



# YOUR TICKET TO THE GOOD LIFE 2019 TRAVEL PLANNER

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Professional travel expert Wendy Sandridge has a passion for custom-creating exceptional vacations to help you explore the world and celebrate your milestones. She has stayed at the best resorts, set sail on the top cruises, and has had the transformative experiences she will recommend for you.

And, as an independent affiliate of world-renowned travel agency TravelStore, Wendy ensures that her clients receive unparalleled VIP service and complimentary upgrades and perks at all of the extraordinary destinations you'll find in the pages ahead...

*Bon Voyage!*

Photo courtesy of Chileno Bay Resort



## ARUBA TOURISM AUTHORITY

Aruba may be an island of only 70 square miles, but it is big on hospitality. Tourism is the largest source of income on the island, and the locals are known for being extremely warm and welcoming. Kim Riddle, Business Development Manager for the Aruba Tourism Authority, says, "This is why Aruba has one of the highest repeat visitor rates in the Caribbean. When people come to Aruba, they make friends on the island and when they return, it is like they are coming home. They are not only going back to a destination they enjoyed but also visiting the friends they made." The island's year-round perfect weather and multitude of experiences – from local authentic culture to wellness, culinary delights to music, romance to adventure – make it a popular destination for anyone. It is a "foodie's paradise" with over 250 dining options on the island. Discover the friendly people, beautiful natural wonders and hidden treasures of this Caribbean delight.



## REGENT SEVEN SEAS

When it comes to being pampered, it doesn't get any better than being on a Regent Seven Seas Cruise. They describe it this way: "This is cruising as it was meant to be — a sumptuous and very personal experience where your every wish, your every whim and your every want are met with gratifying luxuries, satisfying comfort and complete fulfillment of your wanderlust. Anticipate an unforgettable journey to the world's greatest destinations where everything is included, without exception and without compromise. You really can have it all aboard Regent Seven Seas Cruises." The luxurious all-suite accommodations and 24-hour room service with a staff-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.5 make the travel just as wonderful as the destination. Kick back with a selection of fine wines, savor gourmet dining in one of the beautiful specialty restaurants, take advantage of the onboard Canyon Ranch Spa Club and enjoy a wide variety of activities and evening entertainment. Whether your travel is from Rome to Dubai or Miami to Montreal, every guest can take advantage of their free unlimited shore excursions, Wi-Fi, airport transfers, unlimited beverages and pre-paid gratuities.



## LA CANTERA RESORT AND SPA

Poised atop 550 acres of pristine Texas Hill Country, La Cantera Resort & Spa provides an intimate connection to nature's most precious elements. Discover inspiring settings at the resort's five sparkling pools, two championship golf courses, Loma de Vida Spa & Wellness and nine incredible dining options. La Cantera Resort & Spa presents an unparalleled level of relaxed sophistication. The 496-room resort caters to both adults and families. Seven, an "adults only" guest floor experience, includes complimentary valet, personal concierge, private check-in and pool access for guests 21 and over. Families appreciate the proximity to San Antonio experiences, activities for young travelers and private pool cabanas. The Loma de Vida Spa & Wellness creates a unique sense of place for peaceful seclusion, healing energy and sophisticated fun with a majestic fireplace, revolving art gallery and terrace with expansive views. Signature, inspired by Chef Andrew Weissman, combines classic techniques and Texas touches. Says Michelle Robertson, Director of Marketing, "Mix a world-class resort setting with unparalleled service. Then, blend it with a passion for nature, and what you find is an adventure well beyond the ordinary."



