget the first time you watch a humpback whale break the ocean's surface.

A SEAPLANE TOUR OF ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Board a private seaplane for a flight to Arcadia National Park. You'll be met by a specialist driver-guide who'll introduce you to its most scenic corners. Hiking, wildlife spotting and photography. We'll cap things off with a gourmet picnic. Climb into the sky for sunset across the coast of Maine.

CRUISING AROUND NANTUCKET SOUND

Board an historic sloop for an adventurous journey across the waters of Nantucket Sound. Explore lighthouses, spot marine life and have a rare chance to pilot one of these incredibly rare and beautiful vessels for yourself.







Our Travel Expert's recommendation

While this is a domestic trip, there's no harm in crossing over into Canada and the beauty of historic Newfoundland. We can arrange for a private jet transfer to enjoy a mini-retreat at the genuinely superb Fogo Island Inn – an architectural marvel in this storied place.

OUTH WEST

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Stay

VANDERBILT, RHODE ISLAND

Tucked away in romantic Rhode Island, the Vanderbilt is one of Newport's best-kept secrets. The building, dating back to 1909, is a charming boutique hotel with meticulously restored rooms. Grand in design, classic in taste. There's no better way to experience the history of New England, nor to celebrate life on America's most historic stretch of coast. Like us, you can lose hours just watching the picturesque scene of white sailed boats crossing the harbour.

WHITE BARN INN, MAINE

Located in Kennebunkport village, this award-winning luxury hotel serves up an exceptional restaurant and indulgent spa only minutes from Maine's iconic sandy beaches. Its building goes back 150 years, making it a proper and permanent piece of New England. Built in the 1880s and renovated with incredible class and attention to detail, it'll be a hard pick between lounging indoors and exploring the gorgeous beaches that sit right on your doorstep.



Stay

WHITE ELEPHANT, NANTUCKET

Perfect for families, the White Elephant has been a Nantucket landmark since the 1920s. Overlooking the glamorous and photogenic harbor Nantucket Harbour, the White Elephant evokes an atmosphere of is on easygoing elegance and gentle luxury. The perfect place to rediscover your land legs after a day at sea, while enjoying its truly incredible range of facilities and amenities. Their Lobster Bloody Mary is an undisputed icon, served up from their captivating and popular grill restaurant.







South West desert highways, national parks & navajo culture

A truly all-American road-trip, this iconic expedition will see you chasing the horizon between neon-bright Las Vegas and the colossal Colorado Rockies. The asphalt of sun-boiled Utah roads will give way to exceptional lodges and staggering valleys. Lake Powell, Antelope Canyon, and the Rainbow Bridge. You'll walk in the footsteps of the Navajo through Monument Valley and live out your wild west dreams at Dunton Hot Springs, your own private national park. Get back to basics in Wyoming - but with a heap of luxury thrown in too. Ultimately, this isn't about taking a trip. It's about making one.

N.B. If you're looking for something for Fall 2020, Auberge is opening Bishops Hill – a brand new property in Santa Fe, New Mexico; an ideal base for exploring this design mecca, and a perfect twin with the wide open spaces of Arizona

SOUTH WEST





Logistics



DATES | March to October LENGTH | 11 nights

Your route

- FLY TO VEGAS (1)
- DRIVE TO SOUTHERN UTAH 2
- DRIVE TO DUNTON 3
- (4 FLY TO SARATOGA
- 5 RETURN FLIGHT FROM DENVER

We'll provide a luxury vehicle for you to enjoy the road trip in true comfort.

To kick start your adventure, fly privately to Page, or charter a flight on from Vegas to Amangiri's private heli pad. If you are flying privately, return home from Saratoga.

Of course we can arrange special assistance at any point to enhance your overall travel experience.

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Trip highlights

HELICOPTER TOUR OVER THE GRAND CANYON

This expedition to America's most iconic monument comes with a marked difference: you'll be soaring above it in your own private helicopter. With views of the formidable Hoover Dam, the snaking Colorado River, and West Rim beneath you, this is the ultimate way to witness one of geography's most eye-opening achievements.

