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Make 2016 the year you experience something new...

With so many destinations opening up due to our ever-increasing networks and direct connections, now's certainly the time to travel. In particular the introduction of Air New Zealand's Buenos Aires, Ho Chi Minh City and Houston routes are of huge excitement to us, and let's not forget Emirates' new direct connection to Dubai.

Perhaps you're thinking of visiting North America, the stunning natural paradise where bears lumber through the forest and lakes shine the most impressive shade of ice blue. Our spotlight on Canada provides a dreamy insight into this vast land with the award winning Rocky Mountaineer and various escorted journey itineraries.

My personal recommendation and favourite escape is Asia - the sights, people and of course the cuisine! Whether you explore Thailand's many delights with Wendy Wu Tours or head to Bali and kick back in a private villa, I know you'll come home singing praise as I do. If you're thinking of Bali, be sure to read our spotlight feature on Bali Villas vs Hotels for some insider tips.

Have you been considering upgrading your travels to the indulgence of Business Class? Our feature on what to expect in the air is a must read. It outlines some great benefits, in addition to arriving refreshed and ready for action! With fantastic editorial articles and handpicked journeys, you're sure to find inspiration for your next escape.

Ashleigh Teixeira
Area Leader
Travel Associates



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TRAVEL NEWS
AND OTHER CARRY ON

DREAMLINER TO DREAMY HAWAII

Air New Zealand is set to introduce the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner on their Auckland to Honolulu route this May. Adding to the benefits of the new addition, the airline will also improve customer on board experience thanks to new inflight product offering greater space and comfort, including the award-winning Economy Skycouch and Premium Economy product.

Whales galore for Mooloolaba

Anticipating their biggest swim with the whales season yet, Queensland's Sunshine Coast is busy prepping for the annual influx of Humpback whales that will migrate up the east coast of Australia.

With the official season running from 8 July until end of October, this gives the whales plenty of time to finish feeding in the Antarctic and plenty of time for guests to secure this once-in-a-lifetime experience as over 22,000 whales are expected. We recommend people book early and consider booking two to three experiences to avoid disappointment due to weather cancelation or space limitations.

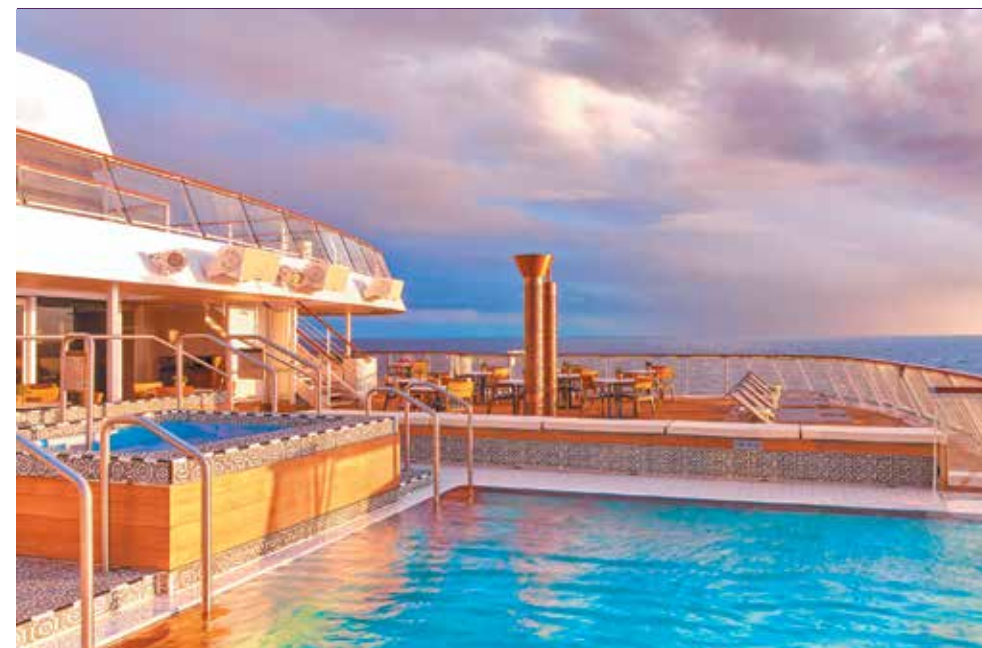


SCOTSMAN FLIES AGAIN

England's National Railway Museum is relaunching one of history's most famous locomotives – the **Flying Scotsman**. Built in 1923, it was the first train to clock 100mph on what was the world's longest nonstop rail service between Edinburgh and London. After 53 years in retirement and a decade-long, \$6.1million restoration, the train returned to service in February with ticket packages available now.

THE TEMPTED OPENINGS OF 2016

DOTTED ALL ACROSS THE MAP, LUXURY CHAINS ARE EXPANDING AND BOASTING EXTRAVAGANCE. VISIT THE 117-YEAR OLD **RITZ**, PARIS, AFTER A THREE-YEAR RESTORATION HIATUS, OR INDULGE IN A WATER VILLA AT THE NEWEST **ST. REGIS** IN LANGKAWI. SPOIL YOURSELF AT THE **PARK HYATT ST. KITTS** OF THE CARIBBEAN IN A SUITE THAT HOUSES ITS OWN ROOF TOP POOL OR GAZE AT THE MANHATTAN SKYLINE FROM YOUR PRIVATE BALCONY AT **THE WILLIAMSBURG HOTEL** IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.



Once upon a time in Phuket

Clay cottages, tent villas, tree houses and bird's nest villas. These are the incredible architectural anomalies (inspired by an intriguing mix of myth and history) guests can look forward to occupying at **Keemala**. All of the resort's 38 villas feature private pools and are nestled among trees, waterfalls and streams at Patong's quieter, northern end. Healing spa rituals, home-grown cuisine and an eco-friendly ethos reflect Keemala's holistic philosophy.



VIKING TAKES TO THE SEA

The features borrowed from **Viking Cruise's** river Longships – Scandinavian design, emphasis on green practices and indoor/outdoor dining – translated extremely well to the line's debut oceangoing vessel last year. Launching this April, **Viking Sea** raises the bar further. Even the smallest cabins boast a king bed and balcony with some complimentary shore excursions and beer and wine (with lunch and dinner) also included. The 930-passenger ship will sail the Mediterranean, North, Baltic and Norwegian seas up to the Arctic Circle, during her maiden season.



LONELY PLANET'S BEST OF THE U.S. IN 2016

According to the travel experts at **Lonely Planet**, there are ten top spots in the U.S. that one must discover in 2016. From **Philadelphia**, Pennsylvania, where you can visit the home of the iconic 'Rocky' steps, through to **Natchez**, Mississippi, where you can celebrate its 300th anniversary with over 300 events all year long. Travel and view the geyser-studded landscape of **Yellowstone National Park**, head south-east to **Birmingham**, Alabama where history buffs can explore the Civil Rights Institute or cross the arctic circle and heed the call of the wild in **Alaska**.

Make your way to **Somerville**, Massachusetts, a quirky visit, where you can find one-of-a-kind festivals, or head west to **Milwaukee**, Wisconsin, home of German influence where you can indulge in beer, sausages and cheese. Feeling like a taste of the south, then visit **San Antonio**, a pure touch of Texan. Shift left a state and boggle at alien-looking scenery in **Southern New Mexico** before finishing your journey in **Northwest Arkansas**, where you can change the view to stunning mountains, lakes and river valleys that will give the Canadian Rockies a run for their money. Wherever you wish to drop your tourist pin, there is a perfect U.S. destination for any month you wish to travel.

Yellowstone National Park, USA



DOLLED UP AIRLINE AMENITIES

Qantas has introduced Country Road amenity kits for premium economy passengers flying on all A380 and B747 flights internationally. Partner airline **Emirates** has also refreshed its first and business class amenity kits in collaboration with luxury Italian brand **Bulgari**, with 18 designer bag variants containing fragrances and other products exclusive to the airline.



Roomy Melbourne lounge room

Contemporary, world-class and spacious is how the new **Emirates** lounge at Melbourne International Airport has been described. With capacity for up to 241 passengers it's among the airline's largest – a timely addition ahead of its A380 Melbourne–Dubai route debuting this March. **Emirates** lounges at London Heathrow and Perth International have also recently had makeovers.



Escape LAX with a private tour

TRAVELLERS PASSING THROUGH **LAX AIRPORT** WILL BE HOPING FOR LONGER TRANSIT TIMES WITH ENDLESS DINING AND SHOPPING OPTIONS AVAILABLE THANKS TO THE RECENT, EXTENSIVE AIRPORT UPGRADES. CUSTOMISED CITY TOURS ARE NOW AN OPTION TOO. PRIVATE, TAILORED SIGHTSEEING TOURS ARE AVAILABLE WITH A HOST OF EXPERIENCES ICONIC TO THE CITY OF LA. CHOOSE FROM A SELECTION OF THE CITY'S TOP SPOTS OR SELECT FROM A RANGE OF PRE-PLANNED TOURS.

Get smart at 35,000 feet

Virgin Australia has teamed up with Open Universities Australia to offer "edutainment" courses on domestic and short-haul international flights. Passengers can fast-track their understanding across various topics from photography to financial planning. Courses are broken into 4 x 1 hour modules and are available via the airline's wireless entertainment system.

LUXURY OF THE IRISH

Rail Plus is pleased to announce the first luxury rail experience of its kind to tour the sprawling countryside of Ireland, launching this August. This exceptional new rail experience will be the country's first ever luxury touring train, lifting travel in the Emerald Isle to dazzling new heights. Each journey will house 40 guests in lavishly furnished, private ensuite cabins and transport them through lush green landscapes, dramatic coastlines and fascinating cities, all while discovering ancient castles, sampling famous whiskies and dining on fine cuisine in two air-conditioned restaurant cars - showcasing authentic, not-to-be-missed, Irish fare. Choose from a selection of two, four and six-night journeys departing from Dublin and encompassing both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

TIGER CLUB KINDY FOR DREAMWORLD

Dreamworld has welcomed a couple of new additions to their big cat family - two white, female tiger cubs.

Taking the tally of tiger cubs to five, **Dreamworld** is constructing a **Tiger Cub Kindy** playground fit with a cub-sized swimming pool and activity areas for these next generation tigers to interact with visitors to the theme park. Guests can also book a VIP Tiger Cub experience to be part of a unique group to meet and join the cubs for a photo or two.



VANCOUVER A CITY LIKE NO OTHER

EFFORTLESSLY COMBINING
THE BUZZ OF A MODERN
CITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF
THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

Start the day with breakfast at Granville Island Public Market and end with a sunset cocktail on a mountain-top patio. In between, paddle out on a kayaking adventure, then join the locals at a neighbourhood cafe.

It truly is a 'city of nature', with stunning views of temperate rainforest and majestic peaks reflected on glass skyscrapers; sparkling with sophistication and energy, yet relaxed and laidback. In Vancouver, you don't have to choose between city and nature.

Spend time in the city centre and you'll be surrounded by laidback locals as you discover colourful, unique downtown neighbourhoods like the beachside West End area, hip Gastown, upscale Yaletown, and historic Chinatown.

