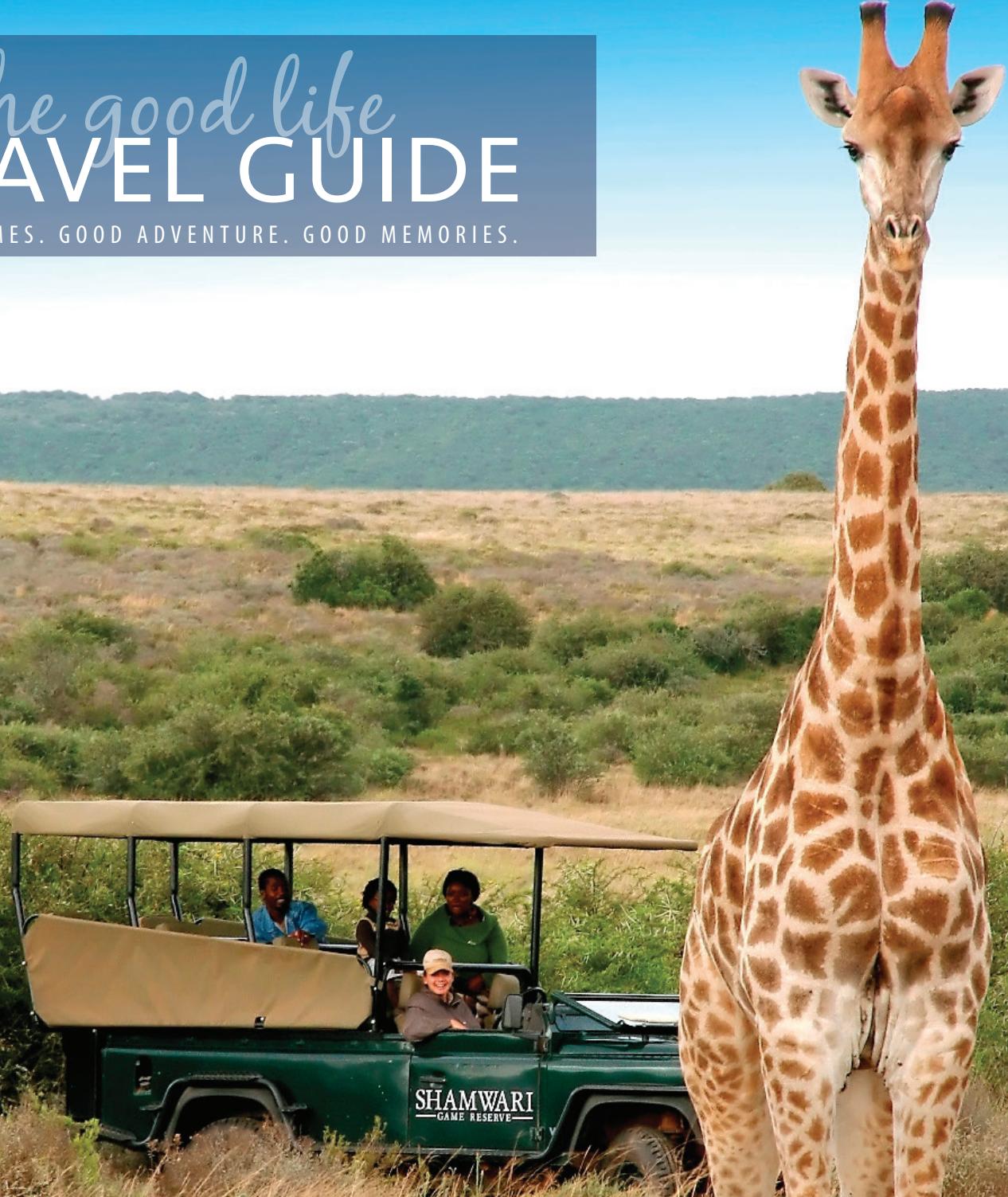


# *the good life* TRAVEL GUIDE

GOOD TIMES. GOOD ADVENTURE. GOOD MEMORIES.