DISCOVER THE COVES AND CANYONS OF LAKE POWELL

The vast blue reservoir of Lake Powell encompasses some 3,200km of shoreline, dotted with secluded bays and hidden canyons. You'll navigate these aboard kayak and paddle board, or from your own private speedboat. Finish your trip with a visit to the jaw-dropping Rainbow Bridge.

A HOT AIR BALLOON JOURNEY TO NAVAJO MOUNTAIN

Set off on a private kayaking adventure in one of the region's best and most secretive waterways. An intimate opportunity to explore its vibrant sandstone cliffs, river-carved canyons and secret coves.

FARM TO TABLE AND GRAPE TO GLASS

You'll join your own private chef on a farm to table, grape to glass culinary journey through the tastes of the southwest. Learn from the masters how to pair the region's local ingredients with cutting-edge delicacies.

SADDLE UP AND RIDE OUT

Set out on an afternoon of family-friendly horseback riding through the wild and rugged terrain of the American southwest, feeling like you're the star of your own Erico Morricone movie.







Our Travel Expert's recommendation

Fly by helicopter to the towering top of a mesa for a once-in-alifetime yoga experience, 1,000ft above the valley floor below. A slight change of scenery from the usual.

SOUTH WEST

Stay

AMANGIRI

Sitting within 600 stunning acres of Canyon Point, this exceptionally luxurious hotel overlooks vast striations of the Giant Staircase Escalante. Within its own secretive valley, you'll have access to a highly esteemed spa, floating treatment pagoda, vast apartments, and truly impeccable service. This is a Black Tomato must stay; an enclave of enigmatic charm and world-class luxury, on the surreal desert border between Utah and Arizona. There is simply no better place in which to lose track of the days.

An alternative option within Amangiri is the luxurious tented retreat of Camp Sarika, set in a landscape of slot canyons, rust-coloured cliffs and plunge pools just minutes away from the luxurious hotel. A place of meditative seclusion and total peace. You will never forget the scenic journey to this remote and achingly beautiful place. Unmissable.

Time on your hands?

Between Amangiri and Dunton Hot Springs, we can add in an ultra-exclusive <u>Blink camping experience</u> in Arches National Park – with a gourmet barbecue dinner around a campfire, and a morning spent exploring Puebloan ruins and rock art.







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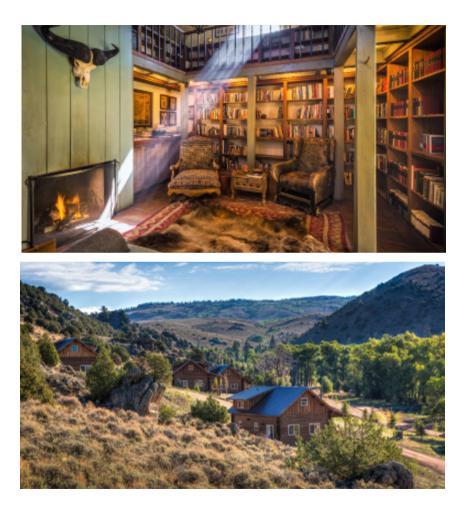
Stay

DUNTON HOT SPRINGS

Historically, Dunton was a small mining town with a population of 200. Times have changed, but its charm hasn't. Converted into an ultra-luxe resort, this place – with its hand-hewn log cabins and exquisite furnishings – offer a private slice of the great outdoors. You will feel truly at home in this comfortable and achingly beautiful place, where pine forests and icy streams, mountain peaks and trekking trails create an air of deep history and total privacy.

BRUSH CREEK RANCH

This stunning resort is situated in 15,000 acres of pristine Rocky Mountain wilderness. It's All American heritage remains front and centre, with rusted cabin suites and rolling hills. Of course, the facilities and furnishings offer every possible modern amenity. The spirit of the Old West is alive and well (albeit with an upgrade). With the gentle orange sun setting over the mountains, you'll feel like this scene has been painted just for you. Meanwhile, rock climbing, fishing, archery and ATVs will bring it to life with adventure.