It's in these neighbourhoods that you'll immerse yourself in the cultural side of the city: from dazzling gallery shows, live performances and endless nightlife options, through to festivals that celebrate art, culture, cuisine, sports and everything in-between.

There's so much to do and see in Vancouver, so make sure that you take time to soak in a little of the city's unique ambience. Grab a coffee and hit the beach, or enjoy a glass of wine on a sunny veranda. Admire the view, let the sun hit your face, and take it all in. It's right here that you'll understand why this city is regularly ranked as one of the most liveable places in the world.

Vancouver is an easy place to visit, but is much harder to leave.



Scenic Splendour

The Fairmont Waterfront is a luxury hotel located in the heart of Vancouver's city centre overlooking the harbour – an ideal base to explore the city's sights.

Breathtakingly suspended 70 metres above and 137 metres across the Capilano River, the Capilano Suspension Bridge takes you to towering evergreens, serene trails and the award-winning Treetops Adventure. Seven suspension bridges, some reaching 30 metres high, take you above the forest floor for a thrilling encounter within the heart of the forest.

Cliffwalk is a heart stopping 215-metre-long walkway taking guests along the granite cliffside of Capilano Canyon on a series of bridges, platforms and stairways cantilevered up to 30 storeys above the Capilano River.

Guided eco-walks, a First Nations cultural experience and voices from the past at the Story Centre mingle with the sounds of live seasonal musical entertainment. Unmatched shopping at the Trading Post and West Coast cuisine round out this entertaining West Coast experience.

Stay 5 nights at the 5-star The Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in a Signature Harbour View Room with return private airport transfers and a 1-day entry to Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park.

Prices start from \$1929* for 5 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 30 Jun 16. Valid for travel 1 May to 30 Nov 16. Subject to availability and change.



Natural Wonders

The Sutton Place Hotel, a perennial *Condé Nast Traveller* Gold List favourite and one of Travel and Leisure's Top 500 list, is located in the heart of the city, just steps from the arts and entertainment districts, and within walking distance of the chic boutiques on Robson Street.

Get an in-depth look at Vancouver's natural beauty and history and discover a perfect combination of great scenery and historical interpretation at the Stanley Park & North Shore Rainforest Adventure. At Beaver Lake, the wonders of Vancouver's coastal rainforest await. Marvel at the giant cedars, towering Douglas firs and hemlock. Next it's off to the North Shore and Capilano Canyon. This primitive ecosystem tells an incredible story of the Chinook and Coho salmon and their journey to Alaska and back to spawn at the hatchery.

Experience Canada's largest aquarium, a non-profit organisation, Vancouver Aquarium dedicates its efforts to conserve aquatic life through display, interpretation, education, research and direct action.

Your stay includes 5 nights at the 5-star Sutton Place Hotel in a One Bedroom Sutton Suite with return private airport transfers as well as a Stanley Park & North Shore Rainforest Adventure and Vancouver Aquarium entry.

Prices start from \$1249* for 5 nights.

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View From Above

Stay at one of Vancouver's best hotels and experience the sights of Canada on a high-tech FlyOver Canada simulator.

The Fairmont Pacific Rim is the most remarkable hotel in the city. Opened in February 2010 in the heart of Coal Harbour, the hotel has breathtaking views of the North Shore mountains, Stanley Park and Howe Sound. Five-star services and amenities begin from the moment you arrive, featuring a luxurious Willow Stream spa, fine dining and private cabanas with fire pits. The hotel is the most coveted address in the city.

FlyOver Canada incorporates state-of-the-art technology to bring you some of Canada's most thrilling sights as you've never seen them before. Soar from coast to coast over Canada with feet dangling, immersed inside a huge 20-metre spherical screen complete with wind, mist, scenes and sound.

Stay 5 nights at the 5-star Fairmont Pacific Rim in a Signature Harbour Mountain View King Room with return private airport transfers plus entry to the FlyOver Canada experience.

Prices start from \$2179* for 5 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 30 Jun 16. Valid for travel 1 Aug to 25 Sep 16. Subject to availability and change.



Gourmet Delights

Located just off fashionable Robson Square, in the heart of downtown, is Vancouver's leading boutique accommodation, the Wedgewood Hotel.

Set amid gardens and waterfalls, an abundance of flowers, fine antique pieces and original works of art characterise the 89 luxurious rooms, suites and public areas. Wedgewood is one of the only hotels in Vancouver with private balconies offering stunning views of the city.

Granville Island is Canada's second most-visited destination and Vancouver's premier destination for lovers of food, art and culture. Offering fresh, local seasonal produce, rub elbows with Vancouver's chefs as they shop for their menus on the Granville Island Market Tour and savour a variety of fine food from Vancouver and beyond, with 20 tastings included in the tour.

Your 5-star stay includes 4 nights at the Wedgewood Hotel in a Junior Suite with return private airport transfers as well as a Granville Island Market Tour.

Prices start from \$1479* for 4 nights.

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Foodie Heaven

At Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver's signature restaurant, MARKET by Jean-Georges, internationally acclaimed, three-star Michelin chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten reinvents classic dishes by infusing his characteristic eclectic flair.

The hotel's One Bedroom Suites are decorated in luxurious style with a private balcony, perfect for breakfast or sundowner cocktails.

Meet chefs and food artisans on the World's Best Food Truck tour and sample signature dishes from the city's most popular mobile kitchens, with four courses and five tastings included. Then embark on a gastronomic adventure on the Guilty Pleasures Gourmet tour. Indulge in four courses and 14 tastings, including award-winning local wines, cheeses, chocolate and more as you meander through Vancouver's gourmet restaurant streets.

Your stay includes 6 nights at the 5-star Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver in a One Bedroom Suite with return private airport transfers. Also enjoy a World's Best Food Truck guided tour and a Guilty Pleasures Gourmet Tour.

Prices start from \$2199* for 6 nights.

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All aboard Rocky Mountaineer

To travel is to take in the sights, experience the culture, and of course, indulge in local cuisine.

Guests on board *Rocky Mountaineer* can easily check off each of these elements of travel. First, the train passes through some of the most stunning scenery in the world. Second, *Rocky Mountaineer* hosts provide friendly, genuine Canadian hospitality and storytelling of the culture and history of the regions through which the train travels. And last but not least, gourmet onboard cuisine is enjoyed by guests in both SilverLeaf and GoldLeaf Service.



Having created spectacular cuisine in kitchens around the world, renowned Executive Chefs have come together to design innovative menus, as Western Canada's most captivating scenery sets the stage for a delectable culinary experience.

On board *Rocky Mountaineer's* GoldLeaf Service, guests are treated to outstanding, three-course, à la carte meals, made with the finest and freshest ingredients from the bountiful regions of the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. These exquisite dishes are enjoyed in the exclusive GoldLeaf Service dining room.

Rocky Mountaineer's SilverLeaf Service offers three courses plated to your preference and served at your seat. Menus feature a selection of local specialties, including Alberta beef and Pacific salmon.

To top off the culinary adventure, meals are complemented by award-winning wines from British Columbia's Okanagan Valley and locally brewed beer.

The rolling restaurants provide a unique working environment fully equipped with custom-made stainless steel galleys and all the essentials that a culinary team might need to accommodate nearly 100,000 international guests every year. With a galley kitchen on a moving train, talented onboard chefs overcome the challenge of limited space and repeatedly exceed guests' expectations.

If you hear any growling when travelling on board *Rocky Mountaineer*, it's not an empty stomach, it's likely a bear.

However, impeccable service, gourmet cuisine and luxurious surroundings are just a few of the reasons why *Rocky Mountaineer* rail journeys are considered by many to be the only way to see the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies.

With four unique routes, this unforgettable all-daylight train trip offers both romance and history, reminding us that travelling is about the journey as well as the destination.

Rocky Mountaineer's luxurious bi-level glass-dome coaches in GoldLeaf Service allow for



unparalleled views of glacier-capped peaks, soaring eagles and spawning salmon as well as the occasional black bear or moose.

Highlighting the stunning destinations along *Rocky Mountaineer's* rail routes, the company offers over 65 packages, rich in history and natural wonders through Western Canada. Popular packages include rail and cruise itineraries that combine a rail journey through the Canadian Rockies with a cruise through the stunning icebergs and scenery of Alaska – an ideal way to catch the natural beauties of land and sea.

The Coastal Passage route explores the marvels of the Pacific Northwest coastline, seamlessly connecting Seattle, USA to the majestic Canadian Rockies. It offers the same *Rocky Mountaineer* quality onboard service and elegant dining experience.

In 2016, *Rocky Mountaineer* will introduce a new three-day rail journey, Rainforest to Gold Rush. Carving through extreme landscapes, the breathtaking rail scenery will take you past stunning lakes, coastal rainforests and desert-like Fraser Canyon.

Create a lifetime of memories along your journey on *Rocky Mountaineer*. There is no limit to the amazing scenery and wildlife you will encounter while rolling through the regions of the Pacific Northwest and the majestic Canadian Rockies.

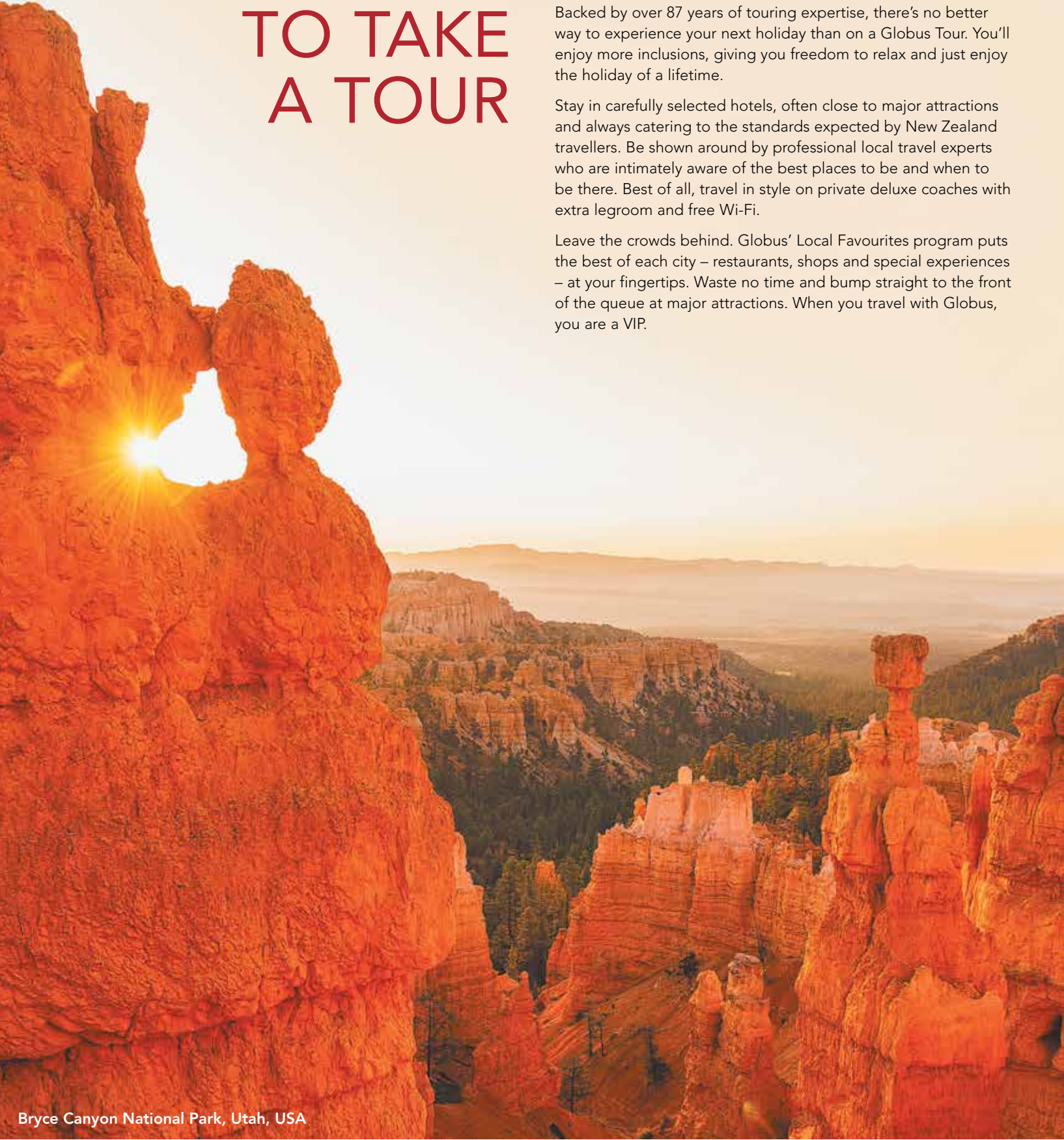
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Leave the crowds behind. Globus' Local Favourites program puts the best of each city – restaurants, shops and special experiences – at your fingertips. Waste no time and bump straight to the front of the queue at major attractions. When you travel with Globus, you are a VIP.



Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, USA



Eastern US & Canada Discovery

From old walled cities and thundering falls to peaceful Amish country and historic US sites, this tour encompasses the best of the East Coast of the USA and Canada.

Begin in exciting Boston where sightseeing focuses on historic sites such as the Old North Church and the Old State House. Then it's on to Quebec City, Canada's only walled city. Travel to Montreal to visit Notre Dame Basilica, then drive west to the capital, Ottawa, where you'll see the Canadian Mint, Parliament Hill and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Stables.

See magnificent Niagara Falls on a *Maid of the Mist* cruise before a tour of an Amish farm house. Sightsee in Washington DC, then travel to Philadelphia for independent sightseeing time.

Your Globus tour from Boston to New York includes 12 nights accommodation, some meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom and free wi-fi and a tour director.

As a bonus, save \$202*^.

Prices start from \$3837* for 13 days.

*Price is per person. Valid for travel 17 May 16. Other dates available at additional cost. ^Saving included in price and valid only if booked by 26 Apr 16.



Western Explorer

See the 'best of the west' on this incredible panorama tour through the western United States.

See the highlights of Los Angeles, then travel across the Mojave Desert to Lake Havasu on the Colorado River and on to historic Route 66. Marvel at the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, cruise on Lake Powell and witness the geological wonders of Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

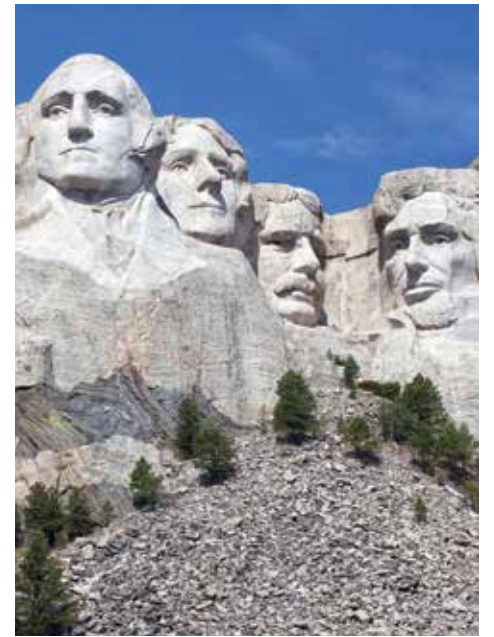
Enjoy a day at leisure in Las Vegas to discover all the delights of 'Sin City', then get back to nature in Yosemite National Park before heading to San Francisco for a sightseeing tour that takes in Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks, Fisherman's Wharf and more.

Your Globus tour from Los Angeles to San Francisco includes 13 nights accommodation, some meals including breakfast daily, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom and free wi-fi and a tour director.

As a bonus, save \$224*^.

Prices start from \$4255* for 14 days.

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Exploring America's Great Parks

Visit the 'greats' of the historic U.S national park system.

From the neon lights of Las Vegas travel to the magnificent Grand Canyon, before arriving at Monument Valley for a Navajo cookout and 4-wheel-drive tour and then on to Arches National Park in Utah. Enjoy wine tasting in Colorado and cross the Rocky Mountains to Denver. Visit Custer State Park, awe-inspiring Mount Rushmore, and the Crazy Horse Memorial, before a Buffalo Safari and chuck wagon cookout.

Visit Devils Tower National Monument before making your way into Yellowstone National Park. Grand Teton National Park awaits with glacier-fed Jenny Lake, before you have time in Jackson and Salt Lake City. Then visit the colourful Bryce Canyon before returning to Las Vegas.

Your Globus tour from Las Vegas includes 14 night's accommodation, some meals included, transport by luxury coach with extra legroom and free wi-fi and a tour director.

As a bonus, save \$246*^.

Prices start from \$4692 for 15 days.

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TRAVEL ASSOCIATES EXCLUSIVE CHARTER

Calling all quilting aficionados, country music toe-tappers and passionate rock'n'rollers...

Masters & Kent Travel Associates in Wellington are hosting a tailor-made, 12-day tour designed for Quilters and the creative at heart as you visit the internationally acclaimed Paducah Quilt Festival - a haven for creative thinkers and doers.

Pass the Thread, with Cosmos

Attracting people from around the world to the 7th City of Crafts and Folk Art to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, this customised 12-day tour offers a pleasant mix catering for both the Quilting enthusiast and lovers of Country Music and Rock'n'Roll.

Spend 3 nights in the home of the King himself, Memphis, Tennessee, including a visit to Graceland, the Rock'n'Soul Museum plus a chance to visit quilting shops in the area. Move on to Paducah where you will spend 5 nights, during which time you will visit the annual Quilt Festival and National Quilt Museum, before spending your final 3 nights in Nashville to visit the Country Music hall of fame and the Grand Ole Opry.

Your 12-day Cosmos Tour includes 11 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast daily, transport by fully air-conditioned coach and tickets to the 2017 AQS Quilt Week.

Prices start from \$4360* for 11 nights.
Contact 0800 679 475 for more information.

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OF EUROPE OR NORTH AMERICA? WE PLAY
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE TO HELP YOU DECIDE.

– Brian Johnston

It's as easy to fall into generalisations about the contrasting ski experiences in Europe and North America as it is for a beginner to fall off a T-bar. But although there are always exceptions, there are nevertheless significant overall differences in the ski scenes between the two continents.

Lie of the land

Skiing and snowboarding in the Alps appears more intimidating than skiing in the Rockies. The mountains are steeper and more rugged, many runs lie above the tree line, and off-piste skiing is strictly for the experienced. In North America, you ski mostly on rounded hills, even in places deep in the Colorado Rockies, such as Breckenridge, Aspen or Vail. Much skiing is below the tree line, and beginner and intermediate skiers will find ample runs to keep them safe and satisfied.

American resorts average vertical drops of between 450 and 750 metres. The greatest (Big Sky in Montana and Jackson Hole in Wyoming) claim around 1220 metres. You can expect a lot more than that in Europe: over 1800 metres in places such as Davos in Switzerland, Cortina in Italy and Les Arcs in France. Few places in North America have the demanding chutes and powder bowls of Chamonix in France, one of Europe's most challenging resorts, though ski fields such as Mammoth Mountain in California and Jackson Hole certainly give proficient skiers a workout. Runs on Vail's Back Bowls are mostly rated black diamond and (unusually) are treeless.

North America has better snow, though some years buck the trend. Europe

faces dwindling snows and shorter seasons thanks to global warming and is increasingly relying on snow-making technologies. If you're a powder hound, you can't beat Colorado resorts such as Aspen and Vail for lighter, less wet 'champagne' powder dumps, even late in the season. But hit the runs early if you want to be ankle-deep in fresh snow: most slopes get quickly and immaculately groomed.

Ticket to ride

The ski experience is far less crowded in North America, especially in the west since, with a few exceptions such as Vail (which gets weekend day visitors from Denver), resorts are far from big cities. Lift queues, if any, are polite and orderly. In Europe you'd best be prepared with sharp elbows and an aggressive forward shuffle. Slopes at weekends and during school holidays can be jammed, which may unnerve beginners. Happy Valley for example, which funnels skiers from mountaintop into St Anton village at day's end, can be notoriously crowded. Overall, if you're after great, zooming, uncrowded runs without worries, North America just can't be beaten.

Lift tickets barely drop their per-day rate in the USA, so you get better value in



Europe over multiple days. Some North American resorts do share tickets (such as Vail, Beaver Creek and Breckenridge in Colorado) but aren't physically connected by lift. While some resorts are rectifying this (Park City and Canyons Resort in Utah will be connected from next season), the Europeans are better about interconnecting their resorts on the same ticket, such as Portes du Soleil and Les Trois Vallees in France, which links more than 200 and 180 lifts respectively to provide some of the world's largest ski areas. Various resorts in western Austria (St Anton, Lech, St Christoph and others) do the same; you can ski the 'White Ring' there and never have to take the same lift twice.

The village people

For ski-in ski-out convenience, head to Europe. Most accommodation in North America is a short drive from lifts. European resorts are prettier, often with old village cores, cute chalets and a distinctive local culture and cuisine. There are exceptions: France has its fair share of 1960s concrete ski resorts, while Aspen and Breckenridge boast an interesting history and heritage facades. Telluride, also in Colorado, comes close to resembling a European resort thanks to its charm, great restaurants and mountain scenery.

Nobody does service better than North Americans: expect smiling lift attendants, ski ambassadors to point you in the right direction on the slopes, and staff handing out free cookies, packets of tissues and muesli bars.

If skiing or boarding isn't the only thing you're after while on holiday, then Europe is for foodies. Independent restaurants provide variety and competition, and you can sit down even on the slopes and get a sophisticated, unhurried meal accompanied by a glass of wine. Don't expect much more than on-slope burgers and fries in North America, where resort facilities are often controlled by single corporations. In fairness, this is now changing in bigger resorts such as Vail or Whistler in Canada, which have impressive dining scenes.



Sporting culture

Finally, there's a big cultural difference in attitude towards ski holidays. European skiers like their long lunches, sunbathing on terraces and most of all their apres-ski. There's nowhere in North America (except perhaps Whistler) that can compete with the likes of Val d'Isere and St Anton for apres-ski shenanigans. Overall, Europeans see skiing as a relaxed and sociable activity enjoyed with friends and will return to their favourite resort year after year.

