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Bucket list trip highlighted by multiple journeys

Alaska's unrivaled allure radiates on land and sea

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AAA is offering five packages that combine land and cruise tours of Alaska – aka *The Last Frontier*, *Land of the Midnight Sun* or *The Great Land*. It's a territory blessed with more nicknames than a famous celebrity. The trips range from 11 to 13 nights, with seven of those nights spent on Royal Caribbean's *Radiance of the Seas*.

The cost (per person double occupancy) of the trips varies. Grand Mountain Marvels (June 1-14) is \$3,369. Mountain Panorama Adventure (June 14-26) is \$2,990. Alaska Wilderness Spectacular (July 13-26) is \$3,260. Grand Mountain Marvels (August 9-22) is \$3,059. And Alaska Wilderness Spectacular (August 23-September 5) is \$2,970. Flights are not included. You can speak with a AAA Travel Advisor for pricing on flights.

Alaska ranks high on bucket lists among U.S. destinations. Its natural beauty creates a work of art from all directions. Snowcapped mountains rise from the landscapes. Varieties of wildlife roam unsettled lands dotted with lakes, streams and lush forests.



Image: Royal Caribbean

Fjords, glaciers and unique villages comprise locations that only can be explained by personal experiences. Your legs may move you, but your eyes will guide you to witness some of the most beautiful sights worldwide.

"To the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world," once said renowned naturalist John Muir.

Alaska is a place of wonder. Our country's largest state has fewer than 700,000 citizens, making such a massive land seem intimately storytelling. A day in the wilderness provides a lifetime of satisfaction. And a lifetime of satisfaction delivers a day you'll never forget.

Visit a host of Alaska's hotspots via glass-domed Wilderness Express, riverboat, motor coach or just by taking a stroll. Hike rare terrains, raft down rough rivers or kayak in calmer waters.

Travel into the unspoiled wilderness of Denali National Park and Preserve. Keep alert for wildlife

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REAL ID Extended to May 7, 2025

The Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID deadline to May 7, 2025. The REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of ID for boarding commercial aircraft, accessing Federal facilities and entering nuclear plants. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) considers a current passport or military ID acceptable identification for boarding an aircraft. For more information on Pennsylvania's REAL ID compliant license, visit dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/default.aspx.

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Porch pirates primed to take packages

Steps to protect you from thieves lurking neighborhoods

By Robin Jones

Cyber Monday kicks off the busy season for more than just online retailers and delivery services. It also opens high season for porch pirates.

Of course, thieves who steal packages from homes operate year-round, but they're particularly active during the holidays. If you order gifts online, you risk becoming one of their victims. But there are ways to protect your purchases, including:

Have your packages delivered to a secure location – Many retailers allow you to opt for in-store pickup when you order online. You also can have packages sent to a UPS store or U.S. Postal Service (USPS) office, designated brick-and-mortar retailers, or to an Amazon Locker facility. Your apartment complex's leasing office also might accept packages.

Sign up for delivery alerts – Some retailers will send you an email or text when your package is dropped off, and most delivery services have apps that allow you to track packages. That way, you can make sure you are home to receive the package or you can ask a neighbor to collect it for you.

Install a security camera – A front-door camera alone might discourage



BAD GIFT – The holiday season brings more packages being left near the front doors of the homes of online shoppers. They can become a prize for porch pirates. Image: C5Media. Adobe Stock.

package pirates. Even if it doesn't, it will record the theft and give you evidence to bolster any claim you make.

Place a lockbox at your doorstep – This large container can be bolted to your property. After placing a package inside, a delivery person can secure it

with a combination lock. If a package is stolen, you have a few avenues for resolution, including:

Contact the retailer who sold you the item – Many sellers will provide a replacement or refund if you call customer service and explain what

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happened.

File a claim with the delivery service – If the retailer doesn't respond or attempt to resolve the issue, you can reach out to the outfit that delivered the package. FedEx, UPS, DHL and the USPS allow you to submit a claim for lost, damaged or delayed packages.

Call your credit card company – Most credit cards provide purchase protection, which reimburses you for items that are damaged or stolen, as long as you paid for the item entirely on the card and file the claim within a certain number of days of the purchase. Some high-value items aren't covered, though, and some credit card companies require you to file a police report or insurance claim first.

Talk to your insurance agent – A package stolen from your porch was on your property, so it is covered by your homeowners or rental insurance. However, your deductible applies if you file a claim, as do any limits on certain items.

Tragedies up importance of Move Over law

Not taking precaution leading to deaths of emergency responders

Slow down! And move over! It's a simple request, one that drivers should have no trouble following, particularly as the holiday season approaches. Too often, it's ignored, especially when it comes roadside-assistance workers.

An average of 24 emergency responders, including tow providers, are struck and killed by vehicles while working at the roadside each year – meaning someone is killed, on average, every other week.

In 2019, 44 emergency responders in the U.S. – including 14 tow-truck drivers – died after being hit as they were working by the roadside.

Startling data from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety finds that among drivers who do not comply with Move Over laws, 42% thought this behavior was somewhat or not dangerous to emergency-roadside workers. This demonstrates that drivers may not realize how risky it is for those working or stranded along highways near moving traffic.

To protect these individuals, AAA and other traffic-safety advocates worked tirelessly to get Move Over laws passed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Yet, the AAA Foundation finds that nearly a quarter of those surveyed (23%) are unaware of the Move Over law in the state in which they live.

Meanwhile, among those who are



TAKE CAUTION – A tow truck driver loads a disabled vehicle. Drivers approaching emergency-roadside workers should use caution and respect their state's Move Over law. Image: Adobe Stock.

aware of their state's Move Over laws, 15% report not understanding the potential consequences for violating the law.

The cost of fines varies from state to state, but they can be expensive. Penalty points could be added, as well as a misdemeanor charge for failure to move over or slow down when approaching an emergency vehicle, tow truck, utility vehicle or road-maintenance vehicle with

flashing lights on the side of the road.

These tragic accidents extend beyond tow providers and emergency responders. More than 1,600 people have been struck and killed while outside a disabled vehicle since 2015.

Drivers are increasingly distracted while driving. Previous AAA Foundation research found that motorists are as much as four times as likely to crash if they are talking on a cell phone while

driving and eight times as likely to be in a crash if texting.

AAA clubs have participated in educational initiatives regarding Move Over laws by creating public-service announcements and contacting state officials. AAA is committed to raising awareness of Move Over laws and the dangers associated with working at the roadside.

These laws require drivers to move over one lane or slow down when approaching an incident where tow providers, police, firefighters or emergency-medical-service crews are working at the roadside. Many states also have expanded their laws to cover vehicles like utility and municipal fleets, as well as disabled vehicles.

