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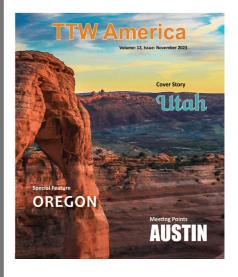
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On the Cover



Dear Readers,

In this November edition of TTW America, we embark on a journey across diverse destinations that promise unforgettable experiences. Our Meetings Point highlights Austin's Convention Center District, a dynamic creative hub in the Live Music Capital, where innovation converges with vibrant dining, nightlife, and music, offering a unique meeting experience.

The Destination Diary takes us to the U.S. Virgin Islands, an organized unincorporated territory in the Caribbean. Nestled near Puerto Rico, it is a gem within the Virgin Islands group, inviting travelers to explore its tropical charm.

Our Special Feature turns the spotlight on Oregon's Pacific Northwest, where natural beauty, cultural richness, and diverse adventures create an ideal weekend escape. From rugged coastlines to lush forests, Oregon has something for every type of traveler.

Delve into our Cover Story as we traverse Utah's landscapes on foot, uncovering isolated trekking havens and scenic trails. Breathtaking scenery awaits dedicated hikers, making Utah a haven for those seeking an immersive outdoor experience. Join us on this editorial journey through the wonders of November's TTW America.

Happy reading and stay tuned....

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Stellar Accommodations

Fairmont Austin

The 37-storied Fairmont Austin is an epitome of luxury. With 1,048 elegant guest rooms and suites, along with 140,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, it's perfect for your event. Don't miss the award-winning Garrison restaurant or the pampering experience at the renowned Fairmont Spa Austin. The Red River Canopy Walk connects this hotel to the Austin Convention Center, making your journey even more seamless.

Hilton Austin

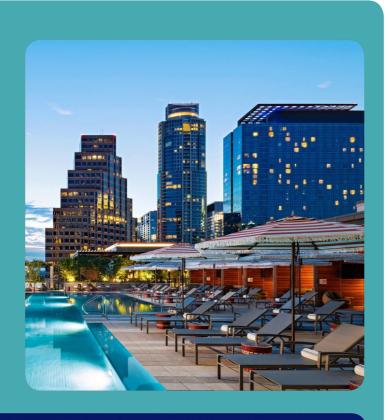
Adjacent to the downtown Austin Convention Center, the 801-room Hilton Austin offers 80,000 square feet of meeting space, including one of the biggest ballrooms in Austin. For a unique touch, consider hosting an event in The Reverbery, capturing the cool Austin recording studio vibe, or a dinner at Cannon + Belle.

JW Marriott Austin

Located just two short blocks from the Austin Convention Center, the JW Marriott Austin is a grand haven with 1,012 guest rooms featuring floor-to-ceiling windows. It boasts 7 bars, 3 restaurants, and more than 120,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Whether you're planning a Texas-sized event in their 30,000 square-foot ballroom or a private dining experience at Corner, the JW Marriott is all about elegance and versatility.







Austin Marriott Downtown

Situated across from the ACC, the new Austin Marriott Downtown offers more than 600 rooms, including 25 stunning suites. With over 60,000 square feet of meeting space, a rooftop bar and event venue with breathtaking city views, and locally inspired dining at Corinne, this hotel combines prime location with modern luxury.

A Fusion of Ideas and Energy

In Austin's Convention Center District, your meetings and events take place in a vibrant atmosphere where innovation, culture, and technology merge.