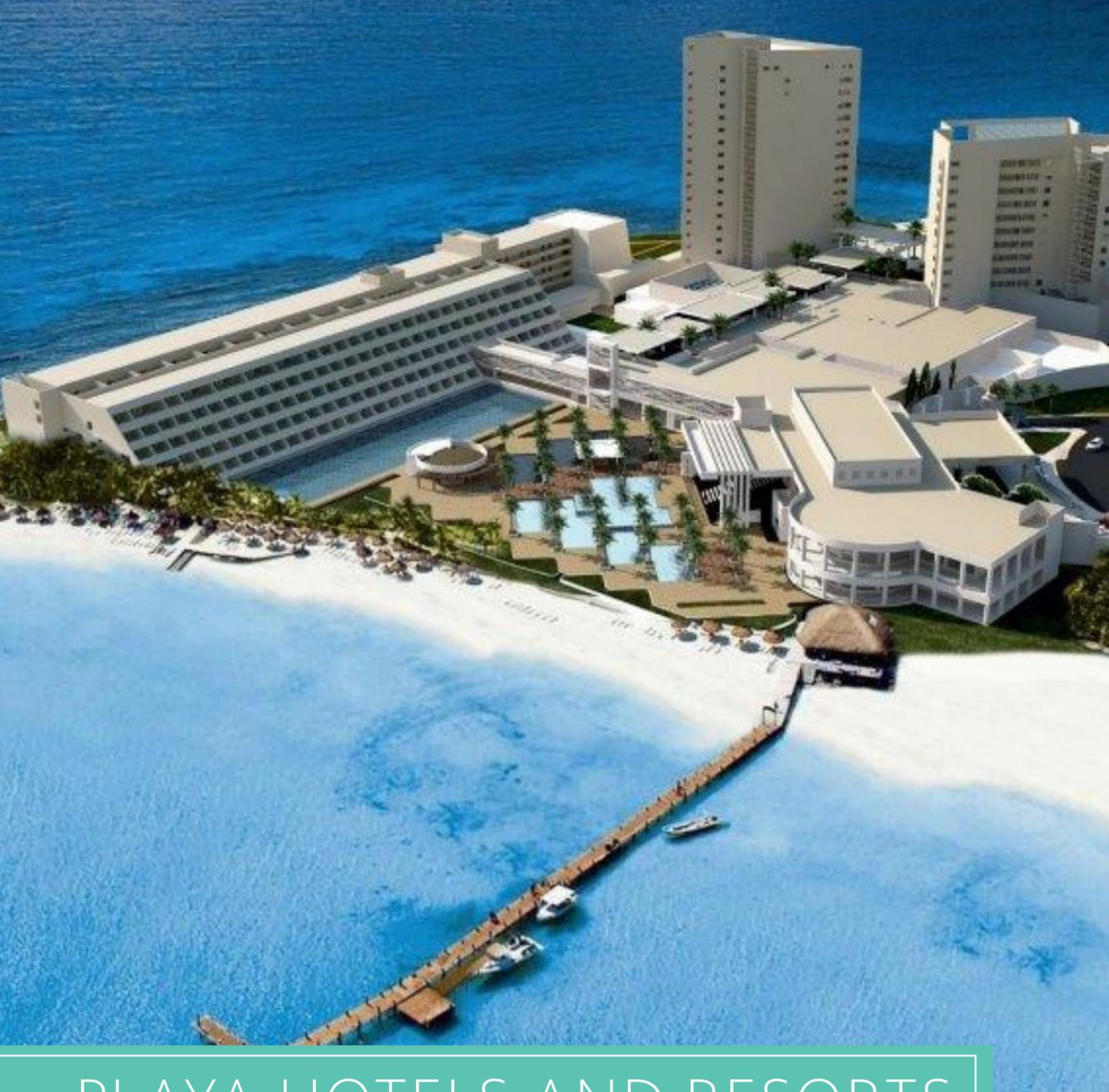
## CLASSIC VACATIONS

Looking for a once-in-a-lifetime kind of getaway? Classic Vacations delivers world-class accommodations, exceptional privileges, and unparalleled service at some of the finest hotels, all-inclusive resorts, and cruises in the world. Wendy Sandridge, a Star Performer of Classic Vacations, says, "They are the perfect partner as I plan vacations. They help me connect the dots at the destination to ensure I can help plan the perfect trip for every client." As the #1 rated luxury vacation wholesaler for TravelAdvisors, Classic Vacations has access to a host of unique benefits, services, and attractions. Whether it is a best-in-category hotel room, private transfers, a last-minute appointment at a luxury spa, or tee times at world-class golf courses, they can help ensure your advisor has an inside track to the best of everything. They provide luxury vacations to the Caribbean, Mexico, Costa Rica, Europe and the South Pacific.



