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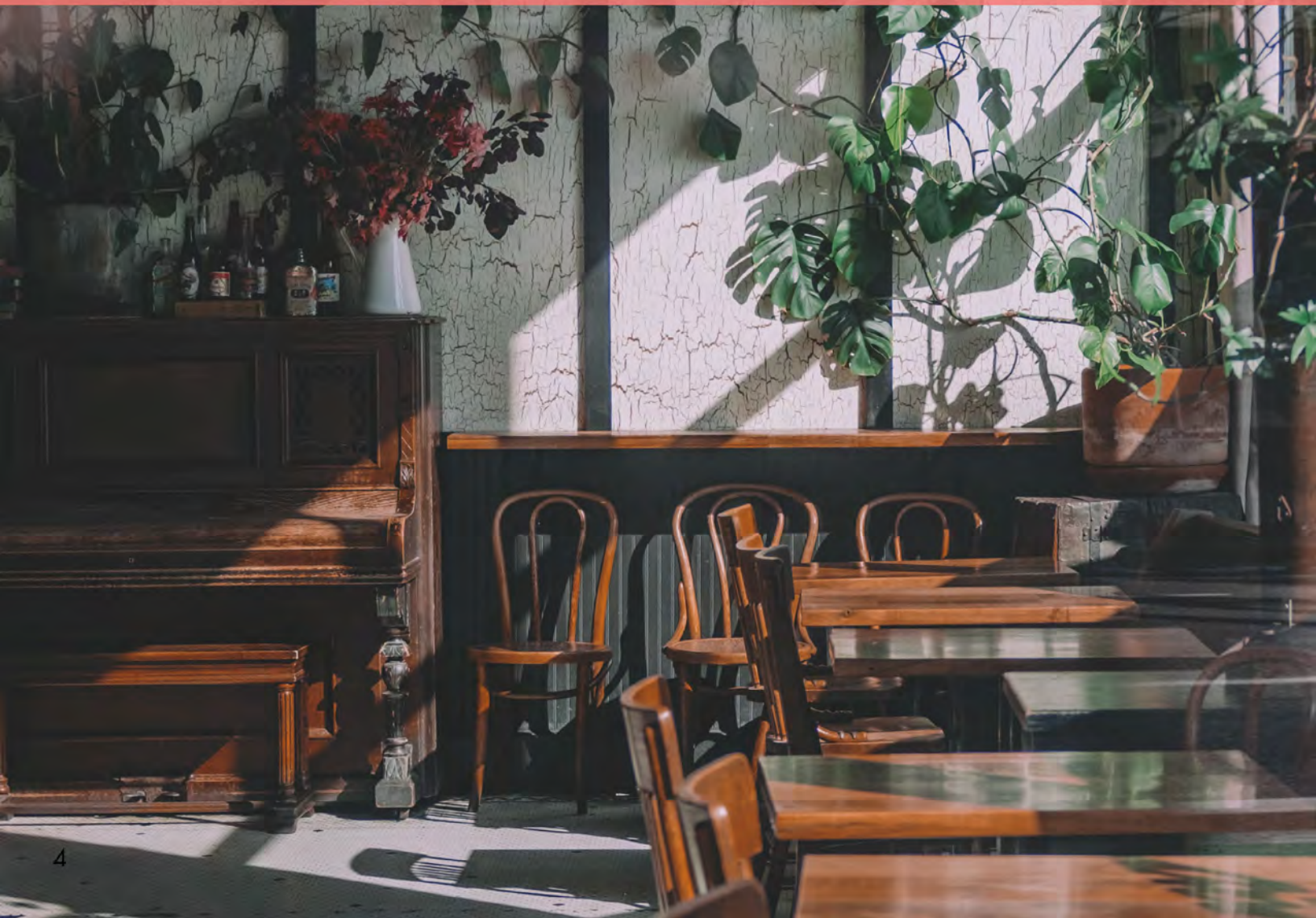


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# *Small Business, Big Adventure:*

5 WAYS TO SUPPORT SMALL  
BUSINESSES WHEN TRAVELING





Small businesses represent the heart of any destination. By traveling and investing your vacation dollars during your travels, you are actually investing in the local and regional communities. Whether it's a hidden gem restaurant, a boutique shop, or an expert local guide, engaging with small businesses is one of the best ways to get to know the people that make a destination unique.

## SEEKING OUT LOCAL, TRUSTED GUIDES AND TOURS

Connect more deeply with a destination by hiring a local guide who knows the ins-and-outs of the area by heart. You'll learn what life is genuinely like for a destination's residents and hear an interesting personal anecdote or two that you would not have gotten from a guidebook or tourism website. If you're working with a tour company, double-check that they engage with and give back to the area that they operate in.



## DINING AT LOCALLY OWNED RESTAURANTS

Part of the fun of vacation is getting to try dishes you would've never dreamed of trying at home or at a chain restaurant. Locally owned restaurants are often the most respected (and delicious!) in a destination, and they also typically serve the most authentic regional cuisine. When planning your trip, be sure to ask your travel advisor for their recommendations for local restaurants to try.





## PURCHASING GOODS AND SOUVENIRS MADE IN THE COMMUNITY

Many of us collect mugs or magnets from our travels, but the best stories about our vacations often stem from being asked about a one-of-a-kind necklace or handcrafted piece of artwork. Purchasing your vacation keepsakes from local artisans ensures that your dollars go directly to strengthening the community, plus you may even get to meet the creator of your new favorite travel memento!



## BACK A LOCAL CAUSE

If you like giving back to destinations you visit, do some research ahead of time into causes in the area that are meaningful to you. You can also ask the small businesses that you interact with what issues and charities are well-respected and how you can support them.