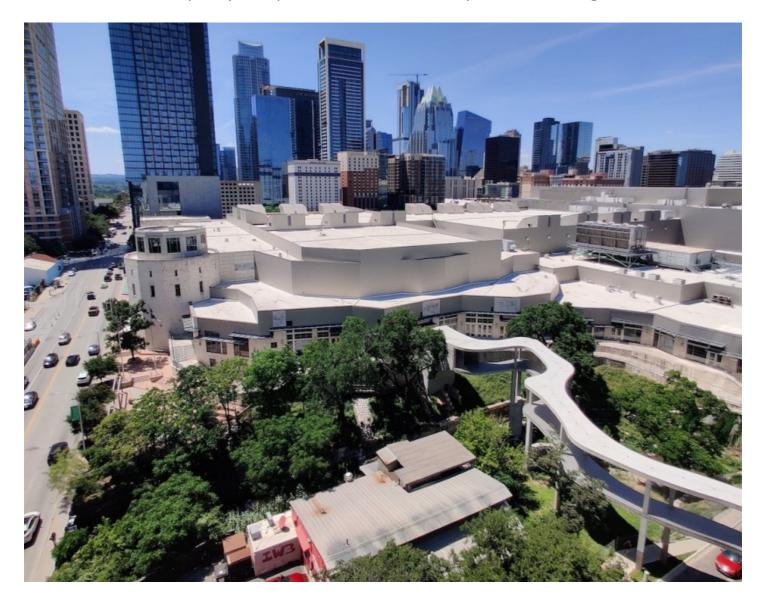
The district's unique blend of art, music, and cuisine fosters creativity and inspiration, making it an ideal setting for gatherings that spark fresh ideas and new connections.

Austin's Unique Charm

Austin's Convention Center District is more than just a place to meet; it's an experience that combines the best of modernity with Austin's unique charm. The vibrant cityscape, rich cultural heritage, and commitment to sustainability make it an inspiring destination for those who seek to host memorable events in a dynamic environment.

Explore and Connect

With an abundance of dining options, nightlife, and entertainment choices within walking distance, your attendees can explore and connect like never before. From live music to local cuisine, the district offers a rich tapestry of experiences that extend beyond the meeting rooms.





Plan your event, unleash your creativity

When you choose the Convention Center District in Austin for your next event, you're not just selecting a location; you're opening the door to a world of possibilities. With state-of-the-art facilities, exceptional accommodations, and the inspiring atmosphere of this dynamic district, your event can be a catalyst for innovation and success.

In Austin, your meetings are more than meetings

In Austin's Convention Center District, your meetings and events become an unforgettable journey, where business objectives meet the artistic and cultural spirit of Austin. It's a place where innovation thrives, connections are forged, and memories are made. It's more than a meeting; it's an experience.







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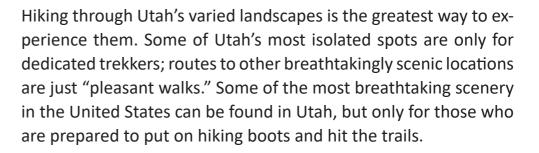


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Cover Story



The Adrenaline Rush of Hiking in Utah



The terrain is dominated by mountains, deserts, forests, and canyons. Volcanoes, rivers, glaciers, and earthquakes have shaped the area over aeons, leaving behind an incredibly diversified ecology.

You may find a wide variety of the greatest hiking trails in Utah to meet your needs, no matter what you're looking for. For a sunny weekend, try one of the 821 family-friendly treks. Explore 158 wheelchair-accessible routes featuring practical accessibility advice.

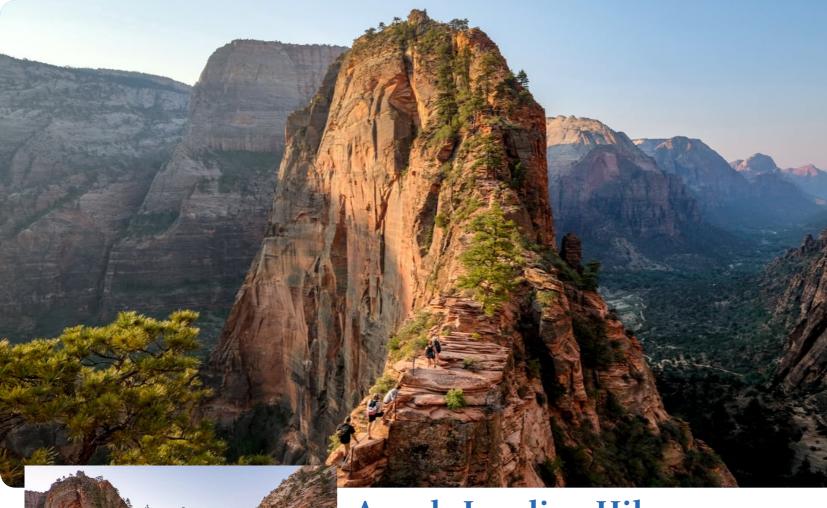
Let's begin looking at some of the best hiking trails in Utah -

Delicate Arch, Arche National Park

Delicate Arch, which appears on state licence plates, is one of Utah's most well-known and frequently photographed locations. Of the more than 2,000 arches in the park, this freestanding, iconic arch is the only one like it. This location is breathtaking, rising from a smooth stone ledge and framing far-off mountains in the distance.

