



Call of the Wild

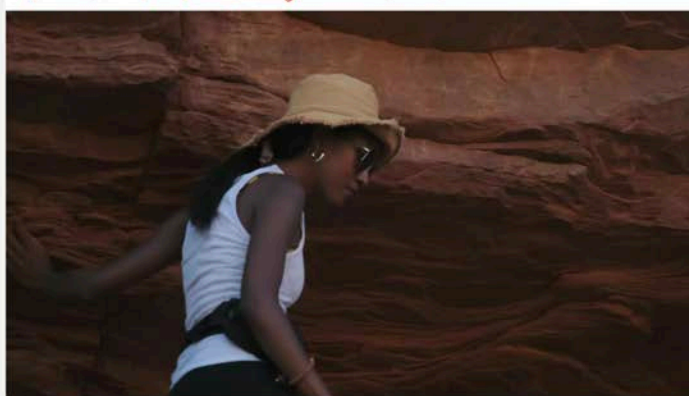
Strike out beyond the urban landscapes of North America to adventure into the untamed wilderness

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There's nothing like the great outdoors to lift the spirits and restore body and mind. And few places offer more variety than North America. From rugged mountains in Colorado, through subtropical waterways in the Everglades and up mountain peaks in Quebec, these lands offer endless trails, winding rivers, sheer rock faces and even volcano craters to explore.



Hike Antelope Canyon in Arizona



Explore the intricate passageways carved by wind and water over centuries as you marvel at the play of light and shadow on the canyon walls. Tours here are only allowed with an official Navajo guide, as the canyon is protected. You'll start your adventure just outside Page, near the Arizona-Utah border, in a four-wheel-drive vehicle bouncing over sand dunes to reach the canyon. Plan to be here at noon when golden shafts of light reach through the canyon, creating an otherworldly shimmering effect.

Where to Stay

Choose [Sedona Summit, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) and unwind in one of the spacious 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suites after a day of adventuring. Four swimming pools, a playground and a game room will keep the kids busy while adults enjoy the hot tub.

Just an hour's drive from Phoenix, [Rancho Mañana, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) features 2-Bedroom Suites with full gourmet kitchens. Take a patio seat at the restaurant with views over the Rancho Mañana Golf Club and enjoy classic Southwestern flavors.

Above: Millions of years of geological history create an otherworldly experience at Antelope Canyon

Left: Choose [Sedona Summit, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) for a convenient and family-friendly post-adventure stay



Dog Sled or Horseback Ride in Mont-Tremblant



Above: For a memorable mountain escape, try dog-sledding in Mont-Tremblant



Left: Enjoy a stay at the well-equipped, family-friendly Tremblant, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club

Experience the exhilaration of dog sledding through pristine snow-covered landscapes or saddle up for a picturesque horseback ride through scenic valley trails in Canada's Quebec Laurentian region. In winter you can drive a team of dogs or cozy up as a passenger under warm blankets and let someone else do the steering while you feel the rush of crisp air and the excitement of gliding swiftly through silent, snow-laden forests. Once the snow melts, you can shift gear to explore the mountain on horseback. Meander along winding trails that showcase Mont-Tremblant's diverse ecosystems while trotting through fragrant pine forests and past breathtaking vantage points. Revel in the tranquility of nature and keep an eye out for local wildlife, including white-tailed deer.

Where to Stay

Close to the resort village and famous ski hill, [Tremblant, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) offers 1-, 2- and 3-Bedroom Suites with spacious patios overlooking meadows and mountain views. Splash around in the outdoor seasonal pool and hot tub or enjoy a family night at the movie theater.

Zipline the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee



Above: Experience the thrill of adrenaline while ziplining the Smoky Mountains



Left: The cozy Sunrise Ridge Resort is a comforting home away from home in the Smoky Mountains

Strap into your harness and feel the exhilaration as you soar through the misty forests of the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. From the bustling tourist town of Pigeon Forge, venture into the heart of Appalachian wilderness for an unforgettable zipline adventure. Glide from mountaintop to mountaintop on instructor-led courses, with options suitable for all ages (kids ages four and up) and ability levels, ensuring your entire family can partake in the excitement. As you zip through the canopy, you'll breathe in the crisp mountain air scented with pine and wildflowers while zooming over a tapestry of ancient hardwoods and rhododendron thickets. You might hear the calls of native birds like the wood thrush or the vibrant scarlet tanager, or catch sight of one of the area's many waterfalls, its misty spray creating rainbows in the dappled sunlight.