## WORKING WITH A TRAVEL ADVISOR NEAR YOU

A travel advisor can recommend ways to show local support while on vacation. Of course, you'll be investing in your own community by working with a travel professional, because they are small business owners too. Your support means the world!





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# New Books for Your Beach Bag



Summer travel season will soon be upon us, and many people will be heading to their favorite beaches. If your perfect day in the sun includes a stack of new books to read, here are a few recommendations to pack in your tote bag for lounging at the beach or by the pool.



## PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION BY EMILY HENRY

**Available now**

Although opposites in many ways, Alex and Poppy become the best of friends following a shared car ride home from college. Despite moving away from one another after graduation, they meet each year for a week-long vacation together. After a falling-out drives a wedge between them, Poppy eventually convinces Alex to spend one last vacation together to save their relationship.



## WILD WOMEN AND THE BLUES BY DENNY S. BRYCE

**Available now**

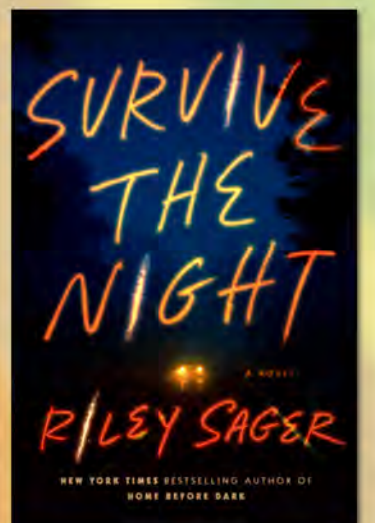
It's 1925 and in Chicago, jazz is king. Honoree Dalcour is trying to dance her way to the top at the Dreamland Café, the hottest club in town. Nearly 100 years later, past and present intertwine when film student Sawyer Hayes interviews Honoree on her deathbed to hear her story and finish his thesis.



## SURVIVE THE NIGHT BY RILEY SAGER

**Release date July 6, 2021**

Charlie is anxious and grieving the death of her best friend who was the third victim of a murderer stalking their college campus. Wanting to get away, she accepts a ride from the school's ride-share board with Josh, who claims to be leaving to care for his sick father. During the drive, she begins to suspect Josh might be the Campus Killer and the night becomes a fight for her life.







## THE GUNCLE BY STEVEN ROWLEY

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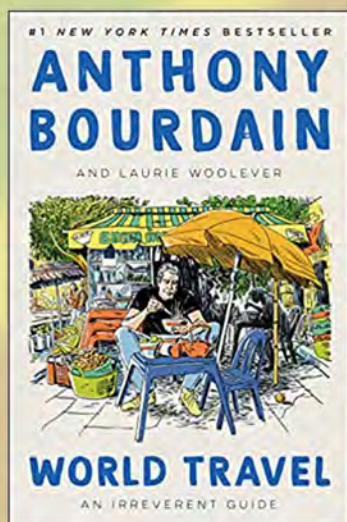
When a gay former sitcom star Patrick O'Hara takes on the role of caregiver to his niece and nephew following a family tragedy, he finds himself in over his head with parenting two young children. He begins to regret his new role until he rediscovers the importance of family, love, and healing together.



## ACCIDENTALLY ENGAGED BY FARAH HERON

**Available now**

Reena Manji's life is dominated by sourdough starters and a family that constantly interferes. When her father moves his new employee, Nadim, into an apartment across the hall from Reena (with hopes they will marry) the two bond over her freshly-baked bread. Faking an engagement to enter a couples baking competition, Nadim and Reena become closer as Nadim's secrets bubble to the surface.



## WORLD TRAVEL: AN IRREVERENT GUIDE BY ANTHONY BOURDAIN

**Available now**

Anthony Bourdain transports readers to some of his favorite destinations around the world in this frank, but fun book of his personal travel stories and essays written by those who knew him best.



# ONE LAST STOP BY CASEY MCQUISTON

**Available now**

August moves to New York City, waiting tables in a diner and trudging through her days. When she spots Jane, a punk-rock vision in leather, her subway crush becomes the highlight of her commute. When August discovers that Jane is displaced from the 1970s and cannot leave the subway, August's past and present collide as she tries to help her.



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# Life Beyond the Books:

## GRADUATION TRIPS FOR EVERY TRAVELER



Is there a special student in your life? Whether it's a 2021 graduate or one planning a belated celebration from last year, finishing school is a milestone worthy of a reward. One of the best graduation presents is the gift of travel! But what kind of trip would your graduate enjoy? Here are a few suggestions to get you started.





## STRESSED-OUT STUDENT

After several years of projects, exams, and deadlines, sometimes what a graduate needs most is the chance to relax and recharge. An all-inclusive resort offers the ultimate way to unwind, with food, beverages, and entertainment included. For extra stress relief, add a rejuvenating massage or spa treatment.



## HISTORY OR ART LOVER

Take the dates, names, and places from textbook pages and bring them to life! History majors can visit landmarks, walk battlefields, and view authentic artifacts. Museums offer up-close looks at original masterpieces, or visit a famous concert hall to take in a live performance. Tour the homes and haunts of your student's favorite artists, writers, composers, or other historical figures.



## FOOD FANATIC

Is your student ready to leave behind the microwaved instant noodles and taste what the world has to offer? Choose a destination that offers exciting new flavors and culinary adventures. Wander the stalls of an open-air market, sample the local street foods, or take a hands-on cooking class.