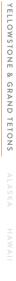




Yellowstone & Grand Tetons

ROCKY MOUNTAINS, GRIZZLY BEARS & ANCIENT RIVERS

Take a step back in time and experience America at its most beautiful and beguiling. This is wilderness country. Wyoming, the home of the jaw-dropping Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone, and the infinite spectacle of Grand Teton National Park. Moose, grizzlies, gushing geysers, and plunging waterfalls will be your scenery as you drive and join up with local experts and guides who'll show you a world of horseback rides, white water rafting, treks and wonder.









Logistics

DATES | April to October LENGTH | 6 nights



Your route

- FLY TO JACKSON HOLE $(\mathbf{1})$
- (2) DRIVE TO YELLOWSTONE
- DRIVE TO GRAND TETONS (3)
- (4) RETURN FLIGHT FROM JACKSON HOLE

We'll provide a luxury vehicle for you to enjoy the road trip in true comfort.

As with all these trips, we can arrange special assistance to enhance your overall travel experience. Just ask.

Trip highlights

A PRIVATE EXPEDITION IN YELLOWSTONE

Your expert private guide will lead you into the thick of the Yellowstone forest, introducing its history, geography, flora and fauna. You'll also learn to navigate its legendary waters – perhaps the ultimate way to experience this slice of paradise.

RIDING IN YELLOWSTONE OR THE GRAND TETONS

Or both. You'll embrace the old west as it was meant to be experienced. Saddling up and striking off along the road less travelled. You'll be led by an experienced local horse wrangler, regardless of whichever destination you chose.

WHITE WATER RAFTING ON SNAKE RIVER

This adrenaline-pumping, heart-thumping eight mile stretch of the iconic Snake River is both exhilarating and educational. Along the way, you'll spot river otters and osprey while learning much about the geology and history of this waterway.

PRIVATE STAR-GAZING WITH AN ASTRONOMER

Study the skies above Grand Teton National Park with a private astronomer. Because there is so little light pollution, you'll get a glimpse of comets, star clusters, and much much more.









YELLOWSTONE & GRAND TETONS

Stay

UNDER CANVAS YELLOWSTONE

A stones throw away from the world's tallest geysers and most picturesque lakes, this is a truly upscaled Glamping experience located just ten minutes from iconic Yellowstone National Park. With a king bed, private en-suite bathroom, and stargazing luxury tent, you'll enjoy all the comforts of a hotel in the great outdoors. Cozy fireplaces, luxuriously appointed beds, and incredible luxury add every home comfort to this unreal glamping experience. Here you'll get in touch with the very heart of nature.





Stay

AMANGANI

Located in a secret corner of a secluded territory in Wyoming, this luxurious place is framed by mighty Pacific redwoods and the rugged Teton mountains. Lush, earthy décor and incredible facilities and service make this one of America's most memorable hotels. You'll also be in close proximity to a world of snowcapped peaks (for skiing and snowboarding), as well as easy access to the charming town and trails of Jackson Hole. All of the suites have incredible views across the mountains, as well as a 30-metre pool and jacuzzi. It is simply heart-stopping, and a place in which you'll love to lose yourself. For hours, and nights, and even days.





Our Travel Expert's recommendation

We can arrange for a private jet to get you between Jackson Hole and Missoula, before taking a final hop to Paws Up, Montana. Here, you'll spend your days flitting from adventure to adventure, with 100 miles of walking trails, 10 miles of Blackfoot River, and 37,000 acres of wilderness to explore.





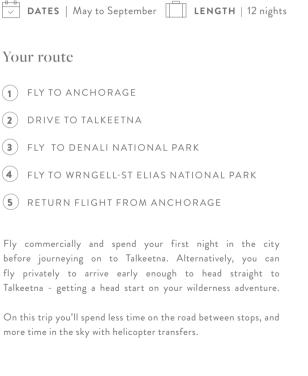






Alaska heli-hikes, ancient massifs & majestic glaciers

Here, at the very edge of America – beyond the wilds of the Canadian north and the icy waters of the Bering Strait – Alaska is one of the country's most scenic and dramatic places. After all, everything here is on a truly colossal scale. And it's only fitting that the road trip should match. You'll spend twelve nights getting to grips with America's last frontier, with heli-hikes through Boreal forests and epic glacier scrambles. Isolated lodges and cosy retreats will offer you a welldeserved place to rest your head. This is all about the off-road.