To protect roadside workers, drivers with disabled vehicles and others, AAA offers these precautionary tips:

- Remain alert, avoid distractions and focus on the task of driving.
- Keep an eye out for situations where emergency vehicles, tow trucks, utility-service vehicles or disabled vehicles are stopped on the side of the road.
- When you see these situations, slow down and, if possible, move over one lane and away from the people and vehicles stopped on the side of the road.

Slow down! And move over! It could save a life.



1920s Style for a 1920s Price

It was a warm summer afternoon and my wife and I were mingling with the best of them. The occasion was a 1920s-themed party, and everyone was dressed to the nines. Parked on the manse's circular driveway was a beautiful classic convertible. It was here that I got the idea for our new 1920s Retrograde Watch.

Never ones to miss an opportunity, we carefully steadied our glasses of bubbly and climbed into the car's long front seat. Among the many opulent features on display was a series of dashboard dials that accentuated the car's lavish aura. One of those dials inspired our 1920s Retrograde Watch, a genuinely unique timepiece that marries timeless style with modern technology.

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Tips From a AAA Travel Advisor: Autumn Long

Costa Rica stands out among destinations

Resorts, beaches, sights make Caribbean location a winner

After working for US Airways, TSA and Southwest, I was looking for a career change after the pandemic. Travel is my passion, so I accepted a position as a AAA Travel Advisor. What is my favorite destination? The three I's: Ireland, Ireland, Ireland.



AAA Travel Advisor:
Autumn Long

But the most popular vacations I book daily are trips to warm destinations like Mexico, the Caribbean and Costa Rica! This September, I was happy to return to Costa Rica with a coach full of travel professionals to do hotel site inspections. Seeing so many properties first-hand provided invaluable insights when recommending properties to our members.

We flew into Liberia airport and stayed at the Secrets Papagayo Resort – a stunning all-inclusive property with lush gardens on the gulf. The resort is large and hilly with a black-sand beach. It's a great getaway for clients who want an adults-only resort. It's a large spread-out property, not suitable if you have mobility issues. We also toured the nearby



BEACH BUM – Palm trees, nicely manicured landscaping and a pristine beach hug the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea in Costa Rica. *Image: Autumn Long. AAA*

Planet Hollywood, which is an all-ages getaway with a party atmosphere.

Further north, we toured Dreams Las Mareas in popular Guanacaste near the tropical rainforest. Dreams caters to couples and families. Rooms are decorated with natural-wood tones to complement the natural landscape. It was easy to get around and the property had a white-sand beach.

My favorite resort experience was watching the loveable monkeys swinging

high in the Guanacaste trees. Nearby activities included whitewater rafting and hiking in the rainforest. Also in Guanacaste is the Westin Reserve Conchal, a golf and tennis resort with a lagoon-style pool. It's a quieter resort and they provide golf carts. The only downside was the vendors on the beach, but the shoppers liked it! Next door is the upscale W Hotel Reserva Conchal, with its unique rooms, including the stunning Sunset Treehouse Room, with views of

the mangrove forest from your private balcony!

What was my favorite and most unexpected experience? Tamarindo. We toured the Tamarindo Diria – one of the most iconic beach resorts. This charming resort is on Costa Rica's most famous beach, so you can enjoy 1.8 miles of white sand just a few steps from your room.

My choice for romance, celebrations and honeymoons is the Casa Chameleon at Las Catalinas. The rooms are spacious with plunge pools and the food is out of this world. They also have a wine cellar.

We toured the Mistico Hanging Bridges and did a Jungle cruise, but my sightseeing highlight was seeing Arenal Volcano and the Hot Springs. Arenal Springs Resort and Spa is an active resort with an animal sanctuary, rock-climbing wall, and river for rafting and tubing, along with the hot springs. My overall favorite hot-spring experience was at the Tabacon Thermal Resort and Spa. The hotel was separate from the spring down the road. The property was huge with dozens of pools.

My tips for your trip are to bring B.D.P – Bug Spray, Dramamine and Patience. The road infrastructure is winding and some are gravel and rough. It takes longer than expected to get where you are going. And do a guided tour, so your guide can navigate the roads and point out the animals along the way!



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 - Calgary

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- British Columbia
 - Vancouver
 - VIA Rail – excursion and overnight accommodations
 - Alberta
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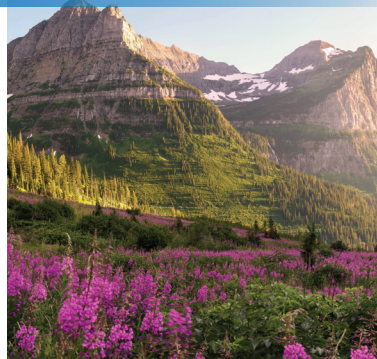
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Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks, and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Ride aboard a Jammer (open-air touring car) during a visit to Glacier National Park. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Stop at Athabasca Glacier and choose to ride across this mass of glacier ice or take a walk on the glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk. Explore Bow Falls and Surprise Corner. Visit the incomparable Lake Louise. Get ready for an adventure that brings together the expanse of the prairies, the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, and Montana's Glacier National Park.

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Book & deposit by 11/30/23 Member Level Discount per person double occupancy. Discount only applies to air-inclusive rate.

AAA DEPARTURE DATE:

Aug. 4-10, 2024 • \$4,349 per person double occupancy

AAA Classic Save

\$350

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\$375

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\$400**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Calgary
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Waterton Lakes National Park
- Glacier National Park
- Going-to-the-Sun Road
- Banff
- Athabasca Glacier
- Choice of Tour: Ice Explorer Glacier Tour or Columbia Icefield Skywalk
- Lake Louise

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip air (subject to availability at time of booking) from participating cities to/from Calgary, AB
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Chartered transportation
- 6-night hotel accommodations
- Local tour guide
- Luggage handling, one bag per person (under 50 pounds)
- 10 meals (restaurants subject to change)
- Sightseeing and admissions (to include National Park fees) as stated in itinerary

Maritimes Coastal Wonders

Explore the picture-perfect region known as Canada's Maritime Provinces. Venture along its rugged and pristine beauty, all while getting to know its Acadian, Mi'kmaq, and Gaelic cultures. From the nautical beauty of Peggy's Cove to the rugged splendor of the Cabot Trail, the Maritimes will enchant you. Choose how you explore Lunenburg – at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic or on a locally guided walking tour. Undertake a competition to cook the best mussels. Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum and learn about potato farming. See the 4-story high Hopewell Rocks. Visit the Bay of Fundy where some of the world's highest tides are recorded. Don't miss the rugged beaches, picturesque fishing villages, and rich seafaring history of Canada's amazing Maritime Provinces.