## LANGUAGE LEARNER

Is your scholar studying a foreign language? He or she would love the opportunity to practice conversing with native speakers. Moving beyond vocabulary and grammar rules, travel provides an invaluable chance to experience the culture and connect with its people.

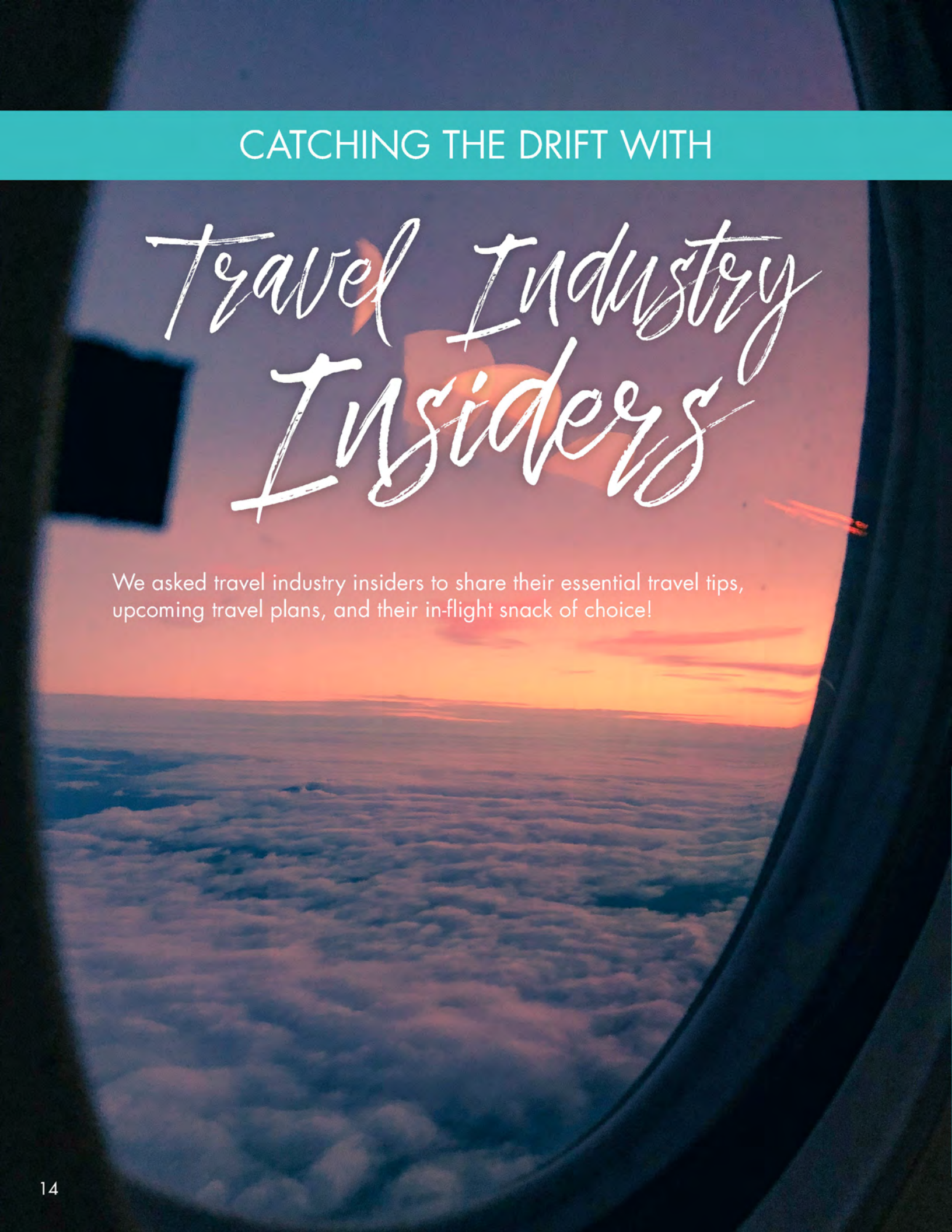


## ACTIVE EXPLORER

For the graduate that hates to sit still for too long or loves an adrenaline rush, plan a getaway including plenty of adventure. Whitewater rafting, ziplining, ATV tours, cave snorkeling—the possibilities for outdoor activities are virtually endless.

How do you know which destination offers the experience a graduate is looking for? What if a student doesn't fit squarely into just one of these categories? Your professional travel advisor is ready to offer suggestions and design a customized graduation getaway.



A view from an airplane window looking out at a sunset. The sun is a bright orange orb partially obscured by a teal banner at the top. The sky is a gradient of orange and pink, and the clouds below are a dense, textured layer of white and grey. The window frame is visible on the right and bottom edges.

CATCHING THE DRIFT WITH

# Travel Industry Insiders

We asked travel industry insiders to share their essential travel tips, upcoming travel plans, and their in-flight snack of choice!





## JUSTIN FRENCH

**Regional Vice President, Western/Northern U.S. and Canada – Carnival Cruise Line**

**Favorite travel tip:** Always book with a trusted travel advisor!

**Where are you most excited to travel to next?**

I can't wait to be welcomed home by crew members on any one of our beautiful ships.

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** Finding that perfect balance between social interaction and serenity

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Pretzels



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## RICK ZIMMERMAN

**President & CEO – KHM Travel Group**

**Favorite travel tip:** Be patient!

**Where are you excited to travel to next?**

Amsterdam, to work on my list of things to see and do

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?**

Splurge towards the end...making it memorable.

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts



Amsterdam, Netherlands





## BILL COYLE

**Director of Education and Programs –  
KHM Travel Group**

**Favorite travel tip:** Bug repellent is critical!  
And have small denominations of cash.

**Where are you most excited to travel to next?** Croatia in June. I am excited to see cultural differences further east than Italy.