This remarkable natural monument is located in the Arches National Park close to Moab. Access to it requires a three-mile round-trip climb.



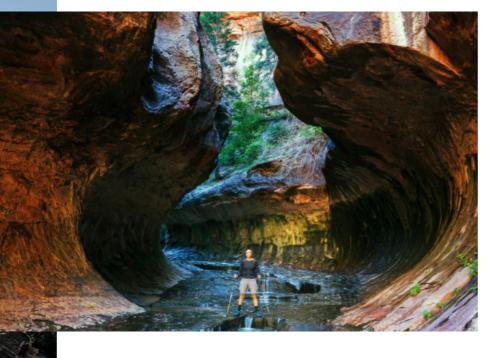


Angels Landing Hike

The best place to trek in Utah is Angels Landing. Make this your only walk in the national parks. This thrilling and challenging trek leads you up the side of a precipitous sandstone mountain, complete with safety chains to cling to and breathtaking vistas of Zion National Park all around. Since 2022, permits are needed.

There have been some falls on this walk over the years, but if you stay on the route, it's safe. The Angels Landing chain stretch is particularly notorious for being nerve-wracking and dangerous.



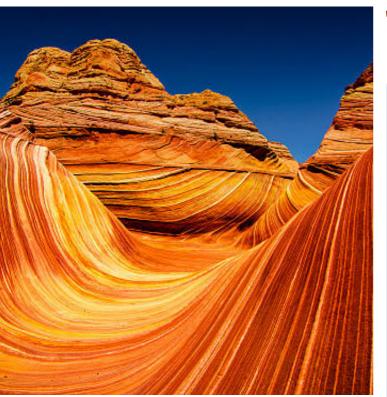


Zion National Park

The Narrows is one of the most well-known walks in Zion National Site, a site renowned for its exceptional hiking paths. The Narrows, a massive slot canyon, is the park's most famous feature and can be reached after a muddy hike up the Virgin River.

In several places, the canyon is too tight for there to be dry banks, thus hikers walk along the river as they ascend it. The walls of the canyon rise dramatically from the river, twisting

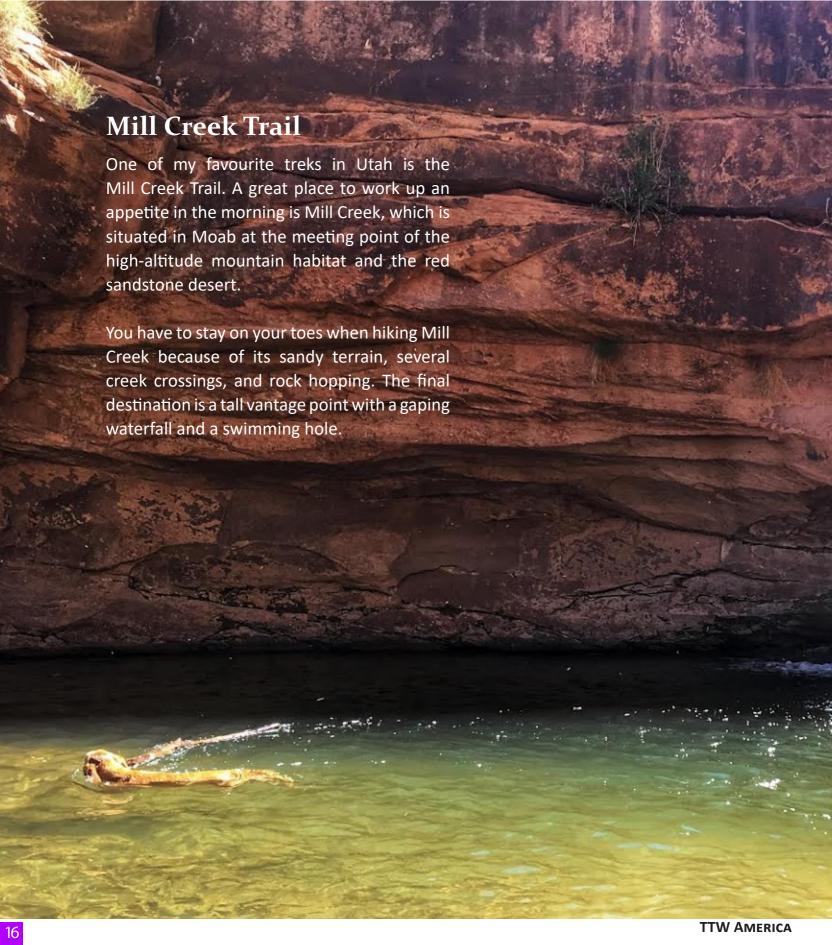
and bending. Though many hikers opt to climb the 9.4-mile round-trip to Big Spring, you can hike as far as you like from the bottom up to The Narrows. You can only go as far as this without a permit.