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AAA Plus Save

\$125

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\$150**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Halifax
- Peggy's Cove
- Mahone Bay
- Lunenburg
- Cape Breton Island
- Cabot Trail
- Prince Edward Island
- Anne of Green Gables Museum
- Hopewell Rocks
- Fundy Trail
- Grand Pré National Historic Site

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip air (subject to availability at time of booking) from participating cities to/from Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Chartered transportation
- 10-night hotel accommodations
- Local tour guide
- Luggage handling, one bag per person (under 50 pounds)
- 16 meals (restaurants subject to change)
- Sightseeing and admissions as stated in itinerary



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Discover the Caribbean and Mexico

Choose from 3 fabulous 7-nt. vacation packages.

PUNTA CANA

Iberostar Punta Cana

Package includes roundtrip airfare, all-inclusive resort accommodations in a premium room, and roundtrip shared airport transfers

All-Inclusive! Includes room, meals, drinks, and activities. Splendidly set on the long, sandy beach of Playa Bavaro along the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic, this hotel includes several restaurants from gourmet to buffet to ethnic, a lounge bar, discotheque, and professional shows and dancing with a lively house orchestra! Accommodations include elegant rooms and junior suites with a balcony, TV, air-conditioning, and many other amenities.



AAA Member Benefit:
\$50 Pleasant Activities
voucher (per room)

from
\$1,452.50

per person, double occupancy

Pleasant Activities Add On:**Adventure Boogies – \$60.00 per person**

Drive through small villages in the Dominican countryside and stop for a visit in an organic farm where our guides will give valuable information on coconut oil, rum, coffee, chocolate, and tea chocolate world famous! We also stop at a cave with a natural spring of crystalline water for a rejuvenating bath. The adventure ends on the spectacular beach of Macao one of the most beautiful beaches in our country, where you can swim or just relax.

RUNAWAY BAY, JAMAICA

Bahia Principe Grand Jamaica

Package includes roundtrip airfare, all-inclusive resort accommodations in a superior junior suite, and roundtrip shared airport transfers

Feel the authentic vibes of the Jamaican culture. Come and explore the most authentic corners of Jamaica, and let yourself be surprised by its tasty cuisine, enchanting rhythms, and spectacular landscapes. A special place where adults and kids alike can enjoy exhilarating encounters with this unique culture. Plus, all Grand Bahia Principe hotels are specially designed for children's maximum enjoyment, both within the facilities and with the activities available for them.



AAA Member Benefit:
\$50 Pleasant Activities
voucher (per room)

from
\$1,612.50

per person, double occupancy

Pleasant Activities Add On:**Bamboo River Raft – \$70.58 per person**

Climb aboard a 30-foot, bamboo raft for an authentic Jamaican experience. Upon arrival you will be greeted with a welcome fruit drink and given the chance to explore the "Rafter's Village". Before you begin the tour, you can take a stroll through "Miss Martha's Herb Garden", a presentation of Jamaican herbs famous for their medicinal and healing properties. Then sit back and relax in your personal raft as your captain skillfully navigates the Martha Brae River.

CANCUN

Riu Caribe

Package includes roundtrip airfare, all-inclusive resort accommodations in an ocean view room, and roundtrip shared airport transfers

The Riu Caribe's beachfront location provides the perfect relaxing all-inclusive 24-hour resort experience. 3.8 miles to the city center, it is the ideal base for exploring the beautiful Riviera Maya. All rooms are stylishly appointed with private balcony or terrace, air-conditioning, mini-bar, satellite flat screen TV, hair dryer and in-room safe. Relax in the sparkling pools or try your hand at volleyball, cycling, golf, table tennis, snorkeling, scuba diving or windsurfing.



AAA Member Benefit:
\$50 Pleasant Activities
voucher (per room)

from
\$1,407.00

per person, double occupancy

Pleasant Activities Add On:**Chichen Itza – \$139.00 per person**

Discover one of the most majestic archaeological cities in Mayan culture; eat in a typical Mexican restaurant with delicious traditional food and take a dive into a freshwater sinkhole.



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Pleasant Holidays

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Travel in a smaller but very comfortable Mercedes Sprinter (or similar) for more flexibility and access to places a bus can't go. See sights, hike trails and drive scenic roads large groups can't. Small group travel allows you more enrichment opportunities as you journey off the beaten path. Enhance your appreciation of natural wonders, make new discoveries and personal connections on these intimate, active adventures.



NORTHERN LIGHTS OF ALASKA

ALAKSA

\$3,419

Per person/double occupancy

FEB. 26-MAR. 2

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks, 3 Aurora viewing excursions, Snowmobile tour, Dog sledding adventure, Snowshoe or cross-country ski adventure, Aurora Ice Museum, Ice Fishing, North Pole



RAILROADS OF THE OLD WEST

COLORADO

\$3,119

Per person/double occupancy

JUNE 23-29; SEPT. 22-28

HIGHLIGHTS

5 Rail excursions, CO- Georgetown Loop Railroad, NM- Silverton Durango Railroad, CO - Cumbres and Toltec Railroad, CO - Royal Gorge Route Railroad, CO - Pikes Peak Railroad, Lebanon Silver Mine, Jeep Tour of Corkscrew Pass, Royal Gorge Bridge and Park

ARIZONA ADVENTURE

ARIZONA • NEVADA

\$3,405

Per person/double occupancy

MAR. 31-APR. 7; MAY 12-19;
SEPT. 22-29; OCT. 20-27

HIGHLIGHTS

Las Vegas, Route 66, Grand Canyon National Park, Cameron Trading Post, Wupatki National Monument, Sunset Crater National Monument, Petrified Forest National Park, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona - hiking and Pink Jeep Tour, Tuzigoot National Monument, Jerome - historic mining town, Prescott, Granite Dells of Prescott - optional hiking or kayaking on Reservoir, Seligman, Oatman - historic mining town

UTAH MIGHTY FIVE

UTAH

\$4,755

Per person/double occupancy

MAR. 31-APRIL 7; APRIL 14-21;
SEPT. 8-15; SEPT. 29-OCT. 5;
OCT. 27-NOV. 3; NOV. 17-24

HIGHLIGHTS

Salt Lake City, Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, Colorado River, Goblin Valley State Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Canyons of Escalante, Scenic Highway 12, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park

CANYONS OF ESCALANTE

UTAH • NEVADA

\$3,115

Per person/double occupancy

MAY 5-12; OCT. 6-13

HIGHLIGHTS

Extensive guided hikes in Utah's natural sites, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Grosvenor Arch, Round Valley Draw, Willis Creek Slot Canyon, Bull Valley Slot Canyon, Escalante Canyon, Arches and Natural Bridges, Phillips Arch, Bowington Arch, 100 Hands -Native American pictograph (*dependent on timing), Hole in the Rock Road, Calf Creek Falls, Big Horn Canyon