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** Aha moments like seeing Trevi Fountain [in Italy] and thinking of all the movies filmed there, or Waimea Canyon in Hawaii

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts



## CHRISTINA SCHUTZ

**Business Development Manager –  
Carnival Cruise Line**

**Favorite travel tip:** Pick your Fun person to travel with! Make sure you travel with someone who enjoys adventures as much as you do.

**Where are you most excited to travel to next?** Grand Turk on a Carnival Cruise! I am looking to spend time relaxing and enjoying the beach.

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** Immersing into the different cultures you can experience and creating new memories.

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts







*Light the way to Travel*



**TINA TIANO**

**Business Development Manager –  
Globus family of brands**

**Favorite travel tip:** Pack an open mind. Travel is about exploring and appreciating other cultures!

**Where are you excited to travel to next?**  
Southern Italy to trace my family's roots

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** Completely immersing yourself in another culture creates memories that last a lifetime.

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Pretzels



**JAVIER YATACO**

**Senior Manager, Strategic Accounts –  
Holland America Line**

**Favorite travel tip:** When in Skagway [Alaska], it's best to take a hike. Stop at the local ranger station, and they will give you a trail map. Enjoy the views!

**Where are you excited to travel to next?**  
Alaska!

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** The unplanned surprises can make trips transformational and extraordinary.

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts



*Amalfi, Italy*





## CHARLES SYLVIA, ECC

**Vice President, Industry and Trade Relations  
– Cruise Lines International Association**

**Favorite travel tip:** Always book through a travel advisor. Always. Travel advisors have insider know-how, influence with suppliers, and industry relationships.

**Where are you excited to travel to next?** I have a half-dozen cruises booked, right now, but the most exciting trip I have planned is to fly to London for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in June of 2022.

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** The transformative nature of travel and how it opens our minds and hearts to new cultures and experiences

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts



## MIKE JULIUS

**VP Field Sales, North America –  
Carnival Cruise Line**

**Favorite travel tip:** Sharing your vacation experience through social media is key, but don't forget to stop and enjoy the view for yourself too.

**Where are you most excited to travel to next?** I am excited to sail on some of the new ships that have come out this past year and half, like the Carnival Mardi Gras.

**What do you think makes a vacation extraordinary?** The collection of life-long memories you make; it's like curating a library of experiences you can reflect on at any time.

**Peanuts or pretzels?** Peanuts





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**Contact your Travel Advisor for more information.**



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2016 ★ 2017 ★ 2018 ★ 2019 ★ 2020

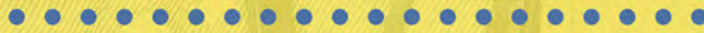


**BEST FAMILY  
CRUISE LINE**  
TRAVEL WEEKLY READERS CHOICE  
2018 ★ 2019 ★ 2020



BUDGET-FRIENDLY  
(AND EXTRAORDINARY!)

# *Vacation Stays*



Has your vacation budget jar been collecting dust? With travel off the table for a year, you may have packed away your suitcase and tapped into your vacation savings to pay for rent, groceries, or other necessities. Every traveler has a unique budget and idea of fun, but there are a few getaways that can have you basking in the the vacation glow without breaking the bank.



## THE QUEEN MARY

### California

A ship, museum, and hotel all in one, this famous floating hotel in Long Beach provides an enchanting look back in time. Although you'll remain docked, this will get you back in the water if you've been craving your cruise fix.

## THE ENCHANTMENT RESORT

### Arizona

The Enchantment Resort in Sedona offers you a variety of ways to get back into the groove of wellness and relaxation. The picture-perfect landscape of mountains not only looks incredible, but it also offers active adventures and special camp options designed for the kids.

## OPAL SANDS RESORT

### Florida

Previously ranked as the number one beach in the U.S., Clearwater Beach offers the same feel as the beautiful beaches of the Caribbean. Great for both couples and families alike, the modern-design of the Opal Sands Resort offers an array of activities and entertainment. Plus, it's situated right on the beach!



## 3 Travel Saving Tips

### BOOK EARLY AND WITH A TRAVEL AGENT

Contact your travel agent to book before the post-pandemic rush of eager travelers. Booking in advance can help you secure the experience you want, often times without the higher price tag.

### AVOID WEEKEND TRAVEL

Weekends may be convenient for your work schedule, but that convenience also comes at a cost and makes for more crowded encounters. Mondays and Tuesdays are typically more affordable travel days.

### EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Less popular destinations offer the same enjoyment as tourist-heavy ones. Talk to your travel agent about exploring somewhere new this year. There are countless hidden gems all throughout the U.S.

Whatever your interest or budget, one thing that should be a priority for a trip is travel insurance. Every travel insurance provider and individual policy has different requirements and costs, so it's best to contact your travel agent to explore the options to protect your precious vacation investment!



# Alaska by Land:

## 4 REASONS TO VACATION IN THE GREAT NORTH THIS YEAR



Travelers have long dreamed of witnessing the vast wilderness of the Great North and checking another state off their bucket list. The 49th state is home to the most pristine and beautiful landscapes in our country and this summer is the time for summer vacations to Alaska. Exploring Alaska by air, rail, and road is still a possibility this year and beyond!



## 1. ALASKA IS A RECORD-SETTING STATE

Don't let the map fool you, Alaska is the largest state. With almost twice the square miles of Texas, there's more to see and do than you can imagine. It's also the home to the tallest peak in North America, Mt. Denali, which tops out at just over 20,000 feet. Alaska also contains the largest of the United States' National Parks, the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve. According to NationalParks.org, with 13.2 million acres, this park is larger than Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park, and the country of Switzerland combined.