North Americans tend to see skiing as a sporting challenge, epitomised in Vail Resorts' Epic Mix pass, which can electronically track your vertical metres and number of runs and post them on social media. Different resorts must be conquered. First tracks are always enthusiastically sought out, while Europeans are still abed nursing their hangovers from a long night of clubbing. If you're a keen skier in Europe, head out early morning or over lunchtimes for uncrowded runs.

But why choose? The ski experience on both continents is first class, so you'd best do your own comparison by enjoying the pleasures of both. 🏂



This page top to bottom: St Moritz, Switzerland. Powder Snow, USA. Opposite page: French Alps, Saint Jean d'Arves, France.



DISCOVER NORTH AMERICA WINTER WONDERLANDS

Are you seeking the ultimate adventure? From Canada's dramatic alpine backdrops and quaint village life to the icy wonders of the Antarctic Peninsula, experience a winter experience like no other. Whether you long for the thrill of the ski slopes, the mystery of the wilderness, or the serenity of a fire-side Shiraz, come and discover your perfect winter escape.

Canada is home to some of the best ski resorts in the world, with more than 300 ski areas to choose from that cater for all experience levels. Experts in creating tailor-made, extraordinary journeys, Adventure World offer the following unforgettable ski destinations: Whistler, Sun Peaks, Big White, Silver Star, Banff National Park and Mont Tremblant.

Adventure World take the worry out of travelling with fully inclusive tours, including accommodation, ski passes and transfers – leaving you to simply enjoy the slopes. But it's not all about skiing; there are plenty of other winter activities on offer such as sleigh rides, ice walks, dog-sledding, snowshoeing and not to forget delicious fondue dinners!

With packages starting from just \$815*, contact your Travel Associates consultant today to discuss your next ski adventure. Dates and prices for the 2017 season will be available late April.

*Price is per person. Based on date of departure and subject to availability at time of booking.

LUXURY AUSTRALIA



Luxe is no longer reserved for getaways amid glittering cityscapes. Australia's wild, untouched lands play host to a spread of exclusive resorts that redefine what luxury truly means.

This page, top: One&Only Hayman Island. Left to right: qualia, Hamilton Island; Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley, NSW; Freycinet National Park, Tasmania.

Overnight experiences sail to dizzying new heights of comfort with a greater focus on the destination; remote settings where accommodation is designed in harmony with lush surrounds, sans urban distractions.

When it comes to aquatic luxuries, Australia's 25,000-kilometre coastline plays a key role. Brilliant blue seas, sugar-white sand beaches and kaleidoscopic coral reefs are almost unmatched in their wow factor.

In Western Australia, seaside serenity comes easily at Cable Beach, while in Queensland the sultry climes and sandy fringes of the Whitsundays serve up a bounty of tropical gems like Hayman and Hamilton Island.

While the country's north certainly overachieves in locations for barefoot luxury, some of the best holiday ingredients like Penfolds Grange and world-class shellfish can only be found further south in The Barossa and Tasmania.

If you'd rather your private plunge pool was nestled in one of Australia's endearing bush settings, experience the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, where tranquillity and luxury coexist in Federation-style accommodation.

There's plenty of indulgence to be had if you venture beyond the city limits. Where will you find yours?



Broome

The multi-award-winning Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa is the only resort overlooking Broome's iconic Cable Beach.

A tropical oasis just 10 minutes from the pearling town of Broome, the resort is set among 10.5 hectares of tranquil gardens and features a range of 'Broome-style' accommodation options from studio rooms and self-contained bungalows, to private villas and indulgent suites. A fusion of Asian serenity and colonial indulgence, Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa is a place where you can slow down, take time, relax and play.

Stay 3 nights at the Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa in a Pool Terrace Studio with breakfast daily and return airport transfers.

Prices start from \$885* for 3 nights.

*Price is per person, based on double share. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 May to 7 Aug and 14 Aug to 16 Oct 16.



Hayman Island

One&Only Hayman Island, in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, presents astonishing natural beauty, restorative peace, indulgence and adventure.

Australia's iconic private island resort is located off the coast of Queensland, in the Whitsundays. Within the resort, stylish elegance reflects the harmony of nature with beautifully appointed accommodation set against a backdrop of the Coral Sea.

Your stay includes 4 nights at One&Only Hayman Island in a One Bedroom Pool Suite with breakfast daily, return yacht transfers from Hamilton Island Airport as well as use of non-motorised watercraft, squash and tennis courts, table tennis, golf putting green and the One&Only Fitness Centre.

Prices start from \$2689* for 4 nights.

*Price is per person, based on double share. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 22 May to 23 Jul and 28 Jul to 15 Sep 16.



Hamilton Island

In the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, qualia is nestled in the most pristine and secluded position on the island, providing the ultimate getaway for those seeking tranquillity, luxury and privacy.

It's a truly special place where everything has been meticulously considered to relax the mind yet completely spoil the senses. The resort immerses you in a tranquil atmosphere, offering personalised and intuitive service and its sun-drenched northern aspect provides the ideal location to appreciate the passing beauty of each day.

Your luxury getaway includes 7 nights at qualia in a Leeward Pavilion with breakfast daily, a bottle of French Champagne, a poolside dinner for two, all non-alcoholic drinks, VIP chauffeur service around the island, use of a golf buggy and non-motorised watercraft, wi-fi and return VIP airport transfers.

Prices start from \$3465* for 7 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 May to 19 Aug, 28 Aug to 22 Sep and 26 Sep to 22 Dec 16.



Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley

Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley is an ultra-luxury conservation-based resort located in Australia's Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area, less than three hours drive from Sydney.

The resort is set within its own private conservation and wildlife reserve where guests can enjoy absolute luxury, tranquillity and connection with nature.

Nestled between two national parks and spread out at the foot of towering sandstone cliffs, the homestead-style resort occupies just one percent of the total land area of more than 2800 hectares. Up to 90 guests are catered for in 40 free-standing villas, each with a private swimming pool and a main homestead with luxury facilities and stand-alone One&Only Spa.

Guests are able to enjoy a range of nature-based activities each day, including nature walks and wildlife spotting as well as 'Conservation Hour', where guests can participate in tree planting, surveying wildlife and bird watching or constructing nesting boxes for birds and possums.

Your 5-star hinterland retreat includes 3 nights in a Heritage Villa with all meals daily plus a selection of local wine and beer with meals, all non-alcoholic drinks and two on-site nature-based activities per day.

Prices start from \$3629* for 3 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 May to 15 Dec 16.



South Australia

Spend a few days experiencing the delights of Adelaide before venturing inland for a memorable stay in the Barossa Valley.

The Mayfair Hotel offers style, elegance and a touch of glamour in the heart of Adelaide. Set between Rundle Mall and the exciting new Riverbank Entertainment Precinct, it is the perfect base from which to explore South Australia's capital.

The Louise is South Australia's foremost luxury accommodation destination for discerning travellers. Its Appellation restaurant is widely acknowledged as one of Australia's finest regional dining experiences, offering fresh, seasonal cuisine and an outstanding wine list presenting the best of the Barossa, Australia and iconic wines of the world.

Enjoy a historical tour of Penfolds Magill Estate. Hear the inspiring stories of Australia's first winemaking dynasty as you're guided through Penfolds original family homestead. Explore the heritage-listed winery, 65-year-old shiraz vineyard and underground maturation cellars, and indulge in an exclusive tasting of luxury and icon wines including the much sought after, Penfolds Grange.

Your luxury South Australia stay combines 3 nights at the 5-star Mayfair Hotel, Adelaide, in a Deluxe King Room with a Great Grange Tour with Penfolds Magill Estate including a tasting of six Penfolds luxury wines and a plate of South Australian cheese to accompany the tasting, plus 3 nights at the 5-star The Louise Barossa Valley in a Stonewall Suite including breakfast daily, port wine, house-baked cookies and fresh fruit on arrival and wi-fi. Also included are 7 days car hire[€].

Prices start from \$2399* for 6 nights.

*Price is per person, based on double share. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Jul to 31 Aug 16. [€]BMW Compact 118i Hatch or similar. Pick-up/drop off Adelaide Airport, conditions apply.



Tasmania

Combine stays in two outstanding Tasmanian properties with an unforgettable day cruise, perfect for seafood lovers.

Located on Hobart's waterfront, The Henry Jones Art Hotel is a truly cultural experience, featuring over 300 original works of art throughout the building, which history dates back to the early 1820s.

Saffire Freycinet is a luxury coastal sanctuary on Tasmania's East Coast, delivering sophisticated, intimate style and an inspirational experience. Discreetly positioned overlooking the Hazards Mountains, Freycinet Peninsula and the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay, Saffire blends mankind and nature with breathtaking beauty.

Explore the sheltered D'Entrecasteaux Channel at picturesque Bruny Island on an exclusive full-day guided cruise catering to just 12 guests, ensuring an intimate and engaging experience. Enjoy gathering world-class fresh seafood, including paua, oysters, sea urchins, mussels, salmon and crayfish, which are then skilfully prepared by the experienced local guide to feature in a gourmet seafood feast served on board.

Your luxury Tasmania stay combines 3 nights at the 5-star Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, in a Deluxe Spa Harbour View Room with breakfast daily and a Tasmanian Seafood Seduction Day Cruise, plus 3 nights at the 5-star self-rated Saffire Freycinet in a Luxury Suite including breakfast and dinner daily, mini bar and selected deluxe beverages, a degustation dinner or à la carte experience[~], internet access and AU\$100 spa credit⁺. Also included are 7 days car hire[€].

Prices start from \$5029* for 6 nights.

*Price is per person, based on double share. Valid for sale until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 May to 30 Nov 16. [~]One per stay. ⁺Per room per stay. [€]Holden SV6 or similar. Pick-up/drop off Hobart Airport, conditions apply.

PARADISE FOUND

Visualise a peaceful island paradise and Tahiti's iconic overwater bungalows are likely to come to mind, perched just above the sparkling water's edge and surrounded by palm trees and white sand.

Tahiti and its picturesque bungalows are the heart of French Polynesia. Home to tropical weather, Tahiti bathes in sunlight for most of the year. Known for its air of sophistication, this is certainly evident in the accommodation choices available. Many of the 5-star international hotel brands can be found throughout the islands and they each offer a relaxed, resort-type atmosphere with beautiful ocean views and tranquil poolside settings.

One of the most unique types of accommodation choice is the overwater bungalow and Tahiti is well suited to this mesmerising style of lodging. Situated in peaceful coves and overlooking the beautiful beaches and crystal-clear waters, bungalows offer total comfort and luxury in a most memorable setting.

When it comes to Tahitian cuisine, its long-held cooking traditions date back many centuries. Because of the remote location of the islands, outside influences were rare and, for that reason, many of the traditional dishes are still popular. Fresh seafood is naturally one of the most popular menu items and for a taste of real Tahitian cooking, try the national dish, poisson cru. Similar to ceviche, it consists of raw tuna marinated in a delicious blend of lime juice and coconut milk.

The island also enjoys a great selection of fresh fruits including coconuts, pineapples, hundreds of varieties of bananas, papayas and more. The fertile ground is also perfect for the many hearty vegetables grown there. When it comes to dining out, luxury hotels and resorts will feature excellent Tahitian cuisine on their menus, and in Papeete, visitors will find many fine dining options along with a mix of French, Italian and Chinese restaurants.



Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa

Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa is nestled between two bays on the heart-shaped island of Moorea.

The resort is set against a beautiful mountain backdrop which melts into a crystal-clear lagoon.

Feel at home in a stylish bungalow decorated in contemporary Polynesian style with beautiful views of the beach or gardens from the private terrace.

Your island escape includes return airfares to Papeete, 5 nights at the Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa in an Overwater Bungalow, 1 night pre- and post-accommodation at the Manava Suite Resort Tahiti in a Garden View Studio, return ferry transfers to Moorea as well as return airport and pier transfers throughout.

As a bonus, enjoy an American breakfast daily in Moorea.

Prices for 7 nights start from \$4029* from Auckland, or \$4205* from Wellington and Christchurch.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 31 May 16. Valid for travel 7 to 23 Jun and 15 Sep to 27 Oct 16. City tax of XPF150 per person/night plus Manava Suite Resort Fee of XPF1250 per room/night are payable direct.



Sofitel Bora Bora Private Island

Find intimacy, romance and beauty in a Bora Bora luxury hotel unlike any other.

Sofitel Bora Bora Private Island is located on a lush islet in the crystal lagoon of Bora Bora. From this private island resort, you can enjoy 360-degree views of the ocean, the island of Bora Bora and Mt Otemanu.

Guests can snorkel coral gardens, indulge in gourmet dining and fine wines, open-air massages, holistic spa treatments and Sofitel service catering to your every wish.

Your island escape includes return airfares to Bora Bora via Papeete, 5 nights at the Sofitel Bora Bora Private Island in an Island Luxury Lodge, 1 night pre- and post-accommodation at the Tahiti Pearl Beach Resort in a Deluxe Ocean View Room and all transfers.

As a bonus, enjoy an American breakfast daily in Bora Bora.

Prices for 7 nights start from \$4055* from Auckland, or \$4229* from Wellington and Christchurch.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 31 May 16. Valid for travel 7 to 23 Jun and 1 Sep to 27 Oct 16. City tax per person/night payable direct to hotel - Tahiti: XPF150 & Bora Bora: XPF200. Tahiti Pearl Beach Resort fee of XPF1800 per room/night payable direct.



Le Meridien Bora Bora

This luxury resort is set on a magnificent islet surrounded by the most beautiful lagoon in the world and offers stunning sights over Mt Otemanu.

Recently renovated and located near the pontoon, the exquisite Classic Motu Bungalows offer great views over the main island of Bora Bora and the lagoon. Relax with a choice of restaurant and bar venues or treat yourself to a wellbeing ritual at the magical Manahau Wellness Center.

Your island escape includes return airfares to Bora Bora via Papeete, 5 nights at Le Meridien Bora Bora in an Overwater Bungalow with Lagoon View, 1 night pre- and post-accommodation at Le Meridien Tahiti in a Deluxe Garden View Room and all transfers.

As a bonus, enjoy a buffet breakfast daily at both resorts.

Prices for 7 nights start from \$5155* from Auckland, or \$5325* from Wellington and Christchurch.

*Price is per person. Valid for sale until 31 May 16. Valid for travel 7 to 23 Jun and 1 Sep to 27 Oct 16. City tax per person/night payable direct to hotel - Tahiti: XPF150 & Bora Bora: XPF200.

ARABIAN DELIGHTS

Oman's sun-kissed lands, breathtaking architecture and charm-filled towns along with its rich heritage and intriguing culture will captivate even the most seasoned traveller. World Journeys combine luxury travel with a truly authentic Middle Eastern feel.



Wadi Bani Khalid, Oman

Desert to Coast

This memorable 3-day journey will have you experiencing an abundance of activities and scenic pleasures.

Venture to the Shaqiya Sands, a vast mass of undulating red and white sea of sand, delight in desert adventures as you overnight at a desert camp including camel rides, sand buggy rides, dune safaris or sand skiing.

Travel to Wadi Bani Khalid, one of the most beautiful wadis in Oman, head for the coastal town of Sur, before reaching Ras Al Jinz and the turtle sanctuary. Return to Muscat and visit the Bibi Mariam Tomb in Qalhat, and the limestone Sinkhole in Bimah.

Your tour includes 2 nights' accommodation, 4WD transfers, English speaking guides, breakfast and dinner daily, picnic lunch plus all entrance fees.

Prices start from \$1445*.

*Price is per person. Price quoted valid for travel 1 May to 30 Sep 16, subject to availability. Price based on best available accommodation and can vary seasonally.



Highlights of Oman

Discover the true destination of beauty on this 6-day highlight tour as you travel across the Middle East's best kept secret.

Lively and vibrant Sinaw Souq is the main meeting place for Bedouin trade. Bedouin women in traditional dress trade side by side with the men. Find traditional old silver Bedouin jewellery in silver shops.

Take the opportunity to photograph and watch turtles laying eggs and hatchlings emerging from the nests. Walk through the maze of streets in Sur, revealing fine old houses with carved doors and arabesque windows. Explore enchanting deep pooled wadis.

Your tour includes 5-nights' accommodation, air-conditioned car transfers, English speaking guides, 6 breakfasts and 2 dinners plus sightseeing and entrance fees.

Prices start from \$3434*.

*Price is per person. Price quoted valid for travel 17 May to 3 Sep 16, subject to availability. Price based on accommodation in first class hotels and camps, and 4 persons travelling together.



Omani Explorer

Discover breathtaking Arabian beauty on this 10-day tour throughout truly unique and otherworldly terrain.

From north to south, Oman has a diverse and exotic culture, extraordinary landscapes, wonderful handcrafts, a colourful history and surprising wildlife.

This comprehensive independent journey will take you from Muttrah souq in Muscat to traditional mud houses of Al Hamra and Misfah dating back 400 years, rolling seas of sand at Shaqiya Sands, forts, castles, clear fresh-water wadis perfect for a refreshing dip right through to the land of Frankincense in Salalah.

Your tour includes 9-nights' accommodation, private vehicle transfers, English speaking guides, 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner plus sightseeing and entrance fees.

Prices start from \$4206*.

*Price is per person. Price quoted valid for travel 1 Oct to 31 Dec 16, subject to availability. Price based on 4-star accommodation or best available.



WHY BOOKEND EUROPE WITH BUSINESS CLASS IN 2016

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO FLY BUSINESS CLASS TO EUROPE. WITH THE BACK END OF THE PLANE GROWING EVERMORE CROWDED AND A SURGE IN EXCLUSIVE EXTRAS BEING OFFERED UP FRONT, BOOKING A BUSINESS CLASS AIRFARE IS JUST THE TICKET TO GET YOUR EUROPEAN HOLIDAY OFF TO A MAGICAL START. ISN'T IT TIME YOU REWARD YOURSELF?

Whether you choose our local favourite, Air New Zealand, or choose to include our cousins Qantas or Virgin Australia before picking up with their respective codeshare partners Emirates or Etihad, or one of the popular Asian carriers like Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific, the fiercely competitive business class environment means that today's passengers have the widest array of choice, not only in price, but in services, routings and stopover possibilities.

Many international airlines are investing heavily in their premium cabin products. From state-of-the-art seats and lie-flat beds, to gourmet dining and personal entertainment, carriers are upping their game at every level.

Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific, for example, will unveil its much anticipated business class seat on its flagship, the Airbus A350. Advanced ergonomics, greater space, personal lighting and greater privacy translates to even greater passenger comfort. Passengers can still expect quilted duvets as well as the sought after amenity kits with Aesop and Jurlique products inside.

Those flying Virgin Australia won't be disappointed either. The business class cabins on the airline's fleet of Airbus A330s and Boeing 777s is undergoing a complete overhaul currently and will feature one of the top-rated suite-style seats in the industry. With a sleek, modern look, loads of storage and personal space, comfy lie-flat beds to go along with a turn-down service and Chef Luke Mangan-inspired menu, passengers will be hard pressed to find a more sophisticated inflight product.

On a business class flight to Europe, the journey begins long before you've set foot in the airport. Qantas offers its business class passengers Chauffeur Drive – a complimentary transfer service that whisks you from your front door straight to the terminal, subject to applicable flights. Qantas operates its second generation Skybed on all A380 services and reconfigured B747 aircraft.

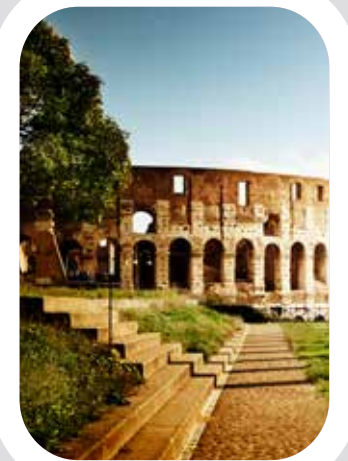
Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways and Dubai-based Emirates are both renowned for featuring some of the world's most luxuriously appointed business class lounges. Spoil yourself with a soothing spa, book yourself in for a beauty treatment or

indulge in a relaxing pre-flight massage ahead of your long-haul trip to Europe.

Even if you only access the business class lounge for its gourmet buffets or delicious à la carte meals, or you're simply eager to get a head-start on work before you hit the ground in Europe, business class lounges are a great way to enjoy some peaceful solitude amid the hustle and bustle of the airport.

And once you're airborne, flying business class ensures that you enjoy the best in onboard dining and entertainment. Qantas even offers its guests award-winning Sommeliers in the Sky program, guaranteeing that even wine aficionados will be catered for in the air.

It all adds up to a superior travel experience, one that can't be measured by mere dollars. A business class flight to Europe may just be the highlight of your holiday, so let's dig a little deeper and explore some of the premium perks you can expect, both on the ground and in the air.





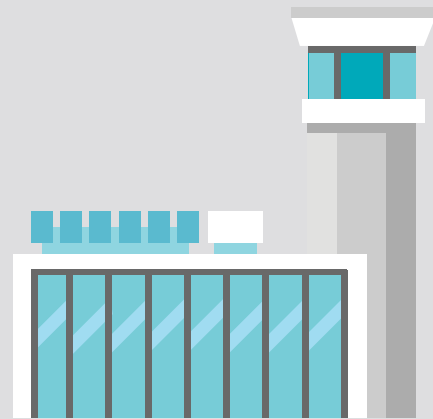
ON THE GROUND

LOUNGING ABOUT

With its elegant, 5-star appeal, the Singapore Airlines SilverKris Lounge in Singapore provides guests with many creature comforts, but it's what's on the menu that really sets this lounge apart. Dine on a smorgasbord of chef-prepared cuisine from sushi and soba noodles to baked snapper, braised beef and plenty of other Asian and western delights. The selection of TWG teas is a treat and in the afternoons there's even a scone service. How very civilised.

DRIVE ON, JAMES

Business class passengers flying Emirates will enjoy complimentary chauffeur transfers between their home or office and the airport. Available at over 70 destinations in New Zealand, Europe and around the world, the pick-up radius is a generous 40 to 100 kilometres depending on the city. Qantas offers a similar service subject to applicable flights.



STOPOVER PERKS

When it comes to stopover convenience, Emirates pulls out all the stops. Dubai's massive Terminal 3 is reserved exclusively for Emirates and Qantas flights where passengers can enjoy priority boarding directly from the lounge. Enjoy another tittle in the English-themed Cigar Bar inside, or an unhurried browse at Michael Kors or Salvatore Ferragamo just steps away.