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Travel enriches our lives, broadens our perspective and gives us memories to last a lifetime. Professional travel expert Wendy Sandridge with TravelStore has a passion for custom-tailoring exceptional luxury vacations to help you explore the world your way. She has stayed at the best resorts, set sail on the top cruises, and has had the transformative experiences she will recommend for you. In the pages ahead, Wendy reveals some of her favorite destinations. **BON VOYAGE!**



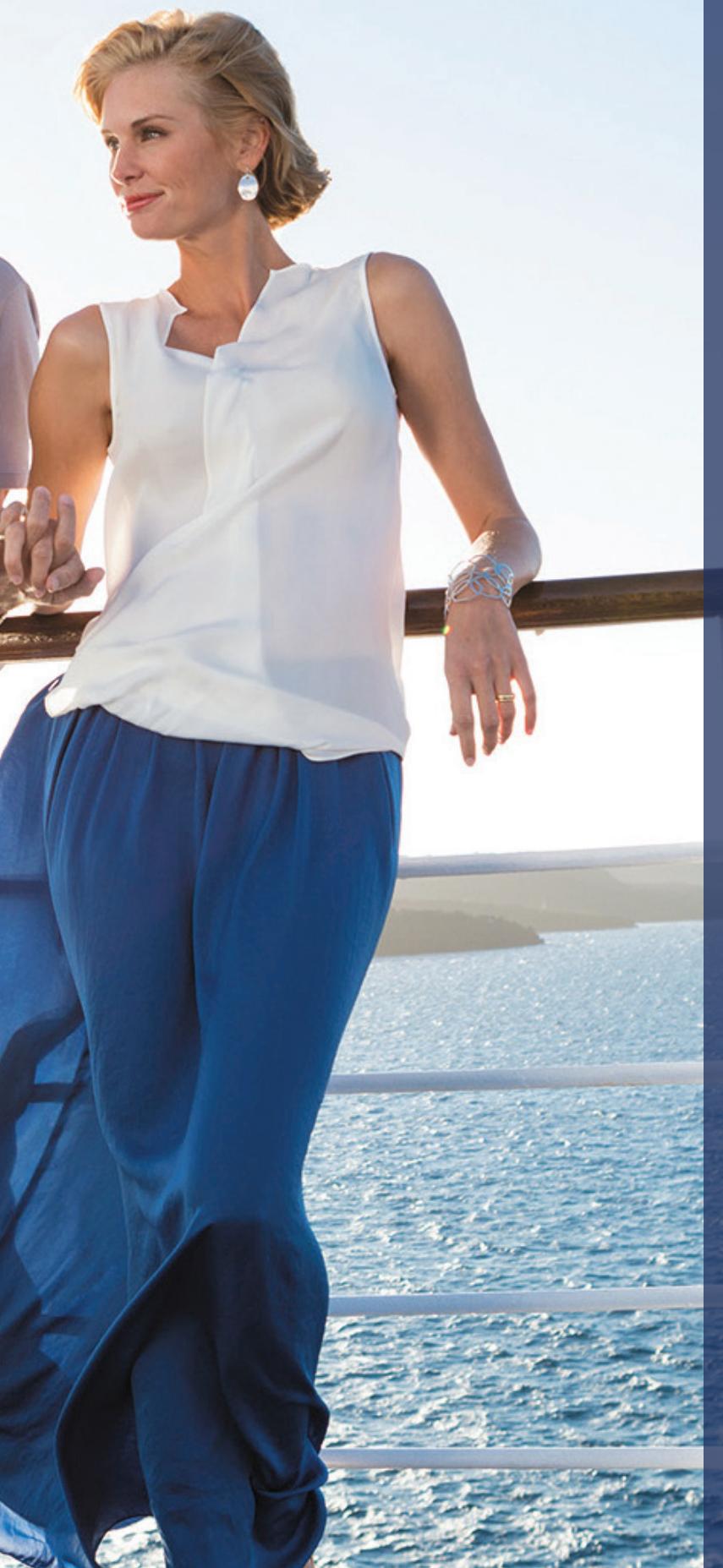
Imagine exploring the world's most beautiful places and not having to pull out your credit card every hour, on the hour. **Regent Seven Seas Cruises** offers luxurious, all-inclusive travel, and we mean all: from air travel to gourmet food, from 24-hour room service to ship wide Wi-Fi—with a small staff-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.5.