*Mt. McKinley*

## 2. YOU CAN MARVEL AT ALASKA'S BEAUTY BY TRAIN

Train travel is one of the best ways to take in the journey as you venture from town to town in Alaska. With large windows, comfortable seating, and the flexibility to move around the car, train travel allows you to sit back, relax and take in the sights. With trusted cruise lines Holland America Line and Princess Cruises offering land packages with rail, seeing Alaska by train is one bucket-list item that can still be achieved in 2021!

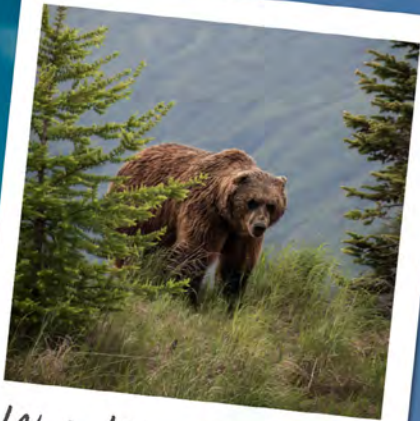


*On track to travel*



### 3. THERE'S ROOM TO ROAM

As travelers get ready to set off on adventures after a great deal of time at home, many people are looking at U.S. destinations that offer space to spread out. Luckily, Alaska's expansive spaces like Glacier Bay and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks mean that it's the perfect destination for social distancing. With options to spend days outdoors exploring the state's natural beauty or spying on the Big 5 wildlife Alaska is known for, you can make the most of every moment safely.



*Wide, Wild, Wonderful*

### 4. YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT

The Alaskan travel season is short, usually running from mid-May to late September. This means that there was almost no travel to Alaska in 2020 as travel was heavily restricted. Booking land packages for later this summer and beyond is one of the best ways to support the travel industry while helping others fulfill their dreams of seeing Alaska without the crowds.



*Paxson, AK*

*Get Inspired*





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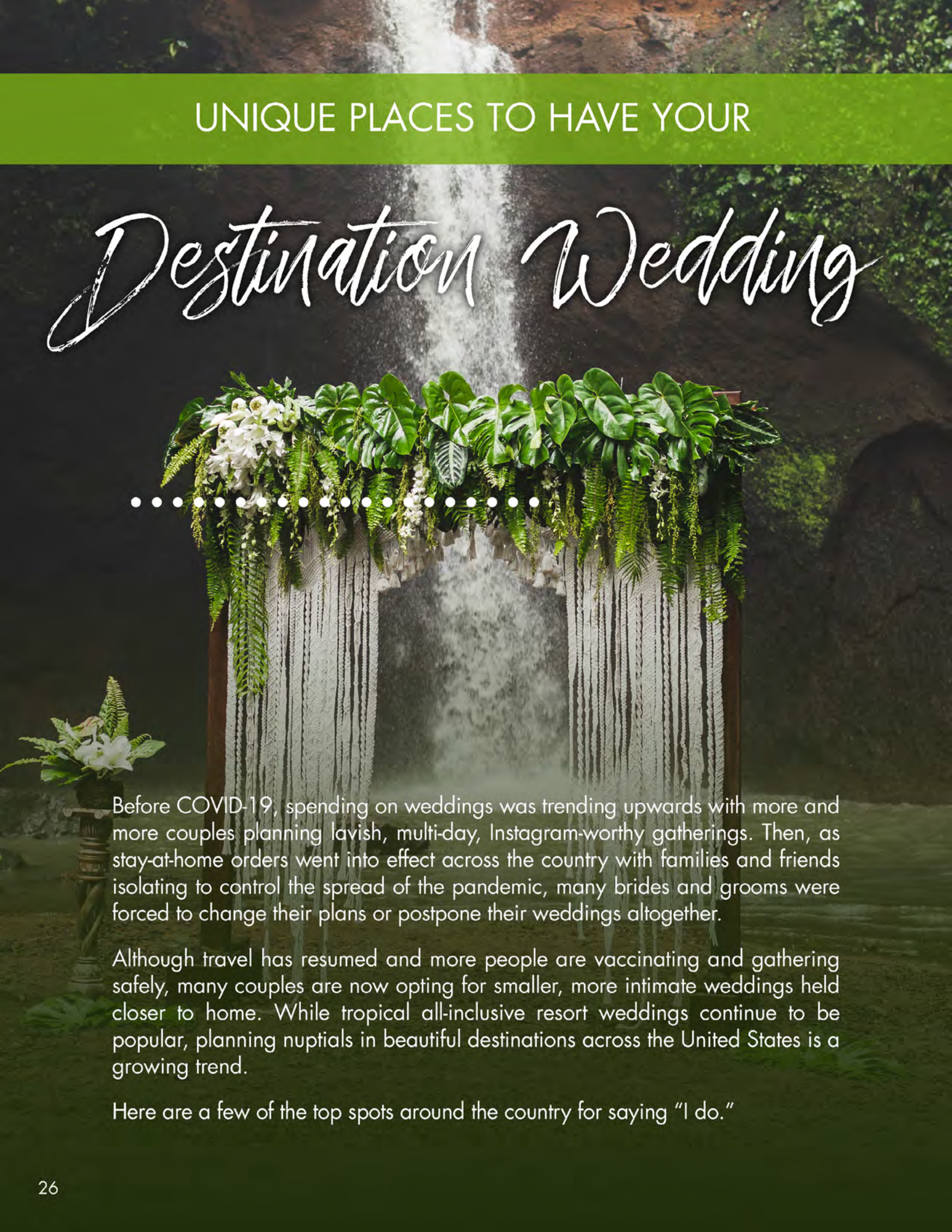
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UNIQUE PLACES TO HAVE YOUR

# *Destination Wedding*

Before COVID-19, spending on weddings was trending upwards with more and more couples planning lavish, multi-day, Instagram-worthy gatherings. Then, as stay-at-home orders went into effect across the country with families and friends isolating to control the spread of the pandemic, many brides and grooms were forced to change their plans or postpone their weddings altogether.