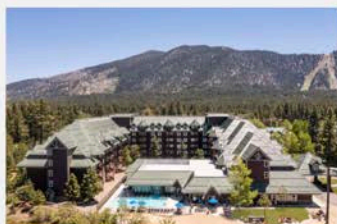
Where to Stay

Located in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, [Sunrise Ridge Resort](#) is the perfect base to explore the region. The 1- or 2-Bedroom Suites feature cozy fireplaces and a washing machine and dryer for added convenience. Enjoy a workout at the fitness center in the pools before grilling dinner on the barbecue.

Sail Lake Tahoe in California



Above: Lake Tahoe offers unique and varied on-the-water experiences



Left: Enjoy a forest location minutes from the water at the [Hilton Vacation Club Lake Tahoe Resort](#)

Set sail on the crystal-clear waters of Lake Tahoe, where the Sierra Nevada peaks form a majestic backdrop. Choose from a variety of vessels — sleek catamarans, classic motorboats, graceful sailboats or elegant cruises — each offering a unique perspective. Watch osprey and bald eagles soar as you cruise past lakeside mansions nestled among towering ponderosa pines, their architecture a blend of rustic charm and modern luxury. Or sail into Emerald Bay, a turquoise inlet dominated by the fairytale-like Vikingsholm Castle. Admire the untouched wilderness and shorelines of Sugar Pine Point State Park and you'll understand why Mark Twain called this lake "the fairest picture the whole Earth affords."

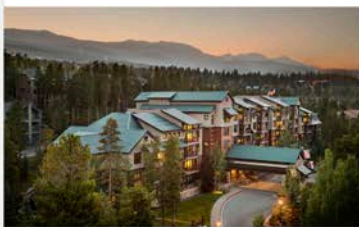
Where to Stay

Stay minutes from the lakeshore in the nearby [Hilton Vacation Club Lake Tahoe Resort](#). Your 1- or 2-Bedroom Suite comes with a fully equipped kitchen, as well as on-site swimming pools, a games room and communal firepits to enjoy time with friends and family.

Bike or Whitewater Raft in Colorado



Above: Colorado offers river thrills to remember



Left: Savor a stay in Breckenridge at **Valdoro Mountain Lodge, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club**

Take the adventure up a notch with an adrenaline-pumping whitewater rafting expedition on the Blue River, Royal Gorge or Colorado River. Plunge through frothing rapids and navigate around boulders and soak in the stunning beauty of steep canyon walls on calmer stretches. For a less demanding way to feel the crisp mountain air, try riding an e-bike along rugged trails as you conquer challenging inclines with ease and experience panoramic views of snow-capped peaks and wildflower-dotted meadows without breaking a sweat. Whether you're a biking enthusiast or a watersports lover, Breckenridge offers the perfect combination of outdoor adventure and fun for a variety of skill levels.

Where to Stay

Located within walking distance of the town and many activities, [Valdoro Mountain Lodge, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) has spacious 1-, 2- and 3-Bedroom Suites, some with amazing balcony views of the Rocky Mountains and a spa to enjoy.

Tour the San Andreas Fault in California



Above: Few places provide a better glimpse of Earth's dynamic changes than the San Andreas Fault



Left: Make **Palm Canyon, a Hilton Vacation Club** your base to enjoy a relaxing vacation

Ready for the ultimate off-road adventure with a Jeep tour of the iconic San Andreas Fault in Palm Springs? Feel the thrill of driving through the rocky terrain, exploring the otherworldly desert landscapes and ancient canyons of the fault line that shaped California's landscape. Look up to see towering rock formations and panoramic vistas, while learning about the region's geology and natural history from knowledgeable guides. You might glimpse roadrunners darting among the cacti or simply marvel at the area's narrow slot canyons, their walls polished smooth by millennia of wind and water erosion.