Logistics



Your route

- FLY TO ANCHORAGE $(\mathbf{1})$
- 2 DRIVE TO TALKEETNA
- 3 FLY TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK
- FLY TO WRNGELL-ST ELIAS NATIONAL PARK (4)
- **5** RETURN FLIGHT FROM ANCHORAGE

Fly commercially and spend your first night in the city before journeying on to Talkeetna. Alternatively, you can fly privately to arrive early enough to head straight to Talkeetna - getting a head start on your wilderness adventure.

On this trip you'll spend less time on the road between stops, and more time in the sky with helicopter transfers.

Trip highlights

DOG-SLEDDING WITH AN IDITAROD CHAMPION

Mush your own team of Alaskan Huskies at the homestead of four-time Iditarod Champion, Dallas Seavey. This once in a lifetime experience will take you behind the scenes in one of the world's most legendary racing kennels. Learn the ropes, how the teams live and work, and understand the complexities involved in the 1,000-mile Arctic races for which they train.

SCRAMBLE ACROSS RUTH GLACIER

The majestic Ruth Glacier is in the immediate environs of the Sheldon Chalet. Close to a mile thick in places, you'll be joined by highly experienced mountain guides with whom you'll cross this incredible monument to nature.

ENTER THE WRANGELL MOUNTAINS

You'll set off by plane for the notoriously difficult to reach Wrangell Mountains. Once there, your daily fly out will drop you into various corners of its gigantic wilderness. Explore an abandoned gold mine. Hike in pursuit of Dall sheep across a mountain ridge. And paddle an inflatable pack-raft across an alpine lake. Eventually, you'll find yourself standing in the middle of the largest non-polar glacier in the world – the Bagley Ice Field.









Our Travel Expert's recommendation

Bear watching – not as common in Alaska as people assume – can be experienced in the unspoilt Katmai National Park, their natural habitat. We can arrange this for you as an add-on to your trip.

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Stay

HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE

Located in historic downtown Anchorage, each of Hotel Captain Cook's suites offers a stunning view of the Cook Inlet or Chugach Mountains. With impeccable service and meticulous attention to detail, this is by far the city's best hotel. Within a stone's throw of the Anchorage Museum and the city's heart, you'll feel adventurous and at ease – at the very edge of the incredible adventure that lies before you, deep in the Alaskan wilderness beyond. Steel yourself, and feel calm.

BELLE'S CABIN

Surrounded by a heavenly and iconic view wild Alaskan landscapes, this historic hotel in charming Talkeetna offers a homely and intimate place to rest your head before continuing your journey into the mountains and wilderness beyond. A small number of rooms will guarantee a sense of undisturbed privacy – and the air of adventure to come. You could be Jack London, testing the beautiful chill of the air, the depth of the snow.

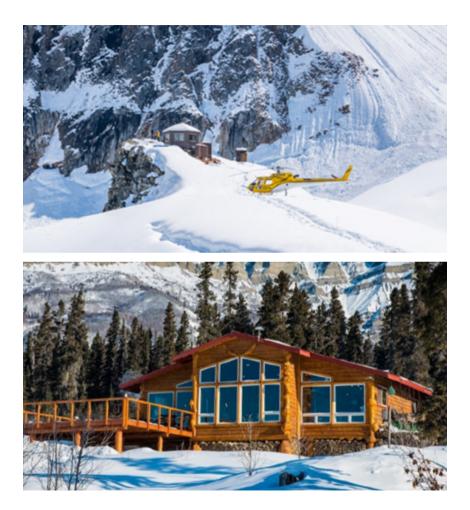


SHELDON CHALET

Located some 6,000ft above the ground, the chalet is accessible only by helicopter. Perched on an isolated nunataq overlooking the vast expanse of Alaska's Denali National Park, this is every escapist's fantasy. Only ten people will ever stay here at a single time. Its rooms and structure are a work of engineering genius, offering genuinely staggering panoramic views that truly leverage the heart stopping beauty of the world around you. This is our favourite way to feel like an explorer. Warming yourself at its shimmering windows, you'll feel the call of the wild like never before.