Although travel has resumed and more people are vaccinating and gathering safely, many couples are now opting for smaller, more intimate weddings held closer to home. While tropical all-inclusive resort weddings continue to be popular, planning nuptials in beautiful destinations across the United States is a growing trend.

Here are a few of the top spots around the country for saying “I do.”



## FLORIDA KEYS

For a tropical feel stateside, it's hard to beat the Florida Keys. Near-perfect weather and beautiful beaches are reminiscent of Mexico and the Caribbean, but a visit to the Keys comes without the worry of passports or complicated flights. Snorkeling or sunset sailboat excursions are fun activities to enjoy with wedding guests.

## SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

With its towering live oaks draped in moss, historic town squares, and bubbling fountains, there is truly something magical about this southern city. A variety of historic homes and fragrant gardens are available as venues, and a wedding here oozes with old world charm. Known as Savannah's Beach, Tybee Island is another great choice for couples, boasting windswept sand dunes and an iconic lighthouse.

## ASPEN, COLORADO

Stunning no matter the season, Aspen is truly one of the country's most beautiful mountain cities. Extravagant, yet breathtakingly rustic and scenic, an Aspen wedding can highlight either the majesty of winter or the vibrant color palette of summer. Seasonal activities abound, particularly for adventurous guests who enjoy the great outdoors.

## MENDOCINO, CALIFORNIA

Atop the hills of Northern California sits the quaint and romantic town of Mendocino, which offers couples a variety of locations for their big day. The backdrop of towering Redwood forests, a lush vineyard, or a peaceful beach are all options in this charming region. Beyond the wedding festivities, guests can hike, plan winery tours, explore the small coastal towns of the county, or admire a sunset over the Pacific.



*Key West, Florida*



*Unforgettable Memories*



*Savannah, Georgia*



## CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

For an oceanside wedding retreat, Cape Cod entices couples with the charming cottages, bed & breakfasts, yacht clubs, and resorts that dot the 70-mile peninsula. The relaxing beach vibe is perfect for activities like whale-watching, sunset sails, wandering in and out of antique stores, and strolling along the beach.

## SEDONA, ARIZONA

With sunshine and comfortable temperatures nearly every day of the year, Sedona and its stunning red rocks provide the perfect landscape for a memorable wedding. World-class dining, luxurious resorts and boutique hotels, and a bevy of outdoor activities make this destination truly special.



*Love is Love*

When you imagine saying your vows, maybe one of these scenic U.S. destinations will be your perfect destination.

Contact your travel advisor to discuss the many beautiful locations around the country for your wedding festivities.



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# Travel by the Numbers

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In just over a year, the once predictable travel trends have been flipped upside down, changed, and then changed again. As we move in the direction of resuming our normal vacations, let's take a look at the numbers behind the places and travel plans of millions of Americans.



## TOP 3

### INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

Travelers are Most Eager to Visit to Post-COVID\*



Europe



Caribbean



Mexico

## TOP 3

### DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS

on Travelers' Lists\*



National Parks



Hawaii



Florida



## PEAK TRAVEL

TSA TRAVEL CHECK POINT

1,850,531 Travelers on 5/16/21

## TRAVEL AGENTS ARE BOOKING...AND TRAVELING

Over 81% of travel agents are booking future land travel for some point in 2021 or 2022. 82% have traveled or will travel in 2021.<sup>2</sup>



### FLIGHTS ON THE RISE

American Airlines flew more flights per day in March and April 2021 than it did in 2019.\*\*\*



### CHANGES TO YOUR CARRY ON

TSA is now allowing one liquid hand sanitizer container up to 12 ounces per passenger in carry-on bags, up from the previous 3.4 ounce limit.



### A DIFFERENT KIND OF VACATION

80% of those surveyed have stayed at a vacation home or timeshare during the pandemic.

# 58%

have already booked or are currently planning their next vacation.\*

# 40%

say travel was a major factor in their decision to get vaccinated.\*

# 78%

plan to travel within a year of being fully vaccinated.\*

# 72%

say they'll travel more than ever before after the pandemic.\*\*

# 80%

of consumers believe inability to travel is worst part of the pandemic\*\*

\* Data is based on those surveyed by Travel Leaders Network, March 2021

\*\* Data is based on those surveyed by Trivago, February 2021

\*\*\* Data from AirNav Radar Box

<sup>2</sup> Data from 2021 KHM Travel Group Agent Census



6 TV SHOWS THAT INSPIRE

# Wanderlust

Netflix, Hulu, and good old network television all offer plenty of shows to keep your love of travel burning strong, even from your living room. Here are a few shows that inspire wanderlust and help viewers build a unique, meaningful travel bucket list.