Where to Stay

Sheltered within the Coachella Valley, [Palm Canyon, a Hilton Vacation Club](#) features a large, luxurious swimming pool with a water slide to entertain the kids. Relax in your 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suite with either patio or balcony views of the desert landscape.

Hike a Volcano or Explore Lava Tubes in Maui



Above: Witness geology in action over and underground on Maui

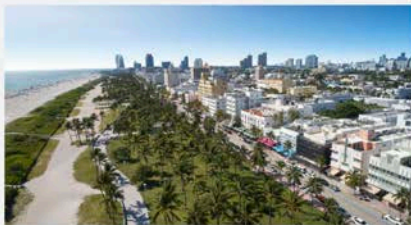
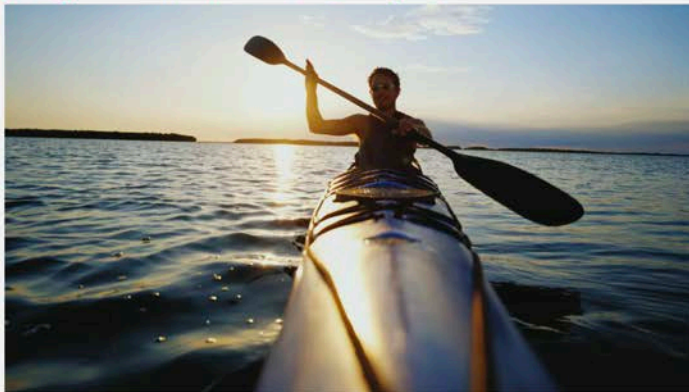
Left: Relax at **Hilton Vacation Club Ka'anapali Beach** after a day of exploration

Marvel at the expansive crater and otherworldly landscapes of Haleakala National Park as you ascend the dormant Haleakala volcano, which forms most of Maui's landmass. A pre-dawn hike is a thrilling way to witness a spectacular sunrise from the summit, 10,023 feet (3,055 metres) above sea level — and as the sun comes up, the moon-like terrain of the crater is revealed. Alternatively, explore the fascinating lava tube systems along Maui's rugged coastline. Navigate the pitch-black caverns of Ka'eleku Caverns near Hana, where stalactites and stalagmites create an eerie underground sculpture garden. At Wai'anapanapa State Park, a water-filled lava tube leads to crystal-clear freshwater pools. These underground passages, carved by ancient lava flows, offer a unique perspective on the island's fiery volcanic history.

Where to Stay

Stay at the [Hilton Vacation Club Ka'anapali Beach](#) which has spacious 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites. Enjoy floating around in the swimming pool, play a round of golf or go for a work out at the fitness center.

Kayak in the Florida Everglades



Above: Connect with Florida's natural side on an Everglades kayaking trip

Left: Combine an urban experience with wilderness exploration by staying at **McAlpin Ocean Plaza, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club** on South Beach

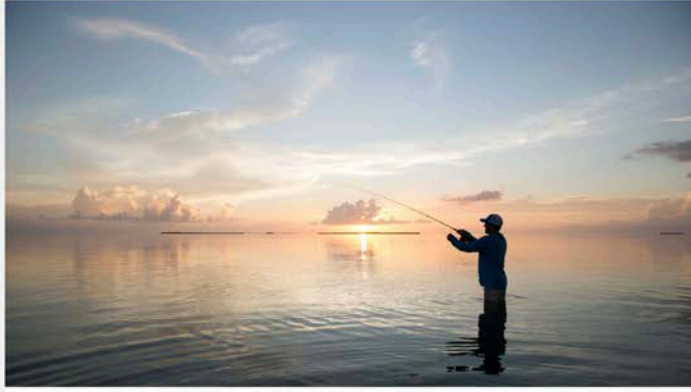
Experience kayaking at its finest in the Everglades National Park, Big Cypress or Ten Thousand Islands through mangrove forests, freshwater marshes, subtropical channels and hidden creeks. The Everglades offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. Taking to the water and gently paddling its waterways is a peaceful opportunity to reconnect with nature and discover the magic of Florida's wild side. Look out for manatees, sea turtles and dolphins on your adventure.