TRAIL OF THE ANCIENTS

NEW MEXICO • COLORADO • UTAH

\$2,925

Per person/double occupancy

MAY 11-19; SEPT. 14-22;
OCT. 19-27

HIGHLIGHTS

Acoma Pueblo, El Morro National Monument, Canyon De Chelly, Back Country Tour of Monument Valley, Valley of the Gods, Natural Bridges National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Aztec National Monument, Chaco Canyon National Monument, Santa Fe, Tent Rocks National Monument, Bandelier National Monument

GRAND CIRCLE EXPERIENCE

NEVADA • UTAH • ARIZONA • COLORADO

\$4,755

Per person/double occupancy

MAY 13-24; JUNE 16-27; AUG 18-29
SEPT. 15-26; OCT. 13-24

HIGHLIGHTS

Las Vegas, Zion National Park, Grand Canyon - North Rim (not available in April), Lake Powell, Colorado River float trip, Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley, Four Corners National Monument, Mesa Verde National Park, Durango and Silverton Railroad, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park

GRAND TETON & YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

UTAH • WYOMING • MONTANA

\$3,789

Per person/double occupancy

MAY 19-26; JUNE 9-16;
JULY 14-21; AUG. 11-18;
SEPT. 29-OCT. 6; OCT. 13-20

HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Jackson, Grand Teton National Park, Jenny Lake Boat Tour, Jackson Lake hike, Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone Lake, Hayden Valley, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, West Thumb Geyser Basin, Old Faithful, Island Park, Salt Lake City

BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA

\$2,539

Per person/double occupancy

MAY 20-25; JUNE 3-8;
JULY 8-13; AUG. 26-31

HIGHLIGHTS

Rapid City, Keystone - 5-night stay, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug Store, Black Hills, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Black Hills Central Railroad, Crazy Horse Monument, Devil's Tower National Monument, Deadwood, Wind Cave National Park, Custer State Park - Jeep tour

YOSEMITE, SEQUOIA & THE CALIFORNIA COAST

CALIFORNIA

\$4,369

Per person/double occupancy

JUNE 9-16; JULY 21-28

HIGHLIGHTS

Yosemite National Park, Sequoia National Park, Kings Canyon National Park, California Coast, Pacific Coast Highway, Cypress Cove, Point Lobos State Park, Monterey, Pfeiffer -Big Sur State Park, San Francisco - lodging at Fisherman's Wharf, Dinner cruise and Alcatraz tour

OREGON SOUTH

OREGON

\$3,019

Per person/double occupancy

JUNE 9-16, 2024, AUG. 11-18, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Newport Beach, Silenz Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Yaquina Lighthouse and Marine Gardens, Sea Life Cruise, Heceta Lighthouse, Sea Lion Caves, Gold Beach, Rogue River - jet boat ride with lunch, Redwoods of the Pacific Northwest, Crater Lake National Park, Newberry Volcano National Monument, Columbia River Gorge, Multnomah Falls

COLORADO NATIONAL PARKS

COLORADO

\$3,115

Per person/double occupancy

JUNE 16-23; AUG. 4-11;
SEPT. 15-22

HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, Great Sand Dunes National Park, Chimney Rock National Monument, Durango, Mesa Verde National Park, Million Dollar Highway, Gunnison National Park, Colorado National Monument, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Rocky Mountain National Park

MAGNIFICENT ALASKA

ALAKSA

\$7,879

Per person/double occupancy

JUNE 16-26; JULY 21-31;
AUG. 18-28

HIGHLIGHTS

Anchorage - narrated tour, Turnagain Arm in Cook Inlet scenic drive, Katmai National Park or Lake Clark (based on weather), Boat cruise to Kachemak Bay State Park, Seward, Kenai Fjords National Park nature cruise, Gold Star Dome Train Seward to Anchorage, Matanuska Glacier, Alaska Wilderness Adventure via Jet Boat, Denali National Park - Flight seeing tour to Mount Denali; Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

MONTANA

\$3,789

Per person/double occupancy

JULY 7-13; JULY 14-20;
AUG. 4-10; AUG. 11-17; AUG. 25-31

HIGHLIGHTS

Missoula, MT, National Bison Range, Flathead Lake, Big Fork, Two Medicine Lake, Running Eagle Falls, Appistaki Falls, Glacier National Park, St. Mary's, Going to the Sun Road, Whitefish, MT, Guided hiking and optional boating on Lake McDonald, Boating (float trip or whitewater rafting) on Middle Fork of Flathead River

OREGON NORTH

OREGON

\$2,745

Per person/double occupancy

AUG. 5-11

Please note: An optional connection to an 8/11 Oregon South Tour is available. Please inquire at the time of booking if interested.

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Multnomah Falls, Mt. Hood Scenic Byway, Astoria, Mount St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument, Lewis and Clark National Historic Park, Cannon Beach, Tillamook, Cape Meares Lighthouse and Wildlife Refuge



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Quebec Winter Carnival

February 2-6, 2024 • \$2,985 per person double occupancy

Attend one of the world's largest and most festive Winter Carnivals in Quebec City

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Montreal – overnight stay
- Old Quebec City– 3-night stay; city tour
 - Winter Carnival – Carnival Parade, Ice Hotel, free time at the Festival
 - Ste. Anne de Beaupre Shrine
- Albert Filles Copper Art Studio
- Montmorency Falls
- Traditional Quebecois meal

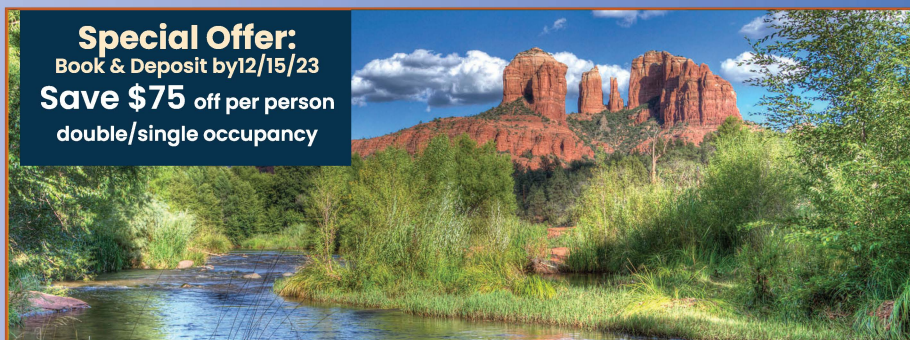
PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip air (subject to availability at time of booking) to Montreal and from Quebec
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Chartered transportation
- 4-night hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- 7 meals (restaurants subject to change)
- Sightseeing per itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities on included features
- Services of a AAA Tour Manager and local guide where noted