According to Gladys Lyons, Director of Sales for Southern California and Las Vegas, "Regent has no more than 750 pampered guests and perfectly sized ships," which means you'll experience exemplary service without having to wait in long lines. Kick back with a selection of fine wines and premium spirits and savor gourmet dining in one of the beautiful dining rooms, or enjoy unlimited excursions in every port of call. Regent travels to nearly 350 destinations around the globe, so you can "cruise George Inlet and indulge in a taste of Alaska at a crab feast, walk the ancient pathways of Ephesus and Jerusalem, or enjoy a trek through a tropical jungle in Phuket on a majestic elephant." With Regent's all suite accommodations (most of them with private balconies), you'll enjoy your in-room time as much as you will the upscale amenities, including access to the world-famous Canyon Ranch Spa Club.

# REGENT SEVEN



# SEAS CRUISES



# TRAVEL2



Have you been dreaming of a vacation in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, or the South Pacific? Let Travel2 be your destination expert. Travel2 offers a comprehensive range of customized vacations and tours to suit every type of traveler, whether you're interested in escorted tours, luxury group travel, honeymoon and anniversaries, or family travel. They will also coordinate your flights, transfers, tours, and accommodations. According to Edyta Teper, Director of Sales, "Most of our team have either lived or travelled extensively to these parts of the world and have local knowledge that will help make planning your trip hassle free." Combined with its sister company, Islands in the Sun, a specialist in romantic getaways, Travel2 believes that no two travelers are alike and therefore offers a wide choice of the regions' longtime favorites to suit the first-time traveler, as well as "off the beaten path" vacations for return visitors.



# ROADTRIPS

Roadtrips' logo is "The Ultimate in Sports Travel," and they aren't kidding around. Rather than having to hunt down in-demand sporting event tickets, book airfares, and worry about sold-out accommodations, Roadtrips' attention to detail allows guests to relax and simply enjoy the event. Dustin Kaylor, Business Development Manager, says, "We're focused on all the small things, which is why we offer customized travel and a consultative approach to create your perfect trip. When you travel with Roadtrips, you can be confident that you are being completely taken care of by one of the leaders in the sports travel industry." From sought-after rugby games to Grand Prix packages, World Tour tennis finals to the Super Bowl, you'll find something for every sports lover on your list with Roadtrips.



# CELEBRITY CRUISES

When it comes to ultimate cruising experiences, **Celebrity Cruises** is at the top. For kids, there are souped up Xbox stations, lawn games, and trivia contests. For those with special needs, its Autism Friendly Cruise Line status offers sensory friendly films and toys, dietary menu options, and more. Always wanted to drive a Ferrari? Check out Celebrity's Zero to 60 Ferrari Adventure in Cannes. Honeymooners might enjoy taking a romantic stroll along the Champs-Élysées or the beauty of Alaska. With ten ships visiting all seven continents and numerous packages from which to choose, the possibilities are nearly endless. According to company representatives Yvonne Fields and Cynthia Ponzi, Celebrity specializes in "modern luxury vacations with immersive cruise tour experiences offered in Alaska and Canada. Each sailing offers the kind of anticipatory service that only Celebrity can provide, all created to provide an unmatched experience for vacationers' precious time."



## MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY

This is the ultimate in wine-focused getaways—the beautiful estate is even owned by vintners. But there are plenty of other things to do in addition to imbibing, if you're so inclined. Golf, tennis, croquet, hiking, swimming, fitness, or spa, anyone? Danielle Knight, Director of Strategic Partnerships, highlights **Meadowood's** 85 exquisitely appointed guest cottages, suites, and lodges, decorated in chic, California casual décor featuring fireplaces and terraces, affording the utmost in privacy and serenity. Hungry? Indulge your inner epicurean at The Restaurant, which earned a Michelin three-star rating. The Spa, opened in Fall 2015, is open only to guests and Meadowood Members and curated treatments are enjoyed in your private spa suite with bath, steam shower, and daybed. It's a perfect place for a Napa wedding.