ULTIMA THULE LODGE

As America's 'last frontier,' Alaska is a place of world famous beauty and remoteness. It's fitting, then, that the Ultima Thule lodge best embodies these accolades. This is an escape into nature, on the very edge of the Wrangell Mountains – surrounded by snow-capped peaks and the glistening sword of the Chitina River. Made up of only five cosy cabins, you'll experience enriching Alaskan hospitality in some of its most astounding landscapes. Here, you'll feel like you're truly at the centre of the world.







Hawaii



From barren, volcanic deserts to dense, tropical rainforest, the eight islands of Hawaii are as exotic as they are magical. This trip has been finely calibrated to offer you a mixture of composure, adrenaline and surprise. From surfing lessons on Kauai to a helicopter journey across remote and mystical Hanapepe Valley. There are many well-worn travel clichés about this island group. It's our job to show you the other face of Hawaii; mystical, ancient, and incredibly diverse. The purple lunar landscapes of Haleakala volcano. A thrilling bike descent of stately Mauna Kea. The ethereal island resort of Ko'a Kea. Remote, serene, and far removed from the madding crowds. It's not what you think.









Logistics



DATES | All year round

LENGTH | 12 nights

Your route

- FLY TO KAUAI 1
- FLY TO BIG ISLAND 2
- FLY TO MAUI 3
- RETURN FLIGHT FROM MAUI 4

You have the choice of island hopping either commercially or privately throughout. While not technically a road trip, we've designed the trip to immerse you into the myriad and often surprising worlds of the islands of Hawaii.

Need special assistance to smooth your ride even further? We've got you covered.

Trip highlights

SURFING LESSONS WITH A GRAND MASTER

The true nature of Kauai is only experienced when you go surfing. For this, the Hawaiian sport of kings, we'll pair you up with a Grand Master to learn the ropes of this most refreshing and uplifting of sports. When in Hawaii.

AN EYE-POPPING FLIGHT OVER THE GARDEN ISLE

Take flight in your own private helicopter for a journey across the spectacular Hanapepe Valley, the "Jurassic Park Falls", and Waimea Canyon – the Grand Canyon of the Pacific (it's true). Hover over the hidden waterfalls and gaping peak of Mt Waialeale, an ancient volcano.

NIGHT SNORKELLING WITH MANTA RAYS

Set off on a scenic sunset cruise aboard a state-of-the-art catamaran. Once the sun sets, you'll don your snorkel gear and drive alongside the gentle Manta Rays that ply these balmy waters.

A PRIVATE MAUNA KEA STARGAZING EXPEDITION

Ascend the sumptuous peak of Mauna Kea alongside a private guide, setting up your telescopes for an evening of gazing at the canopy of stars above. This is one of the best places in the world from which to view the night sky, due to the large lack of light pollution.

A SUNRISE BIKE RIDE TO HALEAKALA CRATER

This surreal place of purple stone and rusty earth is a massive shield volcano, rising to as much as 10,023 ft. You'll take the short journey up to the summit before setting off on your way down as the sun begins to rise. It's a truly exhilarating experience.









Our Travel Expert's recommendation

Take a doors-off helicopter flight over the Big Island's volcano – warming yourself on the heat of the lava.

Stay

KO'A KEA HOTEL AND RESORT

Commanding its own slice of beach-front paradise, this resort on the ethereal island of Kauai is luxurious, atmospheric and incredibly laid back. Occupying the site of a former 1960s hotel, this remains a largely untouched and tourist-free part of Hawaii, with its own golden beaches and lush tropical gardens that swell into the landscapes behind. Its guestrooms and suites look out onto the gardens and the gargantuan Pacific Ocean beyond, literal moments from balcony to beach. A place to unwind, to relax, and to discover the quiet beauty of these islands – facing out onto the stunning electric blue of the sea. It calls to you.

