



>> FOR THE SEAFARING SIGHTSEER

CRUISE THE TROPICS

When artist Paul Gauguin left life in 1880s Paris for a self-imposed exile to the South Seas, he created many of his most famous works. This edenic paradise remains accessible to the weary city-dweller by way of the namesake ship the **Paul Gauguin**, which sails the warm seas of Tahiti, Fiji and the South Pacific, providing five-star service on an array of itineraries.

One of the world's most highly awarded cruise ships, the Paul Gauguin features three dining venues, an extensive spa and staterooms with private balconies. Onboard scuba lessons and PADI certification are offered, and a retractable water sports platform enables guests to depart the ship to enjoy activities like windsurfing, paddleboarding, kayaking and snorkeling. The Tere Moana, a relatively new addition to the cruise line, specializes in warm-weather destinations, sailing in Caribbean and Latin America waters during winter months and in Europe for the rest of the year. pgcruises.com



>> FOR THE STYLE SEEKER

ROYAL TREATMENT

Tucked into a quiet cobblestone alley along Copenhagen's inner lakes, **Hotel Kong Arthur** has a style all its own. Built as an apprentice residence in 1882, the 155-room boutique hotel possesses both an air of antiquity and elegant modernity, like a beautiful 18-century duchess dressed in today's cutting-edge fashions. A color palette of bright whites and muted browns and blues lends a sense of vitality and freshness, while a suit of real knight's armor in the lobby provides a whimsical nod to the medieval. The atmosphere is as inviting as it is effortlessly chic.

Within easy walking distance of Nørreport Station and the oldest parts of the city, the hotel makes a good base for exploring Copenhagen's many cultural, architectural and culinary attractions. The eco-conscious traveler will value the hotel's unique approach to sustainability; Hotel Kong Arthur has been carbon neutral since 2008 and continues to strive to make all operations sustainable. arthurhotels.dk

>> FOR THE URBAN EXPLORER

SAN FRANCISCO'S HOTSPOTS

No need to research where to go on your next trip to San Francisco. Smartphone app **Wanderlist** gives you an insider's perspective on the city's best restaurants, hotels, bars, coffee and more. Browse the top five of each category, insider tips, activity suggestions and other city essentials. The app's frequently-updated, hand-picked selections, along with intuitive navigation, striking images and the ability to access cached content offline, make this city guide an invaluable resource for the SF visitor. Available on iTunes and Google Play. wanderlistguide.com



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>> FOR THE FUN-LOVING REVELER

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

New Orleans is a quick getaway for most Texans; nevertheless, the city feels worlds apart from the everyday. Live music, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, historic neighborhoods and a legendary nightlife make this culture-rich hot spot a must-see (and a must-see-again). This time of year, New Orleans is readying its purple, green and gold for one of its biggest festivities—Mardi Gras Feb. 17.

Stay on the parade route at the **Royal St. Charles**, a Destination Hotel located a block from the French Quarter and Canal Street. The three-night Mardi Gras Experience package, Feb. 15-18, includes junior suite accommodations, roundtrip airport limo service and gourmet coffee and mini king cakes for two from award-winning PJ's Coffeehouse. This boutique hotel captures the bright and quirky joie de vivre that makes New Orleans one of the South's most entertaining destinations. royalsaintcharles.com



>> FOR THE MOUNTAIN LOVER

RUSTIC ROMANCE

At **Stowe Mountain Lodge**, a Destination Hotel, try your hand at rustic furniture making, indulge in a Vermont maple and brown sugar scrub, take an outdoor yoga class, or enjoy a Vermont beer and cheese tasting at the Hourglass Lounge, all while you soak in the incredible mountain views. These authentic green mountain experiences, along with two nights' accommodation, are included in the Explore Vermont package.

Opened in 2008 at the base of Mount Mansfield within Stowe Mountain Resort, the 312-room, four-season lodge is known as a premier golf and ski destination. In the winter, hit the slopes on 116 trails for superb skiing and snowboarding—or when warmer weather arrives, play Stowe Mountain Golf Club's much-heralded private course, which winds through a picturesque wilderness of babbling brooks, hardwood forests and lofty peaks. stowemountainlodge.com

>> FOR THE ART & CULTURE ENTHUSIAST

ANCIENT CITY'S NEW ADDITION

Opened in September, the new luxury hotel **Raffles Istanbul** embodies the extraordinary character and rich heritage of Turkey's ancient capital city. The establishment combines contemporary and traditional design to create a colorful, light-filled oasis. A large collection of specially commissioned artwork embellishes the interior, and guestrooms and suites feature 24-hour butler service, floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies overlooking the Bosphorus River and dazzling cityscape below. Raffles Istanbul is located at the heart of the Zorlu Center, a hub for fashion, performance and art, on the European side of the city.

Two restaurants, two bars and a patisserie offer a wealth of gastronomic possibilities, from Catalan-inspired dishes by Michelin-starred Spanish chef Sergi Arola to Turkish and Mediterranean delicacies. Raffles Spa boasts a similarly comprehensive menu of indulgence, with an impressive selection of treatment rooms, pools, saunas, steam rooms and hammams. raffles.com