Where to Stay

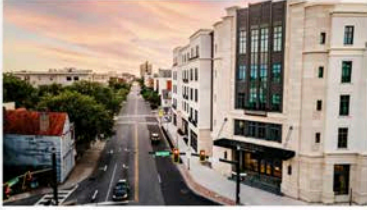
Relax in your 2-Bedroom Suite at [Charter Club Resort of Naples Bay](#), less than an hour's drive from the Everglades National Park's entrance. Suites feature a full kitchen, washer and dryer and a screened porch. You can rent bikes to explore the local area or fishing gear for a day on the water.

Located in South Beach, 84 miles from the Everglades, [McAlpin Ocean Plaza, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#) offers bright, stylish 1- and 2-Bedroom Suites with spacious living and dining areas in an oceanfront property.

Go Saltwater Flats Fishing in South Carolina



Above: Experience the thrill of line-fishing in South Carolina's beautiful saltwater flats



Left: Enjoy a stay full of sophistication at **Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club**

Experience saltwater flats fishing in Charleston, South Carolina by casting your line into shallow waters teeming with redfish, trout and flounder as you navigate pristine marshes and tidal creeks. Seasoned anglers and novice fishers alike will find Charleston's saltwater flats the perfect place to practice, surrounded by breathtaking coastal scenery and abundant wildlife as a backdrop to the excitement of hooking a trophy fish. Seasoned anglers and novice fishers alike will find Charleston's saltwater flats the perfect place to practice, where salty air, breathtaking coastal scenery and warm sunshine add to the ambience of an unforgettable back-to-nature adventure.

Where to Stay

Choose the elegant [Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club](#), perfectly situated in the historic district. Your 1- or 2-Bedroom Suite features king-size beds and walk-in showers, as well as a convenient kitchenette.

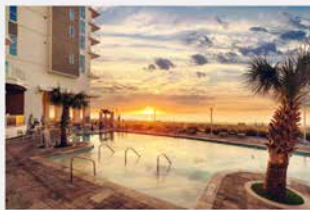
Horseback Ride in Myrtle Beach



Take the reins on a scenic horseback ride along the pristine sun-kissed beaches of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Depending on the time of year, you'll ride with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean stretching out before you or along beautiful country trails inland. Trips can be tailored for an extreme wind-in-hair gallop (for experienced riders only) or a more gentle and leisurely trot. For a memorable experience, choose to ride at sunset and watch the horizon change as the setting sun casts hues of gold, orange and pink across the sky.

Where to Stay

Enjoy the convenience of direct beach access when you choose [Ocean Enclave, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#). Dine in your 1-, 2- or 3-Bedroom Suite, which features a fully equipped kitchen, or treat yourself to a meal at the on-site restaurant. Take a few laps in the indoor and outdoor pools or visit the state-of-the-art fitness center to keep up with your exercise goals.



Above: Saddle up for a unique way to experience Myrtle Beach's expansive shoreline

Left: You'll never be far from the beach at **Ocean Enclave, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club**

Member Resort Availability

	HGVClub	HGVClub With HGV Max	The Club	The Club With HGV Max	Extraordinary Escapes	Extraordinary Escapes With HGV Max
Sedona Summit, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Rancho Mañana, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Tremblant, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club		✓		✓	✓	✓
Sunrise Ridge Resort		✓	✓	✓		✓
Hilton Vacation Club Lake Tahoe Resort		✓	✓	✓		✓
Valdoro Mountain Lodge, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Palm Canyon, a Hilton Vacation Club		✓	✓	✓		✓
Hilton Vacation Club Ka'anapali Beach		✓	✓	✓		✓
Charter Club Resort of Naples Bay		✓	✓	✓		✓
McAlpin Ocean Plaza, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Liberty Place Charleston, a Hilton Club	✓	✓		✓		✓
Ocean Enclave, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club	✓	✓		✓		✓