## CANYON RANCH

With locations as diverse as a beautiful mansion in Lenox, Massachusetts, a rejuvenating retreat in Tucson, Arizona, the breathtaking Aegean coast in Kaplankaya, Turkey, and the Venetian and Palazzo hotels in Las Vegas (and don't forget **Canyon Ranch** at Sea, located on Regent Seven Seas' ships), you can get your wellness needs met

in many different locales. Bettye Allis, Corporate Tour and Travel Director, states, "Canyon Ranch is the ultimate wellness getaway—with expert guidance in the areas of fitness, nutrition, and sleep (just to name a few), plus gourmet healthy cuisine, pampering spa treatments, and exhilarating outdoor excursions, we have a little something for everyone." Allis also says the breadth of programming offered is a main reason so many families choose to vacation with Canyon Ranch, learning together how good healthy living makes them feel while exploring topics that are of personal interest.



For special rates and more information about any of these locations, contact Wendy Sandridge at [travelmomwendy@verizon.net](mailto:travelmomwendy@verizon.net).

# TAHITI LEGENDS

Have you seen those amazing pictures of overwater bungalows set in Bora Bora? **Tahiti Legends** can take you there. Also featuring travel to Tahiti, Fiji, the Cook Islands, the Maldives, Australia, and New Zealand, Tahiti Legends was created by a team of South Pacific professionals—folks who know the region intimately. Vice President Anna Vo says, "Tahiti is a world beyond all other island destinations—a land of timeless beauty, azure lagoons, intoxicating aromas, pure, untouched beaches, and ancient traditions. We take a very personal approach to customized trip planning with devoted attention to detail. Whether you're planning an unforgettable honeymoon, a special romantic getaway, or a memorable family experience, we will tailor an itinerary to best meet your needs." Tahiti Legends will make your trip to this exotic region a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience (unless, of course, you return because you love it so much—and we bet you will).



# ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL



For 12 years running, **Royal Caribbean International** has been voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" by *Travel Weekly's Readers' Choice Awards* as well as "Best Sales and Service" for the past seven years. If you're looking for on-board fun, this is the cruise line for you. For example, its recently revamped Liberty of the Seas offers thrill rides like the first Tidal Wave<sup>SM</sup> waterslide at sea, along with its two counterparts Cyclone and Typhoon. You will also find a giant aqua park and crowd-pleasing restaurants such as Sabor Modern Mexican, Giovanni's Table, and R Bar. Ocean view staterooms offer panoramic views for relaxing, but maybe you're wanting more action? Try a surf simulator, rock-climbing wall, ice-skating rink, or mini golf course. According to Nancy Estrada, Strategic Account Manager, it's easy to see what makes a Royal Caribbean Cruise a vacation unlike any other.

# SECRETS VALLARTA BAY & NOW AMBER PUERTO VALLARTA

For adults only, choose Secrets Vallarta Bay, the newest luxury beachfront property, offering all-suite accommodations with Jacuzzis and ground floor suites with direct swim-out access to a pool from a private terrace. Weddings are very popular here with beach setups and an ocean front wedding gazebo. Bringing the kids along? You'll enjoy sister property Now Amber Puerto Vallarta, with many of the same upscale amenities as Secrets but more family focused. Numerous dining options, two kids' clubs (ages 3-12 and 13-17), and sports and nightly social events for teens provide plenty to eat and do for the kids. General manager Alex Andrade says, "We raise all-inclusive to a New Level of Luxury<sup>®</sup>, with every one of our resorts featuring Endless Privileges<sup>®</sup>, Unlimited-Luxury<sup>®</sup>, or Unlimited-Fun<sup>®</sup>, with sun-soaked beaches, elegant accommodations, a world-class spa, gourmet dining, unlimited premium drinks, and many other pampering amenities."