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Grand Canyon and Sedona Adventure

April 28-May 6, 2024 • \$3,799 per person double occupancy

Explore the unique landscapes of Arizona including Sedona, the Grand Canyon and Phoenix/Scottsdale

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Sedona – 3 nights, resort lodging
- "Old West" evening – features activities, private reception and Cowboy cookout w/ entertainment or Sedona dine around
- Verde Canyon Rail Excursion or Pink Jeep
- Williams, Arizona – Grand Canyon Railway Hotel, Western town on Route 66
- Grand Canyon Railway – First-class travel from Williams, Arizona
- Grand Canyon National Park
 - Motorcoach tour of Southern Rim vantage points
 - Free time within the National Park
- Grand Canyon Visitor's Center, IMAX Theater
- Phoenix area– 2-nights, resort lodging
- Desert Botanical Garden
- Western Spirit Museum or Heard Museum
- Old Town Scottsdale

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from participating cities to/from Phoenix, Arizona.
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- 7-night hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- 13 meals (restaurants subject to change) to include Western Evening
- Attractions, admissions and touring as per itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities for included features
- Services of a AAA Tour Manager upon arrival in Phoenix and local guides where noted

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AMAZING MEMBER PERKS!

- Per stateroom, double occupancy (balcony or higher category)
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12-NIGHT ITINERARY

- Day 1 Barcelona, Spain – Embarkation
- Day 2 At Sea
- Day 3 Seville, (Cadiz) Spain
- Day 4 Gibraltar, United Kingdom
- Day 5 Malaga, Spain
- Day 6 At Sea
- Day 7 Nice (Villefranche), France
- Day 8 Florence/Pisa (La Spezia), Italy
- Day 9 Depart Florence/Pisa
- Day 10 Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy
- Day 11 Santa Margherita, Italy
- Day 12 At Sea
- Day 13 Disembark in Barcelona for your return trip home.



Rates are per person (double occupancy), are subject to availability at time of booking and include 12-night accommodations/entertainment, most onboard meals, member perks and government taxes/fees of \$135.97. Ask about available add-on airfare. Ship's registry: Malta.



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- Per stateroom, double occupancy (balcony or higher category)
- 15-night cruise accommodations
 - All Included Package for two adults per stateroom
 - Classic Beverage Package, Basic Wi-Fi package, Gratuities to shipboard personnel

Sailing through the engineering masterpiece that connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean is a bucket-list event on its own, but along the way you'll also visit other exciting tropical destinations steeped in culture, history, and natural beauty. Explore the colorful colonial architecture of Cartagena and the thriving jungles of Costa Rica. Venture deep into the Panamanian rain forest, meet the locals, and learn the inner workings of the fascinating Panama Canal's locks. Take an Eco Cruise on Lake Gatun and explore island habitats created during the Canal's building.



15-NIGHT ITINERARY

- Day 1 Los Angeles, CA – Embarkation
- Day 2 At Sea
- Day 3 At Sea
- Day 4 Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- Day 5 At Sea
- Day 6 Huatulco, Mexico
- Day 7 At Sea
- Day 8 Puntarenas, Costa Rica
- Day 9 At Sea
- Day 10 Panama Canal Cruising
- Day 11 Cartagena, Colombia
- Day 12 At Sea
- Day 13 At Sea
- Day 14 George Town, Grand Cayman
- Day 15 At Sea
- Day 16 Disembark – Ft. Lauderdale

Rates are per person (double occupancy), are subject to availability at time of booking and include 15-night accommodations/entertainment, most onboard meals, member perks and government taxes/fees of \$416.00 per person. Ask about available add-on airfare. Ship's registry: Malta.



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Tropical Costa Rica

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PITTSBURGH, PA**October 24 – November 5, 2024 • 12 nights • \$4,299 per person double occupancy**

Experience It! Monteverde Cloud Forest

Only four places in the world boast an ecosystem so unique that it produces a cloud forest, and Costa Rica is one of them. Situated high on a mountain, the Monteverde Cloud Forest is created by the forest's dry air combining with the humid, hot air of the rainforest. The result is a blanket of clouds that covers the forest, mimicking constant rainfall. This extremely wet environment has bred a diverse world of exotic flora and fauna. One of the cloud forest's golden beak and a green-hooded head, tail feathers of gray, black, and white, and a vibrant scarlet breast. Highly elusive, quetzal sightings are rare, but absolutely unforgettable when attained.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Rescate Wildlife Rescue Center, Tortuguero Jungle experience boat ride, Bird watching excursion, San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Arenal Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal Cruise, Farm Tour and Lunch, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Guanacaste

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Roundtrip air (subject to availability at time of booking) from participating cities to San Jose/from Liberia
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Chartered transportation
- 12-night hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- 24 meals (restaurants subject to change)
- Sightseeing and admissions as stated in itinerary
- Local English-speaking Tour Guide

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Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

July 24–August 2, 2024 • \$5,499 per person double occupancy**Explore the dramatic landscapes of Iceland on this guided adventure**

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Reykjavík
- Golden Circle
- Thingvellir National Park
- Gullfoss
- Geysir
- Akranes
- Breidafjörður Bay Cruise
- Lava Exhibition Center
- Vík
- Skógar Museum
- Skógafoss
- Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- Vatnajökull National Park
- Seljalandsfoss
- Choice on tour: Blue Lagoon or Perlan Center

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip air (subject to availability at time of booking) from participating cities to/from Reykjavík, Iceland
- Roundtrip airport/hotel transfers
- Chartered transportation
- 8-night hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- 15 meals (restaurants subject to change)
- Sightseeing and admissions as stated in itinerary
- Local English-speaking Tour Guide

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Northern California Railways and National Parks

May 6–15, 2024 • \$6,269 per person double occupancy

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- San Francisco – 3-night stay; guided sightseeing
- 4 National Parks – Presidio, Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Muir Woods National Monument
- 4 Rail Excursions – Napa Valley Wine Train, Amtrak California Zephyr, Yosemite Sugar Pine Railroad, Roaring Camp Steam Train Ride
- Sausalito
- Napa Valley – Winery visit
- Lake Tahoe
- Boyden Cavern
- Monterey Peninsula – Carmel by the Sea – 17-Mile Drive – Cannery Row
- Santa Cruz
- Silicon Valley – Apple Visitor's Center

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip air to/from San Francisco from participating cities
- Roundtrip airport and hotel transfers
- Chartered land transportation
- Rail excursions per itinerary
- 9-night hotel accommodations
- Luggage handling, one bag per person
- 16-meals (to include rail luncheons, restaurants subject to change)
- Attractions and admissions as stated in the itinerary
- Gratuities for included meals
- Services of a AAA Tour Manager and local tour director

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from
\$1,132.00
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DAYTONA

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort

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Winter chill can put battery in a bind

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It shouldn't be assumed the 2023 winter season will be similar to last season's. It's likely snow and colder temperatures could be on the horizon. Frigid wind-chills and icy conditions add to the wear and tear on vehicles, particularly batteries.