SPACE FOR SHOPPING

LET'S FACE IT, WE USUALLY PACK MORE THAN WE NEED WHEN GOING ON HOLIDAY, ESPECIALLY WHEN TRAVELLING TO FASHION CONSCIOUS EUROPE. THAT'S WHEN A GENEROUS CHECKED BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE COMES IN HANDY. WHILE TOP TIER FREQUENT FLYERS ALWAYS RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE, FOUR AIRLINES COME IN WITH THE BEST STANDARD CHECKED BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE TO EUROPE. EMIRATES, ETIHAD, SINGAPORE AND QANTAS ALLOW MULTIPLE BAGS WITH A TOTAL STANDARD ALLOWANCE OF 40KG FOR BUSINESS CLASS AND 50KG FOR FIRST CLASS.

EARNING LOYALTY

Air New Zealand's integration with the Star Alliance not only means seamless connections to Europe, but increased rewards with their Airpoints programme on more than 30 airlines across the globe. Airpoints members can also earn points and Status points on Air New Zealand Partner Flights with carriers including Cathay Pacific, Virgin Australia and Etihad meaning you can earn in more ways than one!

5 REASONS TO ALSO CONSIDER PREMIUM ECONOMY

1. Premium Economy is all about convenience, and with priority check-in lanes and boarding, flyers can breeze through the terminal and on to the plane. And being part of the first boarding group, you'll never have to worry about finding overhead space for your hand luggage.
2. Go on and bring that extra pair of shoes, or pack for any occasion, because Premium Economy guests are given an increased baggage allowance. Many airlines offer Priority baggage too, meaning that your checked luggage is the first to roll off the carousel at your destination airport.
3. No cramped quarters here, because Premium Economy places a premium on comfort too. With a wider seat, greater recline and generous amounts of leg room, getting comfortable is never a problem. And with a separate cabin, Premium Economy guests will enjoy a greater amount of privacy too.
4. Forget about stashing that airport food for later. Premium Economy dining options are not only more generous, but the portions are too. Guests will enjoy the best wines and beverages, and the quality selection of meals are accompanied by tasty sides and desserts. To top it off, meals are served with real cutlery, china and glassware.
5. Rest up with larger pillows and thicker blankets. Add in a handy amenities kit full of moisturising beauty products, toothpaste and eye shades, and the flight is made all the more comfortable – and refreshing.

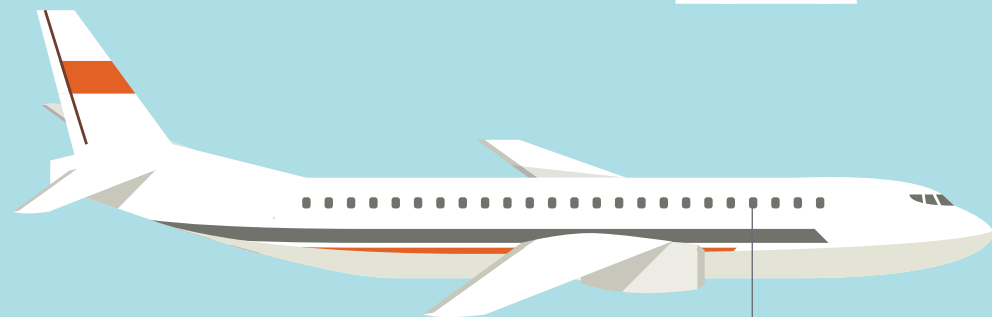


IN THE AIR



CULINARY HEIGHTS

IN THE ERA OF CELEBRITY CHEFS, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT AIRLINES WANT TO HARNESS THEIR STAR POWER AND CULINARY EXPERTISE. THROUGH ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH CHEF PETER GORDON, AIR NEW ZEALAND HAS SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED THE BUSINESS CLASS DINING EXPERIENCE WITH FAVOURITES SUCH AS SEARED HAPUKA IN MISO COCONUT BROTH WITH SHITAKE RICE, GAI LAN AND FRESH CORIANDER SALSA. IN AIR NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS CLASS, CHOICE IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY.



STRETCHING OUT

Singapore Airlines Business Class features an industry leading seat width of at least 30-inches and an impressive 6-foot, 5-inch lie-flat recline. With a 1-2-1 layout, each guest not only enjoys direct aisle access, but multiple storage options, tray tables and side tables for laptops. Guests also have a USB port, internet access and soft lamp lighting.

ENDLESS DRAMA

These days, in-flight entertainment is more than just a few movies on a personal screen. Emirates not only offers thousands of hours of movie, TV, music and game entertainment from their extensive ice OnDemand entertainment system, but provides onboard Wi-Fi, USB ports and in-seat mobile phones for connectivity.

TOP SHELF SERVICE

Cathay Pacific consistently ranks highest for service and hospitality. While some of this can be attributed to the welcoming Asian culture, the airline invests millions of dollars in training annually. Cathay Pacific's 'hire for attitude, train for skills' approach has paid off, with the airline receiving accolades from the most prestigious independent airline rating groups.



CLASSY AMENITIES

STAY HYDRATED WHEN TRAVELLING. VIRGIN AUSTRALIA PROVIDES LONG-HAUL BUSINESS CLASS GUESTS WITH LUXURY SOAPS, LIP BALMS AND LOTIONS FROM REN AS WELL AS ORGANIC BEAUTY SUPPLIER, GROWN. FOUND IN VIRGIN AUSTRALIA LOUNGES, BUSINESS CLASS CABIN LAVATORIES AND INFLIGHT AMENITY KITS, THESE ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS SOOTHE THE SKIN ON A LONG JOURNEY. VIRGIN AUSTRALIA PARTNER ETIHAD ALSO PROVIDES A RANGE OF LUXURY BEAUTY PRODUCTS IN EMIRATI-DESIGNED AMENITY KITS THAT CAN DOUBLE AS A SMALL HANDBAG OR CHANGE PURSE.

5 REASONS TO ALSO CONSIDER FIRST CLASS

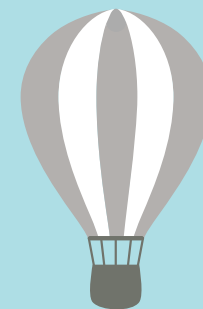
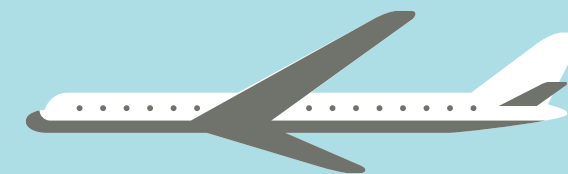
1. Etihad's The Residence, provides guests with the ultimate in exclusivity and luxury. More a 'living space' than seat, the two-room residence features an arm chair, separate bed area, ample cabinet storage and wardrobe and of course a shower-equipped ensuite. Add a large screen TV and loads of entertainment and you may never want to land!

2. To achieve their sophisticated inflight dining experience, Cathay Pacific has not only put the cabin crew through their culinary paces, but they have equipped each aircraft with such useful tools as rice cookers, steam ovens, toasters and top-notch coffee makers. Each dish is made to order and comes with the finest international wines. Bon Appetit!

3. The Emirates First Class Lounge not only provides an exclusive space in which to relax, dine and shower, but in many cities, it offers direct access to your aircraft too – so you can skip all that terminal hub-bub.

4. We all like to indulge in a little 'me' time now and again, and what better place to luxuriate than in the Emirates A380 Shower Spa at 40,000 feet. With its signature collection of Bvlgari toiletries and spa essentials, you'll pass the time in blissful solitude, feeling relaxed and ready to go.

5. The stage has been set for a high-tech, home theatre-style experience in Singapore Airlines' new First Class. Each enclosed seat features ambient lighting to set the mood, a huge 24-inch HDTV screen, and the best noise-cancelling headsets on the market. Grab a snack and settle in for the show!



AZAMARA BOUTIQUE CRUISING

Boutique, destination-focused cruise line Azamara Club Cruises will be extensively refurbishing its two-ship fleet in time for their 2016 European Summer voyages.

An Azamara Club cruise can provide the most relaxing holiday option for a European expedition. It allows you to travel in style to some of Europe's most beautiful destinations – all while only unpacking once. Azamara is all about Destination Immersion®, it's why they spend more time in ports at night and overnight to ensure guests can truly experience and explore a destination, and come away with an authentic experience.

Plus, the cruise line's smaller ships offer access that larger vessels cannot and place guests at the heart of jewel destinations such as Nice and Sanary-sur-Mer in France; Portovenere (Cinque Terre) and Amalfi in Italy and Chania, Crete and Patmos in Greece.

In early 2016, the twin 686-guest ships *Azamara Journey* and *Azamara Quest*, will each undergo complete makeovers. Suites and staterooms will be transformed into a modern oasis at sea while the onboard Sanctum Spa will also be revitalised, with new programs and a focus on wellness and vigour.

Dining and entertainment will be reimagined, including new areas, The Patio (an outdoor space for beautiful sunset al fresco dining) and The Living Room (a welcoming space in the heart of the ship where guests can catch up with friends, or find a quiet nook with a stunning view to watch the ocean pass by).

Technology is also being amped up so guests can keep in touch with home, no matter where in the world they are, with new faster, shipwide wi-fi and new interactive iTVs installed in every stateroom, so guests can watch movies on demand, book their next Land Discovery tour, read about upcoming ports, order room service and even text or call other guests.

Seeing Europe with Azamara is hassle-free and more inclusive, with all accommodation, main meals, house beer, wine and spirits, tipping, an AzAmazing Evening and free shuttles at most ports included.



Dalmatian Coast, Sicily & Amalfi Coast

Discover the highlights of Croatia, Greece and Italy on *Azamara Journey*.

A gondola ride down Venice's Grand Canal is the perfect way to set the stage for this eclectic experience filled with ancient relics and modern luxuries. Walk through Sibrenik's city centre for views of medieval cathedrals and museums in this Dalmatian hotspot. And don't miss a fresh-caught meal at one of Dubrovnik's seafood restaurants during one of two late stays on this cruise.

That's all before arriving in Homer's "beautiful and rich land" of Corfu. Enjoy more time for high-end Italian shopping in Taormina. And follow it up the next day with a chairlift ride to the top of the jaw-dropping island of Capri.

Itinerary: Venice – Sibrenik – Dubrovnik – Kotor – Corfu – Sicily (Taormina) – Sorrento – Rome (Civitavecchia).

Your cruise includes 7 nights on *Azamara Journey* with all meals as well as house beers, wines and spirits on board, self-service laundry, shuttle service to and from most ports and tipping.

Prices start from \$2709* for 7 nights.

*Price is per person. Price based on cruise departing 2 Aug 16. Subject to availability and change.

Tuscany & Italian Riviera

Embark on a journey to the Italian Riviera, where resort towns and cliffside fishing villages emerge from the rocky shores in one stunning location after another.

On the isle of Elba see Napoleon's villa or take in the views of Monte Capanne. Delight in the seasonal colours of the Tuscan countryside and marvel at the cliff-hugging villages of the Cinque Terre.