## OUTLANDER

This historical drama, first broadcast on Starz, offers six seasons (and counting) of romance, history, and time travel that take the characters to the rugged Scottish Highlands and beyond. From Doune Castle (aka Castle Leoch) to the cobblestone streets of Inverness, the scenery alone will capture the wanderer's heart! Be warned – the storyline does contain a lot of violence and bloodshed, such as tar and feathering, crude amputations, and childbirth 18th century-style. But a steamy romance between the main characters and displays of selfless loyalty to family and country help balance it out! If you're already a fan, be sure to pack a book from the novel series of the same name by Diana Gabaldon for your next beach read.



## SOMEBODY FEED PHIL

Philip Rosenthal, the creator of Everybody Loves Raymond takes viewers on a culinary whirlwind around the globe to meet some of his favorite people and taste a bit of their world. This docuseries follows Phil on a journey, where he explores food as the great connector of people. Watching Phil globe-trot from Bangkok to Lisbon to New York City and everywhere in between will have you packing your chopsticks (and appetite) for a foodie adventure of your own. Find the four seasons of this series on Netflix.



## TRAVELS WITH MY FATHER

Travels with My Father – Netflix strikes again with this comedy series, featuring Jack, a British comedian and his curmudgeon father Michael as they travel all over the world to strengthen their bond through unexpected and unique cultural experiences and food. Very amusing and totally makes you want to travel the world...and maybe even bring your parents along!







## DARK TOURIST

There's just one season of this Netflix show from 2018, but it's sure to inspire some unusual destinations that may challenge even the best of travel advisors! Follow journalist David Farrier as he visits unusual – and often macabre – tourism spots around the world such as a haunted forest, nuclear wasteland, and a forbidden city. If you like haunted houses, cemeteries, and off-the-beaten-path sites, this show can inspire deep thoughts and interesting conversation starters for those brave enough to watch it.



## EMILY IN PARIS

Follow a young, American advertising executive from Chicago as she braves a big move for a job opportunity that takes her to the City of Lights! This comedy-drama explores themes of culture clash, workplace cliques, with a side of romance. As Emily takes in the sights and sounds of one of Europe's most memorable destinations, you'll be dusting off your high school French-English dictionary and studying your Metro Map in anticipation of your own adventure!



## THE BEST PLACE TO BE

Ever wonder where movie stars go on vacation? This show offers a glimpse of where Hollywood's hottest celebrities like to eat, drink, and sightsee in their favorite international destinations. Follow Queen Latifah to Brazil (on motorcycle!) and watch American Pie actor Jason Biggs and his wife Jenny Mollen participate in worship rituals at the Wong Tai Sin Temple in Hong Kong. You can find this show on the Travel Channel.





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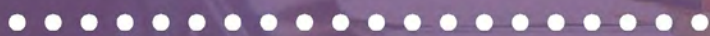
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The smell of salt air near the ocean, the sight of glittering lights across the Parisian skyline at night, the sound of glaciers calving and crashing into the water below, the feel of handwoven textiles in a Peruvian market—travel is an exciting experience for your senses. Judging from the popularity of food-related hashtags and social media posts, it's undeniable that travelers particularly enjoy indulging their sense of taste.

What are some luxurious—and delicious—ways to spice up your next vacation? These ideas are sure to satisfy your inner foodie.



## SIT WITH THE CHEF

Chef's table dining gives you a front-row seat to watch the culinary magic unfold in a restaurant's kitchen. You might sit right in the middle of the action, or perhaps at a table separated by a glass wall overlooking the prep areas. You are treated to a multicourse tasting menu featuring the chef's unique creations, often with the option of adding specially selected wines to accompany each dish.

From Michelin-star venues to restaurants run by celebrity chefs, this unique experience is sure to be the highlight of your getaway. Many cruise lines and resorts also offer chef's table dining options. Your travel advisor would be happy to introduce you to the culinary choices available at your destination.

## SUPERB SCENERY

Beyond the flavors, sometimes the venue is what makes a dining experience extraordinary. Overlook the Italian coastline from a cave-side perch at the exclusive Grotta Palazzese restaurant. Watch the Northern Lights dance across a night sky while sipping cocktails at the bar in Iceland's Ion Hotel. Descend five meters below sea level and dine with a panoramic underwater view at Ithaa in the Maldives. An incredible setting creates unforgettable memories!



## UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

To really dive into the local flavors, ask your travel agent about immersive culinary experiences. Traveling Spoon, Eat With, and other tour operators connect community hosts with visitors who want a more personalized taste of the area's food scene. Options include a guided exploration of local markets, cooking with a local in his or her own kitchen, and enjoying a specially prepared meal in an intimate venue.



## THEMED TRAVEL

If just one special meal doesn't satisfy your appetite for adventure, why not try an entire food-themed vacation? From Tuscany to Tanzania, Hamburg to Hong Kong, and almost anywhere in between, specialty cruises and small-group tours give you more time to luxuriate in a region's culinary delights. Visit the places ingredients are grown, interact with local vintners or brewers, and participate in hands-on cooking demonstrations.





# AROUND THE WORLD *Recipes*

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Bring deliciousness from around the globe right to your kitchen with these must-try recipes.



