



>> FOR THE LUXE OUTDOORSPERSON

## GRAND EXPERIENCE

Salt Lake City offers a unique crossroads for nature lovers, a setting where the best in city life goes hand in hand with the best of the great outdoors. Mountains and wilderness areas surround Utah's lively capital, making Salt Lake an ideal base camp from which to explore the state's awe-inspiring geology, rivers, lakes and national parks, as well as museums, restaurants and other urban attractions.

Return to luxury after a day spent adventuring—located in the heart of the city's culture-rich downtown, **The Grand America Hotel** lives up to its name. The hotel's 775 luxury rooms and suites, each individually decorated and equipped with hand-crafted furniture, spacious marble bathrooms and fine fabrics, look out on stunning mountain and skyline views from step-out balconies. Sunday brunch at The Grand's Garden Café, not to be missed, is famously delicious. [grandamerica.com](http://grandamerica.com)



>> FOR THE SUN SEEKER

## TROPICAL PERFECTION

Enjoy a completely worry-free vacation by the sea on the idyllic island of **Virgin Gorda**, third largest of the British Virgin Islands. At **Villa Aquamare**, three luxury villas provide a tranquil and elegant Caribbean oasis

on a half-mile of private coastline. A resident concierge takes care of every detail, from grocery shopping to booking massage therapists, boat captains and nannies.

Aquamare's villas have a feeling of openness that mimics the surrounding sea—interiors feature 30-foot vaulted wood ceilings, spacious private balconies adjoining each room, fully equipped gourmet kitchens and marble baths with separate outdoor shower rooms. If rented together, villas can accommodate up to 36 guests for a special event.

Virgin Gorda's 8.5 square miles are home to pristine white sand beaches, lush mountains, live coral reefs and quiet coves. Visit The Baths, where massive granite boulders are scattered along the ocean's edge, for a unique above-water or underwater experience, exploring sheltered rock pools and secret grottos. [villaaquamare.com](http://villaaquamare.com)



>> FOR THE JET-SETTER

## CARBON-FRIENDLY FLYING

Travelers conscious of their carbon footprint will appreciate new developments in the aviation industry. **Biofuels**, considered by many to be the best option for cleaner, greener flying, are finally coming into their own. Made from substances like plants, cooking oils and other waste products, biofuels represent a sustainable source of fuel, as well as a way to mitigate the effects of volatile price swings of conventional fuels.

In December, **Boeing** conducted the world's first flight using "green diesel," a readily available biofuel already used in ground transportation. Data suggests that green diesel can reduce carbon emissions by 50 to 90 percent compared to fossil fuel. Airlines like KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Horizon Air, Lufthansa, Norwegian Airlines, Finnair and SAS Scandinavian Airlines are already operating commercial flights partially powered by biofuels, and others, including Southwest Airlines, plan to offer biofuel-powered flights as early as 2016.



## &gt;&gt; FOR THE BUSINESS OR LEISURE TRAVELER

## URBAN GLAMOUR

Even in Chicago's urban landscape, home to some of the most notable architectural landmarks in the United States, **The Godfrey Hotel Chicago** stands out from the crowd. The new 221-room boutique hotel is the city's first staggered steel truss building. Though one of a kind, The Godfrey's sleek, Cubist-influenced exterior is in harmony with its River North location, a downtown area known for its contemporary art scene and trendsetting design.

Hotel guests enjoy amenities like an on-site spa and 24-hour fitness center, but the icing on the cake is on the fourth floor. The popular I|O Urban Rooftop features more than 15,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, along with panoramic views of Chicago's southern skyline; a retractable roof makes it the perfect place for a cocktail year-round.

This spring, The Godfrey Hotel will open a restaurant on the ground floor, partnering with New York-based LDV Hospitality, which operates upscale venues nationwide, including Scarpetta, American Cut and Barchetta. [godfreyhotelchicago.com](http://godfreyhotelchicago.com)

## &gt;&gt; FOR THE GREEN-MINDED GOLFER

## PLAY IN MONTEREY

Pebble Beach, California, is a golfer's dream. In addition to the world-famous Pebble Beach Golf Links, "golf's greatest ZIP code" boasts many other top-notch courses. Add **Poppy Hills**, a unique course winding through the beautiful Del Monte Forest, to your list of must-plays on this scenic slice of the Monterey Peninsula.

Radically redesigned by Robert Trent Jones II, Poppy Hills reopened in April 2014. Proper drainage and water conservation were the primary motivators (the course now irrigates exclusively with recycled water), but many other improvements were made. The rough is gone. The entire course has been sand capped, every tee and bunker rebuilt for optimal play and all greens reseeded with bentgrass, among other modifications. The result? A firm, fast and fun course that perfectly complements the natural woodland setting.

Whether playing or just dropping by to dine, don't miss restaurant Porter's in the Forest, which offers a one-of-a-kind, farm-to-table twist on traditional club fare. [poppyhillsgolf.com](http://poppyhillsgolf.com)



## &gt;&gt; FOR THE MOUNTAIN LOVER

## ALPINE ESCAPE

Founded in 1936 in the snow-capped mountains of Sun Valley, Idaho, **Sun Valley Resort** was America's first destination ski resort. This alpine escape is a good place to visit any time of year, however—after the snow melts, the romantic atmosphere and opportunity for active adventure remain. Warm-weather activities range from hiking, mountain biking and golf to shopping, sport shooting and decadent dining.

The 79-year-old **Sun Valley Lodge** will reopen in June after extensive renovations. The lodge's iconic façade has been preserved, but the interiors have been lavishly reimagined; many have doubled in size and now feature fireplaces, expansive bathrooms and other modern comforts. The redesign also includes the addition of an outdoor pool and a 20,000-square-foot spa, which offers 15 treatment rooms, steam and sauna, a world-class fitness center and yoga studio and an array of wellness treatments. [sunvalley.com](http://sunvalley.com)

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