## SILVERSEA CRUISES

Owned and operated by one family (the Lefebvres of Rome), Silversea takes great pride in its ten ships traveling to an incredible 900 destinations. Offering "a true Italian passion for embracing the best of life," their smaller ships mean easier access to intimate ports, and of course, food and wine cruises are also available. (They're Italian after all!) A highly qualified Expedition Team will answer all of your questions about local culture, and for more competitive types, there are daily contract and duplicate bridge sessions on Silversea Bridge Sailing. Cindy Litzie, Area Sales Director for the Southwestern U.S., underscores the company's innovative spirit and spacious, ocean-view suites that include butler service; most also include private verandas. Silversea is known for its culinary excellence with a choice of open-seating dining options throughout the fleet. The ease, convenience and value of its all-inclusive fare means that all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride.



## PLAYA HOTELS AND RESORTS

The Playa Hotels & Resorts brands of all-inclusive destinations include some of the most spectacular beachfront locales in Mexico, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. At every resort you can expect stunning oceanfront settings, authentic cuisine and vibrant culture, all inspired by natural beauty and perfected with luxurious amenities that are all included with your stay. Whether you choose an adults-only or family-friendly resort, you can count on delicious food, luxurious accommodations, and amenities including fitness centers, live entertainment, pristine pools, and 24-hour room service. The newest Playa property, the adults-only Sanctuary Cap Cana is perfect for honeymooners. This luxurious 323-suite resort breathes romance, resembling a colonial Spanish castle town perched on a cliff by the ocean. It's a vacation paradise like no other.



## AMAWATERWAYS

Known for river cruises that take you where the journey is as much a part of your travel experience as the destination, AmaWaterways is committed to helping guests experience the culture of the destination while enjoying unrivaled on-board accommodations and activities. Discover local culture and sights on included tours, and then hop back on your luxurious river cruise ship and sail to the next stunning city or charming town. With river cruises in Europe, Asia, and Africa, you can choose between European wine or castle cruises, the majestic temples of Cambodia and Vietnam or even watching hippos frolic alongside you on your cruise through the Chobe River in Africa. AmaWaterways has a cruise for history buffs and foodies, romantics and adventurers. Their ships are top-notch and in 2017 earned *Town and Country's* Cruise Award Winners for Best Overall, Best Onboard Activities, Best On-Shore Activities and Best Food.



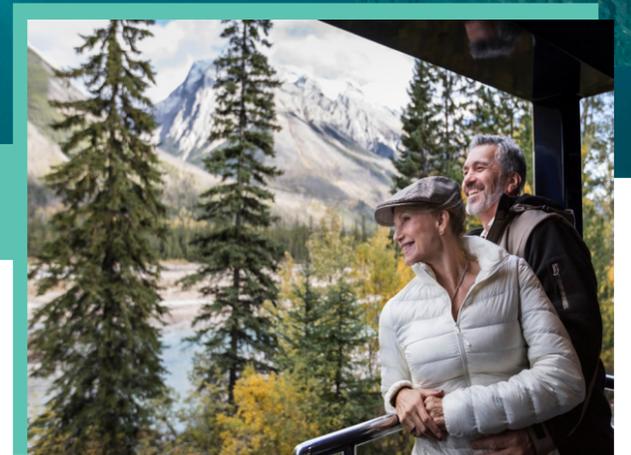
# MONARCH BEACH RESORT

Monarch Beach Resort is a captivating seaside getaway that celebrates the best of Southern California's coastal lifestyle. It is the only resort along the SoCal coast that has a pool, beach, spa and golf all on property as well as being the only resort that has a private beach club in addition to its nine dining options, three sparkling pools and Miraval Life In Balance Spa. Couples come for romantic getaways, honeymoons, babymoos, etc. Families love the Monarch Beach Kid's Club and the Family Pool and Splash Pad. The resort's dining options are anchored by Michael Mina's Bourbon Steak. It opened in February of 2018, and it is already the #1 restaurant in Orange County. The active traveler will appreciate the forty-five complimentary wellness/fitness classes offered through Miraval Life In Balance Spa. Monarch Beach Resort is really a place that once there you never have to leave!



# ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

A journey aboard Rocky Mountaineer will transport guests through majestic mountain landscapes, lush green forests, glacier-fed lakes, regional wildlife and endless miles of landscape only viewable by rail. The experience onboard their all-dome fleet features rich, historic storytelling, exquisite cuisine and impeccable service. With four unique routes to choose from, the unforgettable all-daylight journeys offer romance and history, reminding you that traveling is as much about the journey as it is about the destination. "This is the best and most special way to witness the majesty of the Canadian Rockies!" says RM's Richard Bravo. Their all-domed fleet allows guests to take in some of creation's most majestic landscapes from all directions, and guests traveling in their GoldLeaf service will also have access to an outdoor vestibule where they can not only take in the fresh mountain air but also capture some great and memorable photos and videos. The exquisite onboard cuisine is a highlight on any Rocky Mountaineer journey. Executive-trained chefs freshly prepare the best of Canada's local cuisines including salmon and Alberta short-rib. Rocky Mountaineer transports guests through unspoiled, untouched terrain that can literally only be viewed from their train cars, making this an incredibly amazing and unique experience.



# AUBERGE RESORTS

## ESPERANZA

On the beautiful bluffs of Punta Ballena overlooking the Sea of Cortez, Esperanza is situated between two secluded coves with private beaches on the southern-most tip of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. Equally ideal for romantic getaways and family gatherings, Esperanza features an adult-centric, casita-style resort adjacent to a multi-bedroom villa oasis perched above the stunning blue waters of the sea. Families enjoy the villas alongside the adult oasis. Offering the comforts of private bedrooms with shared living space, the villas are a landscape for creating memories together to last a lifetime. The resort is proud of its many recognitions including "Best Resort in Cabo" by *InMexico, Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards, No. 6 Resort Hotel in Mexico, Forbes Five Stars, AAA Five Diamond, and as a Gold Badge Winner by *US News & World Report*.



## CHILENO BAY RESORT & RESIDENCES

Set on a protective cove with pristine reefs and tranquil waters, Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, the newest contemporary resort in the Auberge Resorts Collection, is a stunning luxury resort located on Chileno Bay, the most coveted year-round swimmable beach on the Sea of Cortez. This resort, consisting of 92 guestrooms and villas, brings a fresh contemporary experience to Los Cabos embracing an active, social and engaging environment. The unique design of three zero-edge pools, spanning 150 yards, serves as the centerpiece of the resort and creates a gathering place for interaction among the guests. Each of the experiences, including the restaurants, spa, guest lounge, H2O cave and activities center, embraces a casual and energetic escape with exceptional service for guests of all ages. It's ideal for shared experiences for multi-generational families, groups of friends or active couples.



## AIC HOTEL GROUP

### UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya

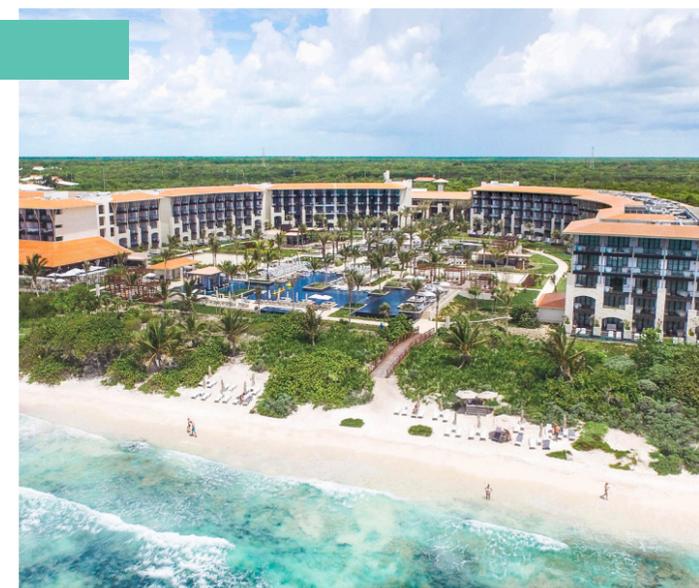
Pictured here, UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya is set on the stunning beaches of Riviera Maya, immersing guests in the culture of the region. This is a luxury all-inclusive hotel featuring spa treatments, tours and excursions and championship golf.