It's an ideal time to have your car's battery tested to be assured it's ready for the upcoming winter season. Batteries are delicate and could lose charge with the first wave of chilly conditions. Cold and damp weather can take a toll on an electrical system overburdened by defrosts, windshield wipers and lights. It's never too early to be prepared.

Lead-acid batteries' lifespans depend on a variety of factors, but only 30% of new ones will last three years. Batteries must work under temperature extremes and withstand constant shocks and vibrations.

It might seem as if batteries that are used less often should have better lifespans, but that isn't always the case. Batteries could drain more quickly if the car is driven 20 minutes or fewer, causing the battery never to fully charge. Batteries that are deeply discharged or rest idly for long periods of time are more vulnerable to sulfation, a buildup of lead-sulphate crystals, the primary cause of premature-battery failure.

New cars require a steady flow of



HOLDS A CHARGE – AAA batteries have 36-month, free-replacement nationwide warranties. *Image: AAA.*

electricity to control multiple onboard computers and powertrain features, such as stop-start technology, heated seats, wireless hotspots and video displays that keep the vehicle running smoothly. Reduced hours of daylight result in more use of headlights and heating – all of which take tolls on the battery's power reserve.

The battery should be replaced to help prevent a future roadside

emergency if you notice a dimming of interior lights or a clicking noise when turning over the transmission. Have a trained technician clean the battery cables and check that the electrical system is charging correctly.

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on the Denali Natural History Tour and stare in awe at Denali – the highest peak in North America, rising 20,310 feet.

Witness the Chena River by boat, stop by Talkeetna – considered one of Alaska's "funkiest" small towns – to visit a main street inundated with roadhouse restaurants, cafes, brew pubs and shops.

Visit the acclaimed Anchorage Museum before taking a brief tour of Alaska's largest city. See the Chugach Mountains. Discover Seward – one of the state's oldest communities – or hike a trail that approaches a glacier. You can hear the ice crackling.

These places barely scratch the surface of Alaska's dense personality. It's one so deep, it cuts into the core of the earth.

Alyeska offers a rich variety of marine species. Stroll through the forest and along mountain trails abloom with wildflowers in Girdwood and enjoy water views of the Turnagain Arm and Cook Inlet. Dig deeper into the 49th state's history and heritage in Fairbanks.

Alaska's story is a chapter-filled masterpiece. Each one enlightens your curiosities and leaves you yearning to absorb its mystical traits.

That's why cruising it by sea is considered just as satisfying as trekking it by land. Seven nights on *Radiance of the Seas* will enhance Alaska's mysteries from different perspectives.

Your cruise embarks from Vancouver or Seward, depending on your itinerary. *Radiance of the Seas* is a floating resort that boasts myriad activities. Gaze at glaciers while unwinding in one of the Solarium's whirlpools. Entertain yourself in its Casino Royale, see a Broadway show or visit a nightclub.



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Enjoy first-class dishes from its main dining rooms or signature restaurants. Take advantage of their eclectic menus that are sure to satisfy your tastebuds.

Sail to Alaskan destinations that will enhance your trip. See cities and small towns, glaciers and waterways, including Inside Passage. It stretches more than 500 miles from the Puget Sound into the Gulf of Alaska. Shaped by glaciers, the landscapes are comprised of mountains, crisp blue icebergs, deep fjords and more than 1,000 islands.

Few cruise ships visit Sitka, but it's a stop well worth taking. The picturesque town has a rich-Russian heritage and a host of historical attractions.

Ketchikan is labeled the "Salmon Capital of the World". Culture-hungry

cruisers can witness the largest collection of standing totem poles globally. See humpback whales off the coast during the summer.

Mountains coated with vibrant green landscapes surround Juneau. It's home to the Alaska State Museum. Hike up Mount Roberts for panoramic views across the city or hop on the Mount Roberts Tramway and ride to its apex.

Witness Hubbard Glacier – the largest tidewater glacier in North America. It calves throughout the summer and towers over passing cruise ships.

Miners once flocked to Skagway. Its historic district houses 100 buildings from the gold-rush era, making it a fascinating stop.

Ice Strait Point is a tourist destination

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Image: Southwest Adventure Tours.

just outside the small village of Hoonah on Chichagof Island – home to the largest bear population in the world. Watch for whales and other wildlife. Take a vehicle expedition, brave the world's largest ziprider or just absorb the surroundings.

Haines, meanwhile, is simply breathtaking. The sun peeks above beautiful mountains that rest above thick forests. Kayak in its calm lakes, spot the American Bald Eagle, as well as other species, fish or visit its art galleries.

Alaska moves our minds in ways we didn't believe were possible. It nearly sits on top of the world, reminding us that it has few peers and even fewer blemishes.

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AAA to provide roadside services through Apple Members can receive assistance via satellite on iPhone 15, 14

Users of the newly announced Apple iPhone 15 and iPhone 14 now can get access to Roadside Assistance via satellite by utilizing AAA services.

AAA is one of North America's largest and most-trusted membership organizations. It responds to more than 30 million calls for roadside assistance annually and serves more than 63 million members. By working with Apple, AAA will be able to reach people who may otherwise be unable to receive help.

"Safety is at the core of who AAA is as an organization, and we're taking that commitment to the next level by offering AAA services to iPhone users who would have previously been unreachable," said Marshall Doney, president and CEO, AAA. "Now, thanks to iPhone's satellite capabilities, iPhone users with Roadside Assistance via satellite can get help when they need it most but can't reach us via traditional connections."

iPhone users who request roadside assistance can be connected via satellite with AAA after answering a few questions to capture important details. Users will receive clear guidance on how to stay connected to a satellite. It will allow them to message with a AAA agent and receive important information about the status of their request.



APPLE SKY – AAA Members soon will have access to roadside assistance via satellite through iPhone 15 and iPhone 14 phones. This will better assist members broken down in areas that don't have connectivity. Image: Joshua Resnick. Adobe Stock.

"We know firsthand how stressful it is to be stranded with a breakdown, especially if you find yourself in a remote location or without cell service," said Doney. "Your options are limited – walk to a service point or area with cellular connectivity or Wi-Fi, which can be

miles away, or attempt to flag another motorist down. Apple's satellite infrastructure is an innovative solution that is already providing critical emergency support to iPhone users, and AAA is proud to offer Roadside Assistance via satellite in partnership with Apple."