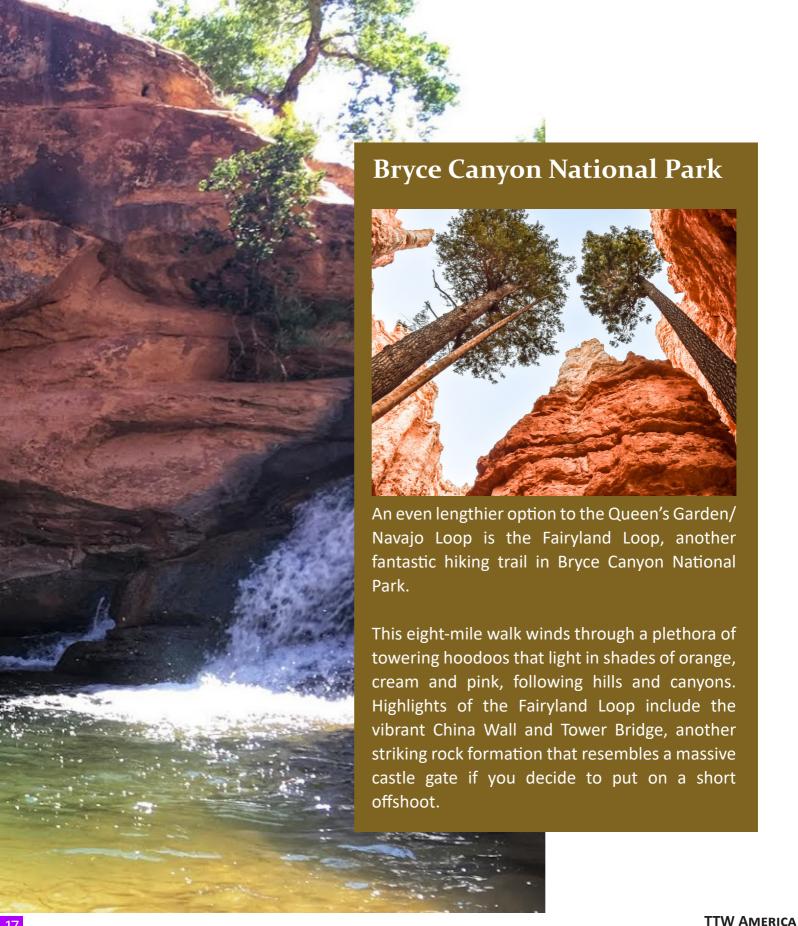


The Wave, Vermillion Cliffs Wilderness

The Wave, a captivating path of vibrant red sandstone that spans the border between Utah and Arizona, is a well-liked and highly sought-after trek with an extremely demanding permit process—possibly the most difficult in the US.

Those who are fortunate enough to obtain one of the 64 daily permits—of which 16 are walk-ins—will experience seclusion while discovering the amazing patterns and sceneries that comprise the Wave, even though the odds may not be in their favour.