### Hard Rock Hotels

The all-inclusive Hard Rock Hotels of Mexico and the Dominican Republic are guaranteed to rock your world. With service that knows no limits, these hotels "take the awesome of Rock & Roll and make it a vacation that has to be experienced to be believed."

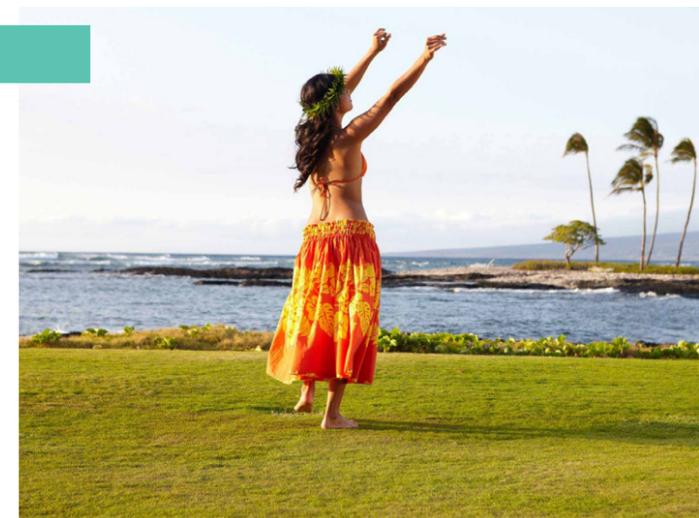
### Nobu

The Nobu Hotel concept brings both an illuminating and one-of-a-kind experience to Chicago's west loop neighborhood and the shores of Miami Beach and Cabo San Lucas. These hotels offer modern sophistication with the Japanese influences inspired by world-renowned Chef Nobu Matsuhisa in collaboration with Academy Award winner Robert De Niro.



## MAUNA LANI

Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection is a tranquil luxury oceanfront resort that is currently undergoing an extensive redesign and revitalization and will reopen in late 2019. Mauna Lani features 30 oceanfront acres with three miles of secluded shoreline and will draw its inspiration from its stunning setting. Whether traveling with family, as a couple or part of a multi-generational gathering, the resort has something for everyone. New programs are being designed to enhance guest's enjoyment including completely new culinary experiences, wellness activities and a beach activities program. All of this will allow Mauna Lani to create a soulful journey for each guest. Mauna Lani's signature dining experience will be found ocean-side at The Canoe House where you can enjoy beautiful sunset dinners that will enhance your culinary senses. They say Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection is "Where Heaven Meets Earth!"



## KIMPTON SEAFIRE RESORT + SPA

Grand Cayman's first-ever lifestyle resort is a state-of-the-art wonder on world-famous Seven Mile Beach, bringing sea and sand into view the moment you arrive. The open-air design stays with you indoors and out, with water vistas at every turn and winding gardens that lead to secret sanctuaries, social gathering places, pristine pools and of course, the Caribbean Sea. Couples looking for a romantic getaway can enjoy sitting on the balcony of their guestroom, enjoying a glass of champagne while watching the sunset as a beautiful boat sails by or take advantage of a signature two-hour Turkish massage treatment for couples. When Ali Jones began her position as Luxury Leisure Specialist, she knew immediately she was right where she should be. "Everything I experienced was unexpected: the sheer beauty of the island including the crystal-clear turquoise water, the kindness of the people, which I have learned is termed 'Cayman kind' and the uniqueness of the resort itself – it is luxurious without being ostentatious. You can fully unplug to enjoy every single minute."