# Homemade Corn Tortillas

Mexico

## INGREDIENTS

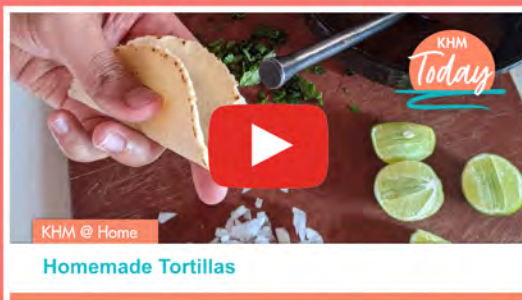
2 cups Masa Harina

1 ½ cups of warm water

½ tsp. salt

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add 2 cups of Masa Harina and ½ teaspoon salt to a mixing bowl.
2. Add 1 cup of water and stir until completely absorbed. It will have a crumbly texture. Slowly add the rest of the water...just 2 tablespoons at a time while stirring.
3. Once it has a doughy constancy, you can pick up with your hands and start kneading together to form one cohesive ball.
4. Take chunks of the dough to form golf ball-sized balls. Roll them between your hands until smooth.
5. Press them into tortillas by using ziploc bags. Cut the sides of the ziploc all the way down to form a flap. Put the ball in between the two flaps of the ziploc bag and find something to press the tortilla ball as thin as possible.
6. Peel the tortilla out of the ziploc bag and it's ready to fry. There's no need to add oil or butter to fry them!



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# Gluten-Free Almond Cake

Europe – recipe courtesy of AmaWaterways

## INGREDIENTS (CAKE)

2 cups firmly packed almond meal or almond flour (8 oz.), plus extra for dusting the pan

1 tsp. baking powder

½ tsp baking soda

½ tsp. fine sea salt

¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

4 eggs

1 cup maple syrup or honey

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil

1 ½ tsp. grated lemon zest (from 2 medium lemons, preferable organic), plus more for garnish

## INGREDIENTS (GLAZE AND TOPPING)

2 tbs. lemon juice

1 tbs. maple syrup or honey

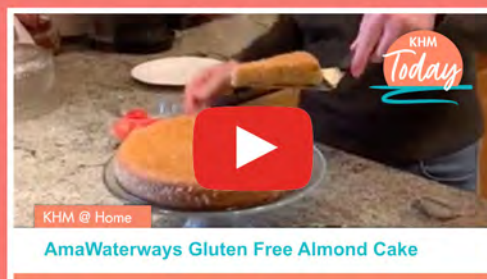
1 cup plain Greek yogurt or whipped cream

½ lb. ripe strawberries, thinly sliced

1 cup fresh blueberries (6 oz.)



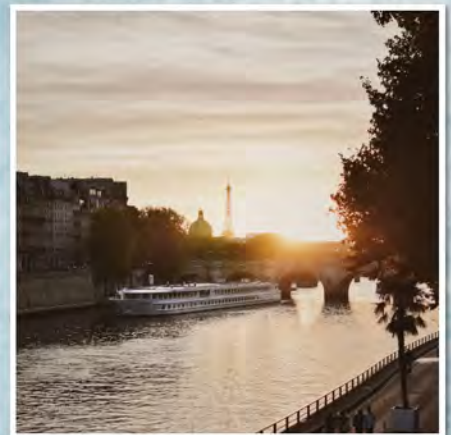
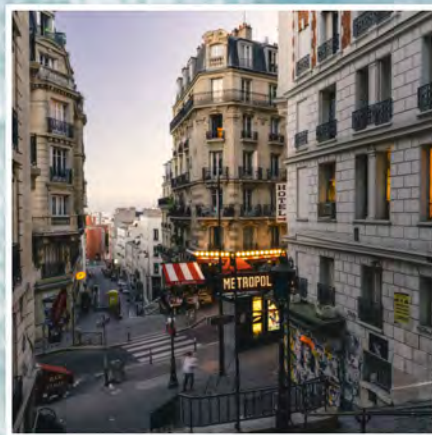
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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325° F. Generously grease a 9-inch springform pan and dust with almond flour.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together 2 cups of almond meal, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.
3. Crack eggs into a medium bowl and beat with a whisk until yolks and egg whites are blended. Add maple syrup, olive oil, and lemon zest and whisk to blend. Pour the wet ingredients into the almond meal mixture and stir until there are just a few clumps remaining.
4. Scrape batter into the prepared pan (it will be runny; don't worry). Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until cake is golden brown and the center is firm to the touch.
5. For the glaze: In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice and 1 tablespoon maple syrup until blended. (If you're using honey instead and having a hard time blending it into the lemon juice, place the bowl on top of your stove to warm it up while the cake bakes, or warm it briefly in the microwave until you can whisk them together.)
6. Once the cake is out of the oven, place the cake, pan and all, on a cooling rack. While the cake is warm, use a pastry brush to brush the glaze over the top. It should soak right in.
7. Let the cake cool for at least 30 minutes. Carefully remove the outer piece from your springform pan. Spread yogurt evenly on top, then place strawberries and blueberries on top. Sprinkle with some additional lemon zest, then slice the cake with a sharp knife and serve!
8. Store any remaining cake in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 4 days.





# Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Italy

## INGREDIENTS

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| 2 cups flour              | 1 ½ cup milk         |
| ¼ cup sugar               | 1 cup ricotta cheese |
| 1 ½ tsp. baking soda      | 1 ½ tsp vanilla      |
| ¾ tsp baking powder       | ¼ cup lemon juice    |
| 2 large eggs at room temp | 2 tsp lemon zest     |

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In large bowl add flour, sugar, soda, powder, and salt. Whisk together.
2. In separate bowl, add eggs and lightly beat. Add milk, ricotta, and vanilla until combined.
3. Stir wet mix into dry mix until combined. Quickly fold in lemon juice and zest. Do not over mix.

# Piña Colada

Puerto Rico

## INGREDIENTS

- ½ a cup of coconut cream
- ½ pineapple juice
- 1 cup of ice
- ¼ cup white rum

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a blender, mix the coconut cream, pineapple juice, ice, and rum until all the ingredients are blended smoothly and frosty.
2. Pour the drink into a glass and top with whipped cream.
3. Use cherries and pineapples as garnishes.

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