MAUNA LANI

Owned by the iconic Auberge Resorts Collection, this tropical island resort is defined by its stories. Led by its own Kahu Hanai, a guardian of secrets and stories, you'll be regaled with tales of the island, its people, and its sacred history. The Canoe House, the resort's restaurant, is famed across the islands and from Ha Bar you'll look out over the dramatic Kohala Coast, with its volcanic black sand beaches. A view over three volcanoes, the enthralling sea, each and every element of the hotel – a stylish place with a gentle touch of 1980s futurism – points toward the beauty and grandeur of nature. You'll feel immediately at home.

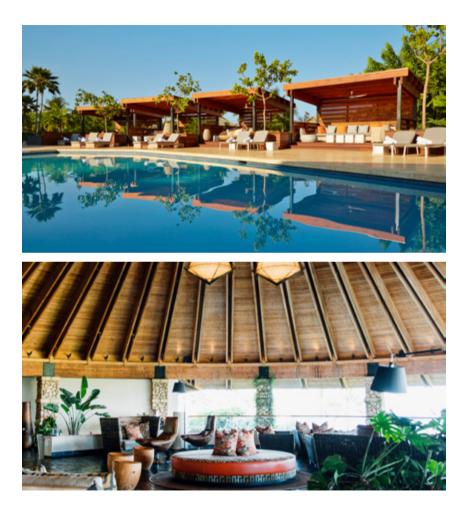




Stay

HOTEL WAILEA

This tranquil oasis is tucked away on the beautiful island of Maui. With cascading waterfalls and lush tropical gardens, this place of treetop restaurants and poolside cabanas is a perfect adults-only retreat. 300ft above the ocean below, you'll be able to drink in the entire territory. What's more, the Restaurant at Hotel Wailea, while having a rather descriptive name, has nailed the wow-factor. Tasting menus and enviable wine lists are standard, as is its concern with ecology, conservation and sustainability, which remain at its very heart. The sound of gentle water, clinking glasses, and a flickering open-pit fire will accompany your graceful











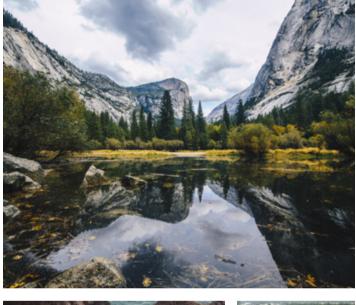
California

WINERIES, WHALES AND NATIONAL PARKS

The Beach Boys. Napa Valley. Old Hollywood and ancient Yosemite. And connecting it all? The sun-hot tarmac of the great American highway. This soulful, scintillating road trip will see you exploring California's remotest and most dramatic like a local, taking in the sights, the sounds, the tastes and the atmospheres of America's sunshine coast. Old-timey gas stations and laid-back diners give way to breathtaking mountains and the surging sea. It's heady stuff – and all of it far removed from the cities and their crowds. When Kerouac came here during his own road trip, he felt the same: "something good will come out of all things yet." We'll keep that balmy spirit alive with whale-watching, wineries, hot air balloons and trekking. The west is calling.

With the devastating wild fires that have spread across California, now is of course not the right time to visit. But we relish how much this state has to offer and look forward to sending clients here in the future and continuing to support our trusted partners.

CALIFORNIA







Logistics



Your route

- FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO (1)
- DRIVE TO NAPA VALLEY 2
- DRIVE TO YOSEMITE 3
- DRIVE TO BIG SUR 4
- DRIVE TO SANTA BARBARA 5
- 6 RETURN FLIGHT FROM LA

Dislike airports? Not a problem. We can arrange special assistance to enhance your experience.

At any point we can arrange for private jets and exclusive terminal access. That is what we're here for.