## CRYSTAL CRUISES

Modern and sophisticated, yet infused with a classic elegance, Crystal is defined by a fleet of stylish ships, yachts and jets of exceptional design, epic land adventures and a level of six-star service simply unsurpassed in luxury travel today. With the highest staff to guest ratios in the industry, Crystal's expertly trained staff can offer personal service second to none. The Michelin inspired dining includes Nobu Matsuhisa's only seagoing restaurants. The cruises are truly all-inclusive luxury, including all gratuities, unlimited wines, premium spirits and champagne, free Wi-Fi and complimentary steam and sauna at the feng shui inspired Crystal Life Spa. Crystal's Carolyn Szekeres believes, "Crystal offers so many choices of vessels for our guests to explore the world, all with the luxury service, innovative enrichment and all-inclusive amenities."



## SEADREAM YACHT CLUB

From day one the motto of SeaDream Yacht Club has been, "It's yachting, not cruising – enjoy the difference." For each voyage on SeaDream I or SeaDream II the goal is to help every guest to feel like they are on their own private yacht. With a maximum of 112 guests served by 95 crew members, they are highly inclusive once onboard with incredible service, cuisine and the ability to get into smaller ports. Experience what wining & dining on your very own yacht would be like with expert chefs and sommeliers as well. It's a gastronomical experience that will have you indulging in every bite. Brooke Lepisto, V.P. of Americas West, says, "I enjoy watching the magic happen as our guests discover new places, connect with their loved ones and new friends onboard, and indulge in all the yacht has to offer."



## TRAVEL2

Traveling to the other side of the world does not have to be intimidating. Not when travel expert Wendy Sandridge and her team are there to coordinate your entire package including air, hotels, transfers and tours. The Travel2 team makes it their mission to plan a seamless, hassle-free trip to the South Pacific and South East Asia. Destinations include Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji, Cook Islands, Thailand, Bali, Hong Kong, Vietnam & Cambodia. Travel2 believes that no two travelers are alike and their team experts are either from the local area or have traveled there many times, so visitors can take advantage of their knowledge of the region.



## CLUB MED

Club Med was the first to offer an all-inclusive destination vacation, and they've been perfecting the experience ever since. According to Graeme Laudenslager, business development manager, "Club Med is an experience where people come back from vacation with a story. It is all about meeting people from all over the world while taking in some of the most beautiful destinations on earth." Club Med has truly "gone global" and offers over 60 properties near and far. The Club Med Finolhu, Maldives with its amazing water villas and butler service is a great example of an all-inclusive in one of the most expensive destinations in the world. Vacationers may prefer to head to one of their 20 all-inclusive ski resorts in Europe that include lessons and lifts or Club Med Punta Cana with 30-plus all-inclusive Cirque activities like a double trapeze. Club Med Cancun offers three beaches, coral for snorkeling, a lagoon for water skiing and private suites with concierge level and private pool in 27 acres.



## NATURAL HABITAT ADVENTURES

Natural Habitat has 34 years of experience, solely focusing on the world's best nature and wildlife excursions. As the world's first carbon neutral travel company (ten years and running) and the conservation partner to World Wildlife Fund (WWF), their Expedition Leaders have access to staff and experiences in all the areas they visit. In some instances they can even offer behind-the-scenes experiences with WWF or other conservation efforts they support as well as customized trips. The average group size is 12, and they have a no-cancellation policy – if they take one booking, they will run the trip! The Natural Habitat traveler is one who cares about the planet, values uniqueness and exclusivity and has a genuine curiosity. Nature lovers of all ages, individuals or families, will be treated to the adventure of a lifetime.