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AAA president and CEO

Roadside Assistance via satellite will be available on all iPhone 15 and iPhone 14 users in the U.S., regardless of whether they are a AAA Member. Once the questionnaire is received, AAA Members will be verified and service will be provided. Nonmembers will be responsible for payment upon completion of the service.

Roadside Assistance via satellite is built on the groundbreaking technology that powers Emergency SOS by satellite, launched by Apple in 2022. It allows iPhone 14 and iPhone 15 users to access emergency services via satellite when cellular coverage or Wi-Fi is unavailable.



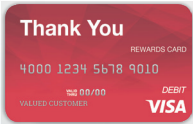
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'A Christmas Story' house raises spirits

Setting of the classic film brings to life Ralphie and his family

The cult-hit film "A Christmas Story" holds a special place in the hearts of millions of fans who eagerly await Christmas Eve to watch their favorite holiday movie.

The tradition dates nearly three decades and it grows each year. Unforgettable characters and storylines make it one of the best holiday movies of all-time.

Ralphie is determined to get a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas – even if he'll shoot his eye out. The Old Man curses "the way other artists might work in oils or clay." And poor Randy is bundled up so tightly for school that he can't put down his arms.

It truly is an original. It's unknown the last time Mother Parker had eaten a warm meal. The Old Man comes to life once his "major award" arrives. And Scut Farkus – "what a rotten name" – is a villain unlike any other, staring devilishly with his "yellow eyes."

The hidden gem, however, is the Parker home. The coal-dust-spewing domicile is intimate and old-fashioned. Spigots are built into the walls of the kitchen sink. The radio plays "Little Orphan Annie" and the family makes fond memories inside this humble house.



STORY TIME – Fans can visit the house from the classic holiday hit "A Christmas Story" in Cleveland. Image: A Christmas Story House & Museum.

Fans can learn more about the home by visiting it. The "A Christmas Story House & Museum" is located in Cleveland and is open year-round, seven days a week for public tours and overnight stays are an option.

The Bumpus House, too, is open

for overnight stays. Located to the left of the A Christmas Story House, it's the fictional home of Ralphie's unruly neighbors and their smelly hound dogs. It has a pair of accommodations: The "Hound Dog Haven" that can accommodate four guests

and the "Stolen Turkey" suite that can house as many six guests.

The museum features original props, costumes and memorabilia from the film, as well as hundreds of rare behind-the-scenes photos. Among the props and costumes are the toys from the Higbee's window, Randy's snowsuit, the chalkboard in Miss Shields' classroom and the family car.

And don't forget about the "major award." The legendary leg lamp sits in the front window, illuminating "electric..."

Purchase mementos at the museum gift shop. Take home your electric leg lamp or Ralphie's bunny suit. Figurines, decoder pins and replicas of the Parker tree star also are available – and so is the Red Ryder BB gun.

A visit is a step back in time – to a simpler place. It offers fans an up-close viewing and an opportunity to learn more about the film. It also should inject a burst of holiday spirit – no matter the time of the year.

Spend a long weekend or just make a day of it. "A Christmas Story House & Museum" is well worth the trip.

And remember never to put your tongue on a flag pole during the winter season.

Adventure awaits at Canadian Rockies

Parks, mountains, lakes and more offer walk on wild side

There aren't enough adjectives to describe the beauty of the Canadian Rockies. Magnificent, splendid and glorious may quickly come to mind, but they barely scratch the surface.

Words paint a picture in our minds, but nothing tells a true story better than witnessing it with our own eyes. Natural wonders have been spurring our senses from the beginning of time.

Snow-covered mountains, winding canyons and fascinating rock formations are among the many treasures waiting to be discovered. Meadows carpeted with wildflowers and supernatural glacial lakes put a bow on this gift of travel.

Banff National Park is 80 miles west of Calgary. Its spectacular views have lured Hollywood icons and British Royalty, but the brightest stars are the local elk who wander the streets. Gushing Bow Falls sits adjacently to the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Inspired by a Scottish castle, it took an army of stone-carvers and masons nearly two decades to complete.

The Banff Gondola sends passengers on an eight-minute ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain. Marvel at 360-degree views of Banff, the Bow Valley and six scenic mountain ranges



MASTERPIECE – The Canadian Rockies reflect off Moraine Lake in western Canada. Image: Horticulture. Adobe Stock.

that ascend 7,486 feet above sea level.

Snow domes and Victoria Glacier surround Lake Louise, 36 miles west of Banff. The water's mysterious blue-green color is the result of fine, glacial "rock flour" particles suspended in the water.

Moraine Lake sits 10 minutes from Lake Louise. The invaluable location once graced the Canadian \$20 bill.

Lofty peaks, including the third-highest mountain in the Rockies, arise from this crystalline waterway.

Appreciate stunning scenery while traveling Bow Valley Parkway. The 35-mile excursion should include a stop at Johnson Canyon. Seven waterfalls are hidden inside secluded rock walls and accessible by a walking trail. Bighorn sheep and mountain goats

frequent the limestone cliffs near Upper Falls. Cross the Continental Divide into Yoho National Park to visit Takakkaw Falls – a cascade higher than Niagara Falls.

Icefields Parkway – called "20 Switzerlands in one" – links Lake Louise to Jasper. The 143-mile parkway offers a constant changing of the mountains, waterfalls, icefields and more than 600 glaciers – the most among other roads on the continent.

Columbia Icefield feeds six major glaciers. That is where you can board an Ice Explorer – an all-terrain vehicle with tires five feet in diameter – for a trek across the Rockies' biggest icefield and the Athabasca Glacier. The four-mile-long tongue of the ice is the greatest ice mass outside the Arctic Circle.

Witness spectacular scenery, including the Athabasca Falls, on the road to Jasper. Canada's largest mountain park is home to Mount Robson, the tallest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Considered the backbone of the world, it allows visitors to make a thrilling ascent up Whistler Mountain aboard the Jasper Aerial Tramway.

Regality rarely comes easy, but a visit to the Canadian Rockies is a trip meant for a king and queen.



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Holidays don't mix with drinking and driving

Intoxicated drivers are 40 times more likely to get in crash

Having a drink with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season is a commonality among many Americans. Raise a glass and toast to good times and more to come.

'Tis the season to being more responsible – especially behind the wheel.

Alcohol-related car fatalities spike during the final six weeks of the year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that drunk-driving crashes nearly triple from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day.

Drunk drivers comprise approximately one-third of all motor-vehicle deaths. On average, alcohol-related car deaths occur every 45 minutes. The numbers are disheartening, but what makes it more tragic is that these deaths and injuries are preventable. It requires drivers to make responsible decisions for it to become reality.