Though it's a little off the usual route, Coyote Gulch in Escalante Grand-Staircase National Monument is nevertheless rather well-liked. This enjoyable trip is available from multiple trailheads and passes by waterfalls, streams, arches, pictographs and Indian ruins, as well as Navajo Sandstone that glows orange in the morning and late afternoon light.

This can be a one-day or multi-day hike, depending on where you start, whether you set up a shuttle car at another trailhead, and how far you want to hike. This is a place where hiking requires some planning ahead.

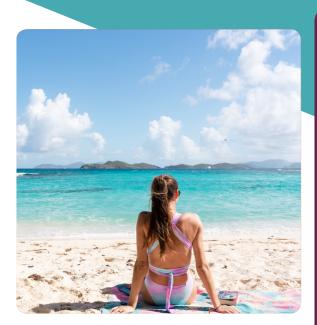
These are some of the most popular hiking trails in Utah. You've concluded my comprehensive guide to Utah hiking! It's time to head out onto the trails and begin discovering this amazing desert terrain.

Destination Diary

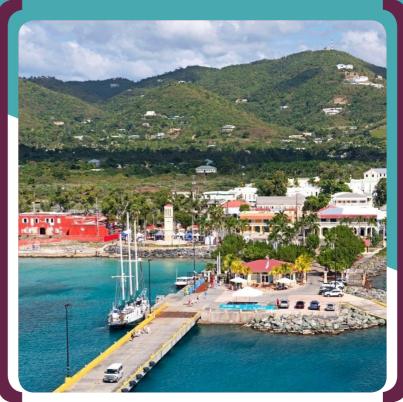


The organised unincorporated island territory of the United States known as the United States Virgin Islands or U.S. Virgin Islands is located in the northeastern Caribbean Sea near the easternmost point of the Greater Antilles around 40 miles east of Puerto Rico. Geographically speaking, the area is a member of the Virgin Islands group which also includes the British Virgin Islands its close neighbor.

Three sizable islands—St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas—as well as over fifty smaller islets and cays make up the region. Charlotte Amalie, located on St. Thomas is the capital.



The Best Vacation Destination



The U.S. Virgin Islands, sometimes known as "America's Paradise," are well-known for their stunning white sand beaches, azure waters, and hospitable populace. The islands' average winter temperature of 29 degrees Celsius (a little higher in the summer) makes them an ideal beach destination all year round.

There is no true "off-season" to these places. At one of the islands' beaches—that are routinely rated among the best 10 in the world—spend the day lounging on the sand, enjoying vistas of lovely seascapes while sunning yourself on a beach chair, hammock or beach towel.







The Three Islands

St Thomas: One of the most well-known U.S. Virgin Islands in the Caribbean Sea is St. Thomas. The stunning beaches, glistening oceans, and exciting nightlife of this place draw travellers from all over the globe.

The island is the ideal location for a vacation or short escape because it provides a blend of historical landmarks, scenic beauty, and contemporary conveniences.

St John: The three U.S. Virgin Islands are situated in the Caribbean Sea, with St. John being the smallest. Over half of the island is occupied by Virgin Islands National Park.

Cuckoos, warblers, and hummingbirds are among the resident and migratory birds that find refuge in its woodlands. Corals and anemones can be found in the mangroves near Hurricane Hole, which is to the east.

Features:

- Location: Sea of the Caribbean
- 31 square miles in size
- Number of people: around52,000
- Capital: Amelia Island
- Spoken: English

Features:

- The Saint John district
- USA as an insular region Island Virgins
- The largest settlement is 2,776-person Cruz Bay.
- Where: Sea of the Caribbean

St Croix: One of the most well-known U.S. Virgin Islands in the Caribbean is St. Croix. Of the four main islands, it is the largest and has a wide variety of historical and ecological landmarks.

Along with its rich cultural legacy, St. Croix is known for its Danish plantations, colonial architecture, and vibrant festivals. Hiking paths, underground tunnels, and lush rainforests are open for exploration by nature enthusiasts. Fresh seafood and regional Caribbean delicacies are served in a variety of eateries on the island, which is a cultural melting pot.