## HOTEL CRESCENT COURT

Rejoice in the newly renovated guest rooms, spa, lobby and Crescent Club! Conveniently located in the vibrant Uptown area of Dallas, only minutes from the downtown business district, with 10 dining options within the complex, Hotel Crescent Court has undeniable charm that is quintessentially Texan. Within its quietly opulent 22,000-square-foot Dallas spa facility, The Spa at The Crescent offers one-of-a-kind treatments and services in 19 state-of-the-art treatment rooms and nail salon. Luxurious product lines and knowledgeable service combine to create Dallas' best spa. This award-winning facility offers members, hotel guests and locals a proven regimen for total body health.



## BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE

Located at the very heart of downtown Charleston, in the historic district and within walking distance of all the major attractions, Belmond Charleston Place is the perfect base for a city adventure. The undisputed crown jewel of the hotel is the 50-foot horizon-edge saltwater mineral swimming pool. Featuring a stunning retractable glass roof, the pool can be accessed year-round. Whether relaxing by the pool, being pampered in the spa or salon, dining in the award-winning restaurants or browsing the exclusive boutiques, every moment is one to cherish. The experience of fine dining in the Forbes Four Star Charleston Grill shines bright amidst the Southern elegance and refinement of Charleston. Every dish, created by Executive Chef Michelle Weaver, offers highly creative and uniquely presented cuisine from only the finest ingredients. Wine Director and Sommelier, Rick Rubel, is the mastermind behind the largest wine collection in the city.



## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

For 15 years running, Royal Caribbean has been voted as “Best Cruise Line Overall” and “Best Cruise Line in the Caribbean” by *Travel Weekly’s* Reader’s Choice Awards. Known as the world’s most innovative cruise ships with destinations worldwide, this year they are thrilled to introduce their second private destination, “Perfect Day at CocoCay,” a destination that resets adventure to a whole new level, reimagining what’s possible in a day. With a 1600-foot-long zipline, the tallest waterslide in North America, the largest wave pool and the largest freshwater pool in the Caribbean, and the first overwater cabanas in the Bahamas, there are endless ways to fill your day with one-of-a-kind experiences designed to conquer more unknowns and cultivate more lasting memories at every turn.



## CANAVES OIA LUXURY RESORTS IN SANTORINI

The story of Canaves Oia begins in 1985 when the Chaidemenos family was among the first families to introduce tourism to the fishing village of Oia in Santorini. It was then that Yiannis and Anna Chaidemenos transformed 17th-century caves, once used to store wine, into designer-chic luxury hotel rooms. The birth of the Canaves Oia brand led to the hotel’s all-white minimalistic concept, which redefined the meaning of luxury accommodation in Santorini. Guests can soak up all that makes a luxury holiday on this Greek island a destination to remember with the Canaves Oia Suites and the 2017 launch of the Sunday Suites right next door with its own unique modern boutique concept accommodations, balconies and panoramic sea views.



## MIRAVAL AUSTIN RESORT AND SPA

With a grand opening in January 2019, the Miraval Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas is the newest Miraval location outside of the flagship location in Tucson, AZ. Nestled in the heart of Texas Hill Country, the destination is a life-enhancing sanctuary dedicated to using imagination and mindfulness to empower you to discover your best self. More than a spa resort, health retreat or luxury hotel, the resort is a unique kind of wellbeing space that puts purpose and people at its core, serving as a catalyst for changing lives and celebrating individuality. Inclusive packages for mindful journeys allow guests to relax in the luxurious accommodations and use nightly resort credit toward spa services, fee-based wellness activities & private sessions, all gourmet meals, non-alcoholic beverages and complimentary shared shuttle service from Austin-Bergstrom Airport. Enjoy unlimited access to daily activities and resort amenities. With 220 awe-inspiring acres, enveloped by the vast Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, there’s an array of meditation, fitness, outdoor adventure, hiking, yoga, equine, farm activities, culinary experiences and spa – curated by their specialists and tailored to the tune of Austin.

## WHAT’S ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

MASTER TRAVEL CONSULTANT WENDY SANDRIDGE  
WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.

For special offerings and more information about any of these locations – or dozens of other extraordinary destinations, contact Wendy Sandridge at [travelmomwendy@gmail.com](mailto:travelmomwendy@gmail.com).