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A driver's blood-alcohol content (BAC) depends on many factors. How much and how quickly did a person drink? What is the person's body



DON'T MIX – Drinking and driving is a recipe for disaster. It's wise to pass the keys if you've had too much to drink. *Image: Brian Jackson. Adobe Stock.*

weight and gender? Research indicates that alcohol's effect on females tends to be stronger and last longer than it does on males.

The risk of getting into a car crash rapidly increases after a BAC of .05 – one or two drinks. A person with a .08 BAC – the legal limit in all 50 states – is

40 times more likely to be killed in a crash than a sober driver.

Drivers who feel they have had too much to drink should call a friend, a rideshare or cab service. Simply put, don't drive. Never ride in a vehicle that is being driven by a person who is drunk. Time is the only cure for

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intoxication. Coffee and cold showers are myths.

Those hosting parties should make certain guests leave with sober drivers. Take a person's keys if they seem to have had too much to drink. Safety never should be taken for granted, even if the person being protected is unruly and doesn't want to stay.

AAA works year-round in educating motorists about driving practices that will help keep them safe and reduce drug- and alcohol-related crashes. Together, we can make everyone safer and keep alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers off the road.

Common sense saves lives, lessens injuries and/or avoids a lifetime of regret.

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Sun always shining on Mexico hotspot

Cancun blessed with flawless beaches and attractions

It's a city synonymous with vacationing. It might as well come with the label "resort town."

This is Cancun – a Mexican town best described as a beach with an island in the center. Once a place where Mayan emperors visited for rest and relaxation, it now is a destination where millions of travelers visit annually in search of the same results.

The cosmopolitan-resort town is perched on the limestone shelf of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and is one the most popular vacation spots in the world. Cancun breathes life into those eager to escape their daily grinds. Blue skies mesh with puffy clouds and a radiant sun to create the perfect getaway cocktail.

Luxury hotels populate the Hotel Zone, a seahorse-shaped oasis connected by a pair of causeways and flanked by the tranquil Nichupte Lagoon and the restless Caribbean Sea. People-watchers stroll the palm-fringed promenade that hugs the pure shoreline.

Cancun boasts 12 miles of beach that snuggle with turquoise waters and white sand. All are open to the public and make for a perfect walk. Guests can hike along the northern shore by the calming waters of Bahia de Mujeres or follow the Caribbean Sea on the eastern shore. Sand shares the appearance of talcum powder and doesn't



YES YOU CAN – Luxurious resorts line the coast, waiting to entertain guests in Cancun. *Image: jdross75. Adobe Stock.*

burn feet thanks to its limestone composition that doesn't absorb heat.

Cancun established its reputation as a resort town on the shoulders of Playa Ballenas, a magnificent white-sand beach. Boogie-boarders flock to Las Perlas, and Playa Tortugas is a popular public beach and a departure point to sleepy Isla Mujeres of Island

of Women.

One of the most idyllic spots in the Caribbean, Cancun is home to a turtle sanctuary, the remains of a notorious pirate's lair and the Cave of the Sleeping Sharks. Vicious Tiger sharks lay motionless 65-feet below the surface, a phenomenon caused by the cave's oxygen-rich water, which serves

as a narcotic on the soporific sharks.

Schools of dazzling blue neons hover around Cancun's clear waters among the rocks and piers. The otherworldly Underwater Museum features more than 500 life-sized figures in two locations.

Bargain for authentic Mexican handicrafts, silver and Maya-inspired art and designer clothing. Most open-air markets are located in El Centro, the downtown area. Mercados on Tulum Avenue is an ideal place to hone your bargaining skills.

Cancun's nightlife ranks among the best in the Caribbean. Visit a multitude of nightclubs, pubs and other establishments. See a show; perhaps Cirque du Soleil-style acrobats, celebrity impersonators or costumed dancers. The options seem endless.

Step away from the hustle and bustle and visit nearby Mayan archeological sites, including El Ray that is located not far from the resort area. Chichen-Itza is about 120 miles southwest of the city and covers six-square miles. It's dominated by the Kulkulkan step pyramid, which functions as a giant solar calendar. During equinox, sunlight sends an image of a serpent undulating down the temple walls.

Beaches, resorts and good times are associated with Cancun. It's a trifecta that never disappoints.

Ice dams can lead to significant issues

AAA breaks down what they are, how they damage homes

Icicles hanging from the roof might make a perfect setting for a painting – a winter wonderland, no doubt. But what if they are ice dams? Well, that's another story.

Ice dams form when warm air from inside your home melts snow on your roof. It refreezes at the eaves, creating a dam. As melting and freezing continue, water pools behind the dam and could eventually leak into your home, resulting in costly water damage.

Ice dams are a battle you don't want to fight. Protect your roof and your wallet by taking the necessary steps to prevent ice dams from forming.

Ice dams are a headache for homeowners. They look unsightly and can cause serious damage to your roof and house structure. Without proper insulation, warm air from inside the house leaks into the attic and melts snow on the roof.

This melted snow refreezes at the colder eaves – creating an ice dam – which forces its way under the shingles and finds holes in the roof decking. Suddenly, you have water dripping into your attic. You can avoid this nightmare by making sure your house is properly insulated. It could save you trouble and money in the future.

AAA recommends these steps:

- Increase attic ventilation through



WINTER PROBLEM – Ice dams form in a gutter, potentially causing serious damage to the home. *Image: soupstock. Adobe Stock.*

the use of soffit and ridge vents to help circulate air through the attic, ensuring a consistent temperature.

- Examine your insulation to make sure it's not blocking the vents and check its depth.
- Prevent heat from escaping into

your attic by ensuring all attic ducts are sealed and properly insulated, and any exhaust fans lead outdoors, not to the attic.

- Consult a professional if your attic is a living space, you need vents installed or insulation added.

It's important to take steps to prevent ice dams from forming in the first place. One of the best ways is to make sure your attic insulation is adequate and properly installed.

Keeping the bottom couple of feet of roof and gutters clear of snow can help minimize ice dam formation, but it's not a foolproof solution. If you do find yourself with major ice dams, do not attempt to remove them yourself or get up on your roof. Instead, call for a professional with experience in removing ice dams safely and effectively – just be sure to ask about their methods first, as chipping or sawing away at the ice can cause damage to shingles. Prevention is key when it comes to avoiding costly repairs down the line.

Don't let ice dams lead to winter blues. If you notice water damage or leaks coming into your home, acting quickly is key. Contact your insurance provider as soon as possible and review your plan's coverage for ice dam damage. While many policies have this protection, there could be exclusions, so it's important to double-check. With a little bit of research, you can keep winter worries at bay. Visit the U.S. Department of Energy for more information about how much insulation you need.

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