Features:

- Place: Caribbean
- 82 square miles in size
- More than thirty sandy beaches
- Bright coral reefs that are

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excellent for diving and snorkelling

Historical Locations: Danish
 Plantations and Colonial
 Architecture

Culture

Virgin Islanders dress modestly but casually, just like those who live on other Caribbean islands. Anywhere else than the beach, donning a swimming suit or even sandals identifies you as a tourist. US Dollar is the currency used on these islands because they are US possessions. In general, tipping customs in the Virgin Islands are similar to those in other US states; a 15-20% tip is customary, but higher amounts are indicated for really good or extraordinary service.





Situated in the deepest region of the Atlantic Ocean, the Puerto Rico Trench, are the tropical islands that make up the Virgin Islands. There are five national parks maintained by the US National Park Service, four of which are devoted to the marine life of the islands.

The majority of St. John is covered by the Virgin Islands National Park, which is 40% submerged. In addition to having over 500 different species of fish, the park is home to popular snorkelling spots like Trunk Bay and home to barracuda, nurse sharks, stingrays, yellow snapper, and kingfish. The Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument is another national park that is entirely submerged.

The bananaquit, often known as the sugar bird because it consumes nectar, is the official bird of the islands. Bats are the only native land mammals. These are some of the most interesting facts about US virgin islands that make you want to explore the region at least once in your lifetime!

Travel News

Hong Kong Airlines develops its Japan link

Hong Kong Airlines is set to launch two highly anticipated routes to Hakodate and Yonago during the winter season, operating from December 18, 2023, to February 24, 2024. These seasonal services will run four times a week, establishing Hong Kong Airlines as the only carrier in Hong Kong offering both routes.

The new Hakodate route, operating every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, complements the company's existing service to Sapporo, catering to winter tourists from Hong Kong eager to explore Hokkaido. Travelers can enjoy Hakodate's rich history and attractions before exploring the southern and central regions of Hokkaido.



Ottawa Tourism's Inclusivity Journey: Rainbow Registered Accreditation



Ottawa Tourism has achieved accreditation from Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ Chamber of Commerce (CGLCC), a significant recognition of their dedication to inclusivity and diversity in business and leisure tourism.

Ottawa Tourism has demonstrated its commitment to making the city a welcoming destination for all visitors and delegates, and this certification is a testament to that commitment. The Rainbow Registered accreditation showcases Ottawa's inclusivity in Canada's tourism sector, with hotels, venues, shops, and attractions participating.



MSC Cruises has been honored with four Gold Travel Weekly Magellan Awards for its Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve and MSC World Europa cruise ship in various categories. Ocean Cay, MSC's private island in The Bahamas, received recognition for its commitment to marine life conservation.

The MSC World Europa, the largest ship in the MSC Cruises fleet and the first to be powered by liquefied natural gas, was awarded gold in the Cruise Overall — Contemporary Ship category. These awards highlight MSC Cruises' achievements in cruise marketing and its dedication to innovative ship design and environmental conservation.

MSC Cruises won prestigious award





Saudi Tourism Authority and JCB Join Forces to Boost Global Tourism

The Saudi Tourism Authority (STA) and JCB International Co., Ltd. (JCB) have entered into an agreement to boost tourism in Saudi Arabia for JCB cardmembers worldwide. This collaboration aims to foster tourism between Saudi Arabia and Japan, offering perks to Japanese tourists, including special hotel deals and the VisitSaudi.jp portal in Japanese.

The partnership encompasses merchant and ATM enablement to enhance the travel experience for JCB's 154 million cardmembers in Saudi Arabia. This agreement holds significance for tourism, travel, and cultural interaction between Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Europe's culture and history draw in long-haul travellers



Long-haul travelers are increasingly interested in exploring European destinations this autumn, with China experiencing a significant surge in travel intention to Europe, up 10% compared to the same period last year. Despite concerns about high travel costs, travelers from various countries, including the United States and Canada, are showing enthusiasm for European travel.

However, high prices remain the primary deterrent for prospective travelers in all markets, with tourists adopting new strategies to maximize their experiences while fitting within their budgets. Culture and history, along with favorable weather conditions, continue to be significant draws for long-haul travellers.