With two days in Livorno, you can explore the Renaissance art of Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, medieval Lucca, and the rolling hills and vineyards of Chianti. On the island of Corsica you'll love the picturesque old port of Bastia, filled with brasseries, bars, shops and Baroque churches.

Itinerary: Rome (Civitavecchia) – Elba (Portoferraio) – Portovenere – Santa Margherita (Portofino) – Florence/ Pisa (Livorno) – Corsica (Bastia) – Rome (Civitavecchia).

Your cruise includes 7 nights on *Azamara Journey* with all meals as well as house beers, wines and spirits on board, self-service laundry, shuttle service to and from most ports and tipping.

Prices start from \$3589* for 7 nights.

*Price is per person. Price based on cruise departing 23 Sep 16. Subject to availability and change.



Greek Isles & the Adriatic

Take in some of the world's most enriching cultures on this 11-night cruise from Athens to the heart of Venice.

Escape to whitewashed villages, pretty beaches, a splendid Venetian harbour and the site of the ancient Olympics. Enjoy a day roaming the archeological treasures of Ephesus and another exploring the beaches and traditional villages of Patmos.

Stay late for the sunset on dramatically beautiful Santorini, then sail north to the Adriatic's fortress cities, with late stays in both Kotor and Dubrovnik. Relax among the lavender fields and old Venetian architecture of Hvar and in the lush seaside resort of Opatija, ending with a night in Venice.

Itinerary: Athens (Piraeus) – Mykonos – Ephesus (Kusadasi) – Patmos – Santorini – Kotor – Dubrovnik – Hvar – Opatija – Venice.

Your cruise includes 11 nights on *Azamara Journey* with all meals as well as house beers, wines and spirits on board, self-service laundry, shuttle service to and from most ports and tipping.

Prices start from \$3949* for 11 nights.

*Price is per person. Price based on cruise departing 29 Aug 16. Subject to availability and change.

LIVE AND BREATHE ASIA

See the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of Asia on a fully inclusive, excellent value group tour from Wendy Wu Tours, accompanied by a dedicated and knowledgeable national escort.

Asia is a captivating place; the sights, sounds, colours, personality and most of all the chaos are unlike anywhere else on earth. A mesmerising beauty of colours, both faded and vibrant, coupled with the overgrown and over-manicured, blended with the fragrant incense of lemon grass, ginger and culinary delights.

From a swarm of motorbikes and bicycles to the relaxed donkey and cart in the countryside, Asia is like no other place on earth. Whether you're taking in the sacred sights of India, or wandering the stunning Amer Fort with its colourful history of past rulers and hall of mirrors, you're sure to be charmed.

Fall in love with charming Vietnam, a country of breathtaking natural beauty and quaint French influenced villages. Or be tempted by the temples of Myanmar and Thailand, discovering the passions and faith that have captivated travellers imaginations for centuries.



Vietnam Panorama

Vietnam is a country of breathtaking natural beauty with an incredible modern-day history that quickly becomes addictive.

Everywhere you turn in Vietnam you will encounter memorable experiences, from the stunning limestone islands of Halong Bay to crawling through the Cu Chi tunnels. Take 10 minutes to cross the street in Hanoi or watch a moped over-loaded with chickens wobbling along uneven country roads while browsing for bargains in the lively markets and sampling the delectable, world-renowned Vietnamese cuisine.

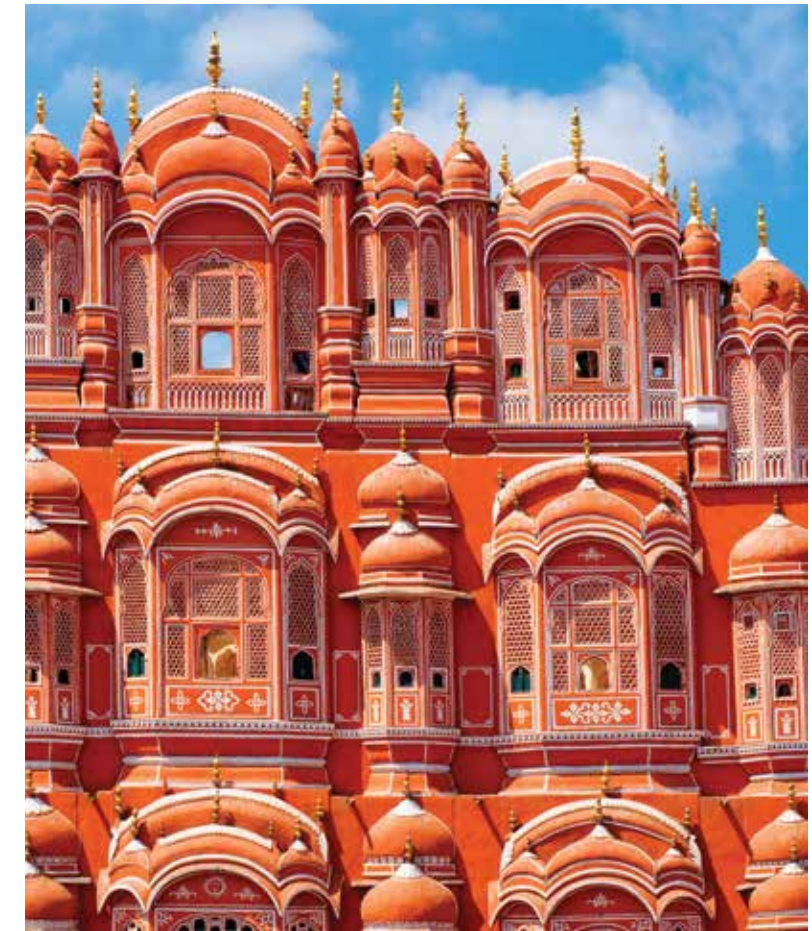
On the Vietnam Panorama tour, travel overland through the verdant south of Vietnam – from the riverside life of the Mekong to lush and fresh Dalat in the Highlands, up the beautiful coastline to charming Hoi An and ancient Hue. Finish off by exploring colonial Hanoi and cruising along tranquil Halong Bay.

Your Wendy Wu Tours fully inclusive Classic Tour includes return international economy airfares and visa fees, 18 nights in four star accommodation, all meals and domestic transportation, entrance fees and touring with an English speaking national escort.

Prices start from \$5680* for 18 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for all 2016 departures, subject to availability.

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Vibrant India

India is like nowhere else on earth. It is the ultimate eclectic mix of sights, sounds, spirituality and smells.

Every expectation – be it of beauty, mysticism, poverty, or bureaucracy – will be outdone by what hits you when you arrive, and one visit will not be enough. The welcome you receive, wherever you go, will be warm and friendly and nothing will be too much trouble at any stage of your journey. Explore the colourful and lively Rajasthan state; from the big cities to the small, remote villages. Your imagination will be captured by the sights and sounds as you engage with the people that make this such a magical region of India.

Highlights of the tour include a cycle tour of Udaipur, discovering romantic Amer Fort by jeep, enjoying an auto-rickshaw ride in Agra and marvelling at the splendid Taj Mahal.

Your Wendy Wu Tours fully inclusive Discovery Tour includes return international economy airfares and visa fees, 16 nights in four star accommodation, all meals and domestic transportation, entrance fees and touring with an English speaking national escort.

Prices start from \$7780* for 16 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for departure 16 Sep 16, subject to availability.



Thailand Highlights

Thailand's combination of cities, beaches and nature, plus its rich culture, help to provide a truly authentic Thai experience.

Showcasing glittering temples, lush jungle and golden sunshine, all entwined with a rich heritage that has remained staunchly unchanged for centuries. Thailand is also fun-loving, friendly and exotic – discover Bangkok and the northern highlands.

Highlights include: exploring the exuberant city of Bangkok, a rail journey across the bridge over the River Kwai, visiting the Thai highland hill tribes and discovering the secrets of traditional Thai cooking.

Your Wendy Wu Tours fully inclusive Classic Tour includes return international economy airfares and visa fees, 12 nights in four star accommodation, all meals and domestic transportation, entrance fees and touring with an English speaking national escort.

Prices start from \$4980* for 12 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for all 2016 departures, subject to availability.



Hidden Treasures of Myanmar

Myanmar's charm and mystery have captured the imagination of travellers for centuries. Encounter a unique and unspoiled country unlike any other – a destination bursting with magnificent monuments, glistening golden stupas and enigmatic ruins.

Myanmar cannot help but evoke images of mysterious wonder. Not yet jaded by tourism – tourists remain a novelty in Burma – the Burmese are some of the friendliest people you will meet and encounters with locals are a highlight of a trip.

Highlights of the tour include discovering spiritual Yangon, exploring the charming Pyay countryside and Bagan's astounding temples plus a visit to mysterious Mt Popa.

Your Wendy Wu Tours fully inclusive Classic Tour includes return international economy airfares and visa fees, 16 nights in four star accommodation, all meals and domestic transportation, entrance fees and touring with an English speaking national escort.

Prices start from \$7980* for 16 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for all 2016 departures, subject to availability.



Mekong Odyssey

Colourful and charmingly chaotic, with a hint of spice, it's easy to see why Indochina has sailed effortlessly into the heart of many a traveller.

Discover countless and changing histories, landscapes and cultures on a journey through one of the most enchanting regions on the planet. Venture through Vietnam's cultural centres – vibrant Hanoi and charming Hoi An, natural wonders and fast-paced cities before a Pandaw cruise along the mighty Mekong. Finish up in the resilient land of Cambodia where the Temples of Angkor await your discovery.

Your Wendy Wu Tours fully inclusive Classic Tour includes return international economy airfares and visa fees, 20 nights in four star accommodation, all meals and domestic transportation, entrance fees and touring with an English speaking national escort.

Prices start from \$11,680* for 20 nights.

*Price is per person. Valid for all 2016 departures, subject to availability.

Mekong Delta, Vietnam



6

reasons villas beat hotel rooms in Bali

— Anna Howard —

New Zealanders' love affair with Bali is no fleeting romance. Bali seduces its visitors with a blend of culture, natural sun-soaked splendour and tropical charm alongside a heady dose of luxury and indulgence. Relaxed getaways come easily here, and while chic hotels are sprinkled right across the island, villas are fast becoming holidaymakers' accommodation of choice.



ONE

More chance for romance

Villas provide an intimate escape away from bustling resorts and replace fast-paced vibes with a relaxed and tranquil atmosphere. Bali's sultry, tropical climate also makes the island the perfect destination for loved-up pairs. A villa can provide many of the same luxuries as a high-end hotel but with the added benefit of complete privacy.

Hidden within the lush undulating hills of Bali's culture-rich highlands is the Chedi Club Tanah Gajah. Unlike other villas in Ubud, The Chedi stands flat amid a sprawl of rice fields as far as the eyes can see. With only 20 intimate villas, the seemingly endless paddy fields are the perfect backdrop for those seeking rejuvenation and romance.

Prices start from \$2349* for 5 nights in a One Bedroom Pool Villa with breakfast daily, sunset cocktail^ and a yoga class.

*Price is per person. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 15 Apr to 31 May and 1 Nov to 20 Dec 16. ^In villa, 6 to 7pm.