We'll provide a luxury vehicle for you to enjoy the road trip in true comfort.

Trip highlights

SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOON JOURNEY OVER NAPA

With its rippling hills, rolling vineyards and charming towns, the Napa Valley is the toast of North California. See it all from your own private hot air balloon – just in time for the sun. And a glass of something local and sparkling.

A PRIVATE TOUR OF KUNDE WINERY

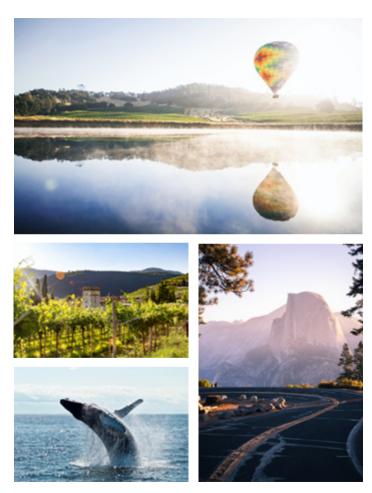
Join a private, exceptionally knowledgeable guide on a grape to bottle tour of this iconic century-old Sonoma winery. At sunset, a private sommelier will walk you through the region's best wine and cheese pairings.

A PRIVATE WHALE-WATCHING EXPERIENCE IN MONTEREY

Board a private Zodiac boat alongside a dedicated marine biologist. Together, you'll study the migrating whales that flock to this area throughout the year.

A CONSERVATION-LED TREK THROUGH YOSEMITE

Dominated by mighty El Capitan, Yosemite remains one of America's most beloved and remarkable National Parks. You'll join a conservationist guide on a tour through this ethereal and therapeutically remote place. By night, you'll drink in the stars.



Our Travel Expert's recommendation

Go deeper into Yosemite National Park and discover more.

We can arrange for your private driver to collect you at a set end point. Double the ground you cover in Yosemite.

No going back on yourself.

Stay

AUBERGE DU SOLEIL

Located in the heart of Napa Valley in the village of Rutherford, Auberge du Soleil holds a spectacular position amongst the rolling hills and vast vineyards. Discover the area's natural beauty on a scenic hot air balloon ride at sunset, or go hiking in Robert Luis Stevenson Park. Whether you are indulging in fine wine tastings or simply relaxing by the pool, laze away the hours at this luxury resort. For a particularly romantic experience, we can book a Deluxe Hillside View Suite for you, which features a fireplace, private outdoor garden and heated private pool.

THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL

This eye-opening slice of North American history was built back in 1927. Set within the bounds of the majestic Yosemite National Park, the Majestic's powerful stone structure mirrors the mighty mountains and valleys that surround it, taking force from them. Comfortable and elegant, you'll be blessed with jaw-dropping views of the park from your own private balcony, suspended above one of America's most ancient places.



Stay

POST RANCH INN

When Henry Miller confronted the immensity of Big Sur, he overflowed. "Emerald green, pure gold." The Post Ranch Inn shares his sense of wonder and delight, flanking the Pacific on one side and the Veneta Mountains on the other. The Tree House faces the former, and the Cliff House the latter. With just 39 guestrooms, this is a secluded community set apart from the world – bathed by clear mountain air and the starlight of untainted night skies.

HOTEL CALIFORNIAN

With its Moroccan-styled buildings and geometrically elegant interiors, this is the height of Californian sophistication. Between the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, you can lay at ease or else drink and eat up its proximity to the area's burgeoning Funk Zone and Urban Wine Trail. First built in 1925, its elegant ballroom, Moroccan spa and striking interiors will take you, flawlessly, back to the glamour of the Golden Era of old Hollywood.





There's more...

When it comes to the states, there are countless road trips to be discovered. Here we have highlighted a few of our absolute favourite routes, but in partnership with Auberge, we have also developed some beautiful combinations featuring solely Auberge properties along the way.

If like us, you appreciate the high touch luxury that Auberge delivers in each of its stunning properties, we think you will also want to check out our "<u>Take the open road with Auberge & Black Tomato</u>" itineraries.

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