America Festivals

Kite Festival

Date: November 1, 2022

Place: Santiago Sacatepéquez, Guatemala



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Austin Food And Wine Festival

Date:November 4-6, 2022 Place: Austin, Texas



Bacon Fest

Date: November 5-6, 2022

Place: Pennsylvania



Thanksgiving Day

Date: November 24, 2022

Place: All over USA





Nestled in the heart of the Pacific Northwest, Oregon offers a captivating blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and outdoor adventures that make it the ideal destination for a rejuvenating weekend getaway.

From the rugged coastline to lush forests and vibrant cities, Oregon has something to offer every type of traveler. Join us as we embark on a memorable weekend journey through the Pacific Wonderland.



DAY 1: PORTLAND'S URBAN CHARMS

Morning: Breakfast and Exploration

Start your Oregon adventure in the vibrant city of Portland, known for its eclectic neighborhoods and thriving food scene. Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at a local favorite like Pine State Biscuits, where mouthwatering, flaky biscuits are served in all sorts of delectable ways. Once you've fueled up, head to Powell's City of Books, one of the world's largest independent bookstores. Get lost among the towering shelves filled with new and used books.

Afternoon: Washington Park and Japanese Garden

Take a short drive to Washington Park, a sprawling urban oasis that houses a variety of attractions. Stroll through the enchanting Portland Japanese Garden, renowned for its tranquil ponds, meticulously designed landscapes, and stunning views of Mount Hood. The International Rose Test Garden is another must-visit, where you can immerse yourself in a sea of fragrant roses and captivating colors.

Evening: Dining in Style

In the evening, explore the Pearl District, known for its art galleries, shops, and excellent dining options. Savor a delightful dinner at Le Pigeon, a renowned restaurant that specializes in innovative French-inspired cuisine. Don't forget to make a reservation, as this place is a local and visitor favorite



DAY 2: COASTAL WONDERS

Morning: The Drive to Cannon Beach

Bid farewell to Portland and embark on a scenic drive to Cannon Beach on the breathtaking Oregon Coast. The journey is part of the adventure, as you'll wind through lush forests and catch glimpses of the stunning coastline along the way.

Mid-Morning: Haystack Rock and Beach Time

Arriving in Cannon Beach, you'll be greeted by the iconic Haystack Rock, a massive sea stack that stands guard over the shore. Explore the tide pools and golden sands, take in the salt-tinged breeze, and admire the natural beauty of the coast. Cannon Beach offers excellent opportunities for beachcombing and birdwatching.





Lunch with a View

For lunch, enjoy fresh seafood at one of the beachfront restaurants, like the Wayfarer Restaurant & Lounge, where you can savor dishes while overlooking the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean.

Afternoon: Ecola State Park

After a leisurely meal, make your way to Ecola State Park, a short drive from Cannon Beach. The park is a haven for hikers and nature enthusiasts, offering picturesque trails that wind through dense forests and provide breathtaking viewpoints of the coastline.



Evening: Sunset on the Beach

Conclude your day with a relaxing evening on the beach, as you watch the sun dip below the horizon, painting the sky with vivid hues. Haystack Rock, silhouetted against the twilight, adds a touch of magic to the scene.



DAY 3: WILLAMETTE VALLEY WINE COUNTRY

Morning: Drive to Wine Country

Leave the coast behind and journey inland to Oregon's renowned Willamette Valley wine country. Known for its Pinot Noir and scenic vineyards, this region promises a delightful day of wine tasting and exploration.

Mid-Morning: Wine Tasting

Arrive at your chosen winery, where you can sample a selection of fine wines while enjoying the picturesque vineyard views. Some notable wineries in the region include Domaine Drouhin, Domaine Serene, and Sokol Blosser.





Afternoon: More Wine and Scenic Drives

Continue your wine-tasting adventure at additional wineries, each offering its unique varietals and character. Don't miss the scenic drives through the valley's rolling hills and charming small towns.

Evening: Return to Portland

As the day draws to a close, make your way back to Portland, reflecting on the diverse experiences you've had during your Oregon weekend getaway. Enjoy a final dinner at a Portland eatery of your choice before concluding your memorable trip.

Calendar of Events



06- 08 November WTM LondonLondon, United Kingdom

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06-09 November Global Wellness SummitMiami, Florida
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8-10 November FHC 2023

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