TWO

Family home-away-from-home

With private pools and open-plan living areas, you could liken a Balinese villa to a home away from home. Spacious villas offer as much benefit to families as they do couples.

The Villas Bali Hotel & Spa offers plenty of space for the whole brood. Spread out in sprawling one, two and three-bedroom villas, complete with open-plan living and garden areas. Kids will also love making a splash in their own private pool!

The Villas Bali Hotel & Spa offers its fair share of indulgences for parents too. It features two award-winning spas, Prana Spa and Chill Reflexology, with bespoke treatments that can be enjoyed in the luxurious spa atmosphere.

Prices start from \$1679* for 7 nights in a Two Bedroom Villa with a complimentary 30-minute aromatic bath and 20% off treatments at Prana Spa^ and lunches and dinners at Prana Restaurant^.

*Price is per person, family share, based on 2 adults and 2 children 3-11 years. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Apr to 22 Dec 16. ^Conditions apply.



THREE

An indoor outdoor paradise

Perhaps the greatest drawcard of staying in a Bali villa is the sense of being able to immerse yourself in your own private paradise. Nature lovers will especially love how these luxury properties bring the outdoors in.

The design of the resplendent Four Seasons Resort Jimbaran has been influenced by the fundamentals of Balinese village life and spacious villas are set within beautifully landscaped tropical gardens.

Each luxurious villa at the Four Seasons includes oversized indoor and outdoor living areas, lush gardens, a private plunge pool and sun terrace within a stone-walled courtyard featuring separate thatched-roof pavilions.

Prices start from \$1539* for 3 nights in a One Bedroom Villa with breakfast daily and private transfers.

*Price is per person. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Apr to 14 Jul and 1 to 30 Sep 16.



FOUR

Designer digs & bragging rights

From indulgent spa experiences to private chefs, villas in Bali come with plenty of bragging rights and glamorous extras.

Alila Villas Soori is arguably one of Bali's finest destinations for indulgence. Cool and sophisticated, this beachfront retreat on Bali's southwest coast offers the ultimate in personalised service. Whether you choose a one-bedroom villa or the lavish 10-bedroom Soori Estate featuring outdoor pavilions for opulent celebrations, all guests can expect the royal treatment and mesmerising ocean views.

Sink into treatment tables at Spa Alila, ignite your tastebuds with the perfectly balanced flavours at Ombak, Alila Villas Soori's signature dining experience or try 'Journeys by Alila' – a series of customised experiences crafted to gain a deeper understanding of Balinese culture.

Prices start from \$1919* for 4 nights in a Mountain Pool Villa with breakfast daily and private transfers.

*Price is per person. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Apr to 15 Jul and 16 Sep to 19 Dec 16.



FIVE

Sanctuary in the excitement

When it comes to choosing a villa in Bali, you don't always have to forsake 5-star resort spoils for languid seclusion. The Grand Nikko Bali in Nusa Dua strikes the perfect balance.

Light-filled villas of understated elegance are nestled in a private wing overlooking the ocean with private swimming pools, semi-open gazebos with living areas and spacious terraces.

Featuring four swimming pools, waterslide, tennis courts, secluded beach retreat and arguably one of Bali's best kids club. And if you prefer not to cook meals in your villa's private kitchen, the Grand Nikko Bali features a medley of international flavours across 12 dining experiences.

Prices start from \$3579* for 7 nights in a One Bedroom Ocean Pool Villa with breakfast, high tea and evening cocktails daily plus 24-hour butler service. Bonus 2 pieces of laundry per room, per day.

*Price is per person. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Apr to 14 Jul 16.



SIX

When six (or ten) is a crowd

Spacious bedrooms, separate bathrooms, open-plan living areas and oversized sun decks – all features of Bali's many beautiful villas. Multi-bedroom villas offer plenty of room for everyone and private pools provide a great spot to while away your days.

Not only do you have the luxury of privacy, but you'll also have personal staff to assist with cleaning and cooking, to ensure you and your friends make the most of relaxing on your holiday.

Peppers Seminyak offers three, four and five-bedroom villas just 500 metres from the beach. These ultra luxe spaces feature all the trimmings – private pools and 24-hour in-villa dining, affording you more memory-making moments than a hotel.

Prices start from \$2909* for 6 nights in a Three Bedroom Royal Pool Villa with breakfast daily plus a complimentary 3-course lunch for up to 6 people^.

*Price is per person, based on six share. Valid for sales until 30 Apr 16. Valid for travel 1 Apr to 14 Jun and 17 Sep to 23 Dec 16. ^One lunch per room, per stay.



Azamara's Mediterranean Delights

Gina Van Reenen of Masters & Kent Travel Associates in Wellington spent an enviable week with Azamara Club Cruises sailing the Mediterranean and taking in the excitement of the Monaco F1 Grand Prix.

Settling into the Azamara Quest's Looking Glass lounge bar with a glass of Italian wine while departing port and watching the city lights fade, one can be forgiven for never wanting to go home. Couple those views with the selection of dining options including casual buffet and specialty restaurants – we were in heaven.

Making our way to Portofino, we visited the stunning townships of the famed Cinque Terre, took the train between towns and wandered the cobbled streets of brightly painted houses before dining on locally made Italian pizza, a café latte or refreshing gelato.

Heading on to St Tropez, we wandered the market full of lovely pastries, meats, fresh produce and textiles, we explored the small streets with their boutique shops and cafes then enjoyed a relaxing visit to Thalassotherapy Spa & Lounge when we embarked back on board.

Arriving in Monaco, the day of excitement had finally arrived, and after breakfast delivered to our suite we disembarked and wandered the marina and castled streets lined with bars, restaurants and merchandise stalls before watching the Porche 911, Formula Renault and the of course the famed V8 Formula 1 race. The noise was just incredible!

Rocks-A-Plenty

Robyn Thornley of Thornley & Turner Travel Associates in Blenheim travelled with Globus on an unforgettable adventure through North America, changing her opinion of rocks forever.

I love tours – the opportunity to travel with like-minded people, making friends from all over the world and have all the legwork done for you is a dream! Upon joining the tour in Arizona, our guide proclaimed 'I hope you like rocks, you'll see plenty'. I'd never thought to have much of an opinion on rocks, however that's all changed now! On this trip, we encountered rocks of a myriad of colours, enchanting landscapes and the most mind-blowing formations I've ever seen.

Our adventure had us exploring cactus-studded deserts, quiet towns, huge rock formations rising out of the earth as far as the eye could see, before walking the rim of the Grand Canyon itself, a magnificent Natural Wonder of the World. Settling on the hotel deck with cocktails in hand to watch the sun set over the Grand Canyon was spectacular! Watching the sun rise in the canyon the following morning and the changing colours reflecting off the canyon walls with the mighty Colorado River winding along far below was most definitely another highlight as was the helicopter tour of the canyon.

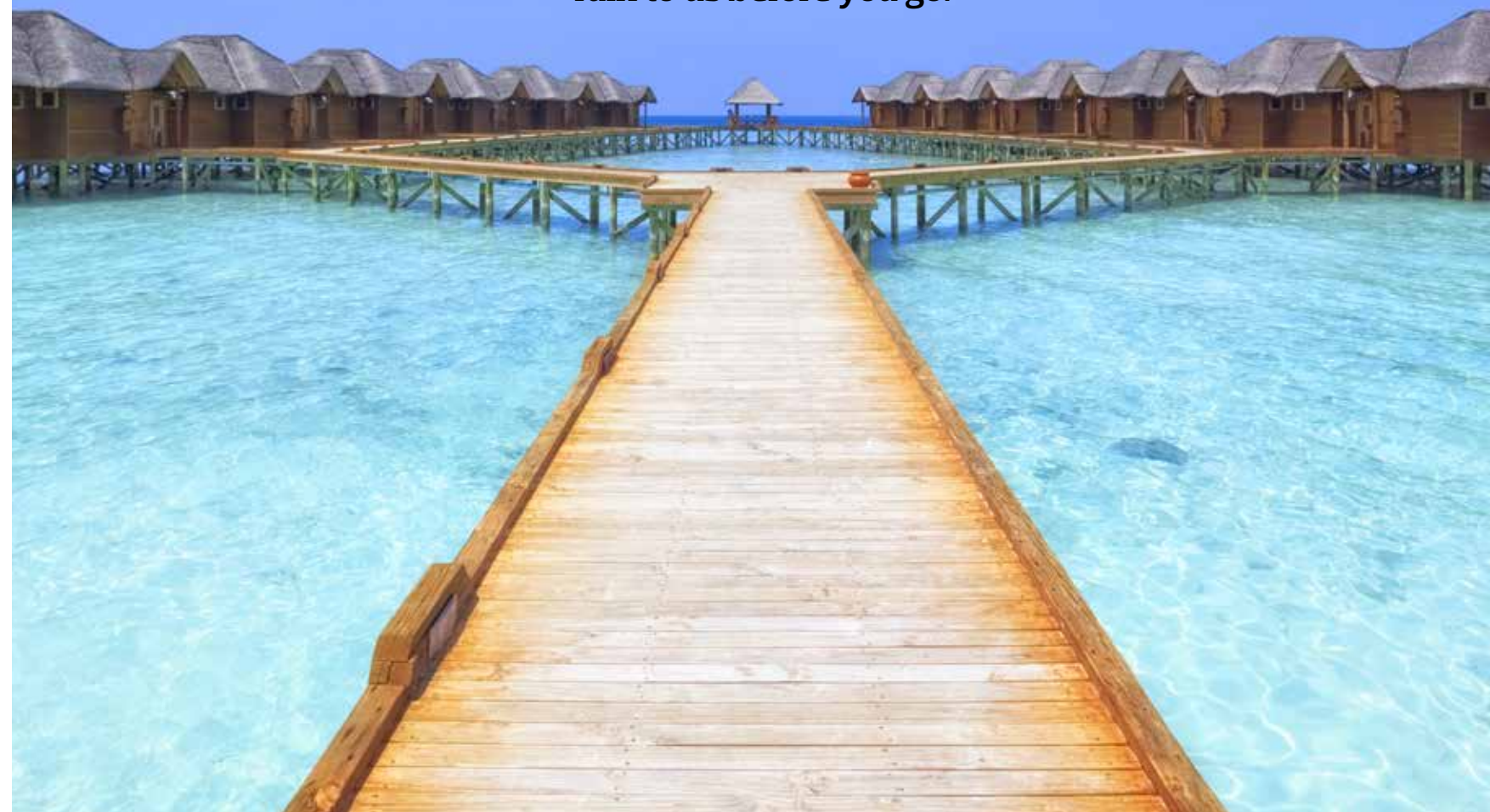
On to Monument Valley, deep in the heart of a Navajo Reservation, this barren landscape of dusty red earth with sandstone spires and towers rises hundreds of meters and is the location of many Wild West movies. We spent a night at Lake Powell, a man-made lake of epic proportions with sparkling blue waters contrasted with red rock walls and sandy beaches, followed by a cruise exploring the lakes' many canyons – another highlight.

Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, we arrived at Bryce Canyon where wind and water has spent centuries shaping the sandstone into spires, arches and pillars of brilliant reds, yellows and pinks. Here was a great place to leave our journey of rocks before ending the tour in the glitzy chaos of Las Vegas.



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