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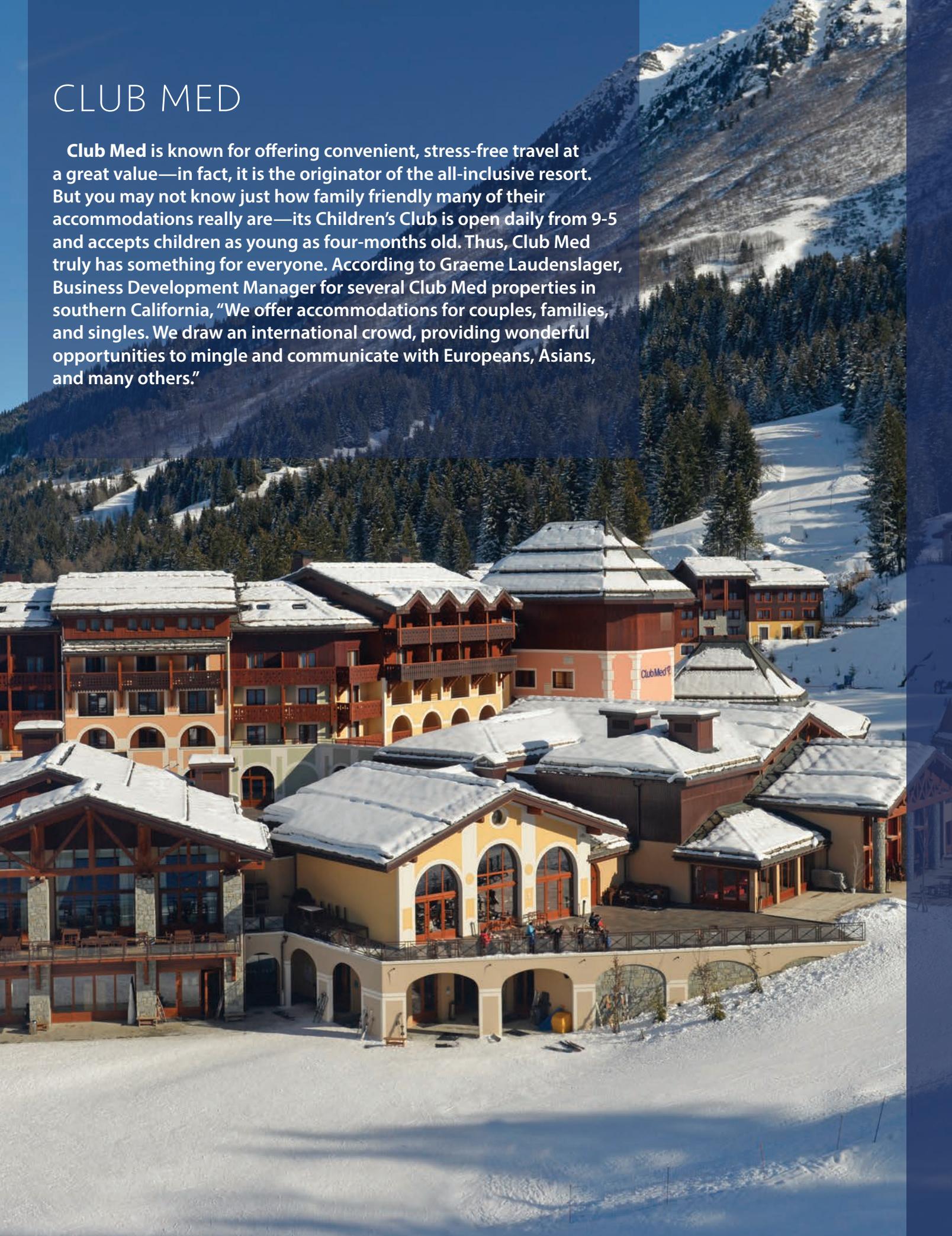
# CLASSIC VACATIONS

Looking for a once-in-a-lifetime kind of getaway? **Classic Vacations** offers full access to best-in-class hotels, finest all-inclusive resorts, unbeatable values, and exclusive privileges. But that doesn't mean Classic is one-price-fits-all. Hotel choices range from 3 ½- to 5-star accommodations to fit most people's needs, and trips can be customized to suit individual budgets and time frames, whether you're interested in individual tours, an all-inclusive vacation (perfect for families who don't want the headache of planning every detail), or a relaxing cruise. According to the company's Senior Business Development Manager, Ray Benevides, "We are a full-service luxury travel provider, focused on complete customer satisfaction and delivering an exceptional vacation experience."



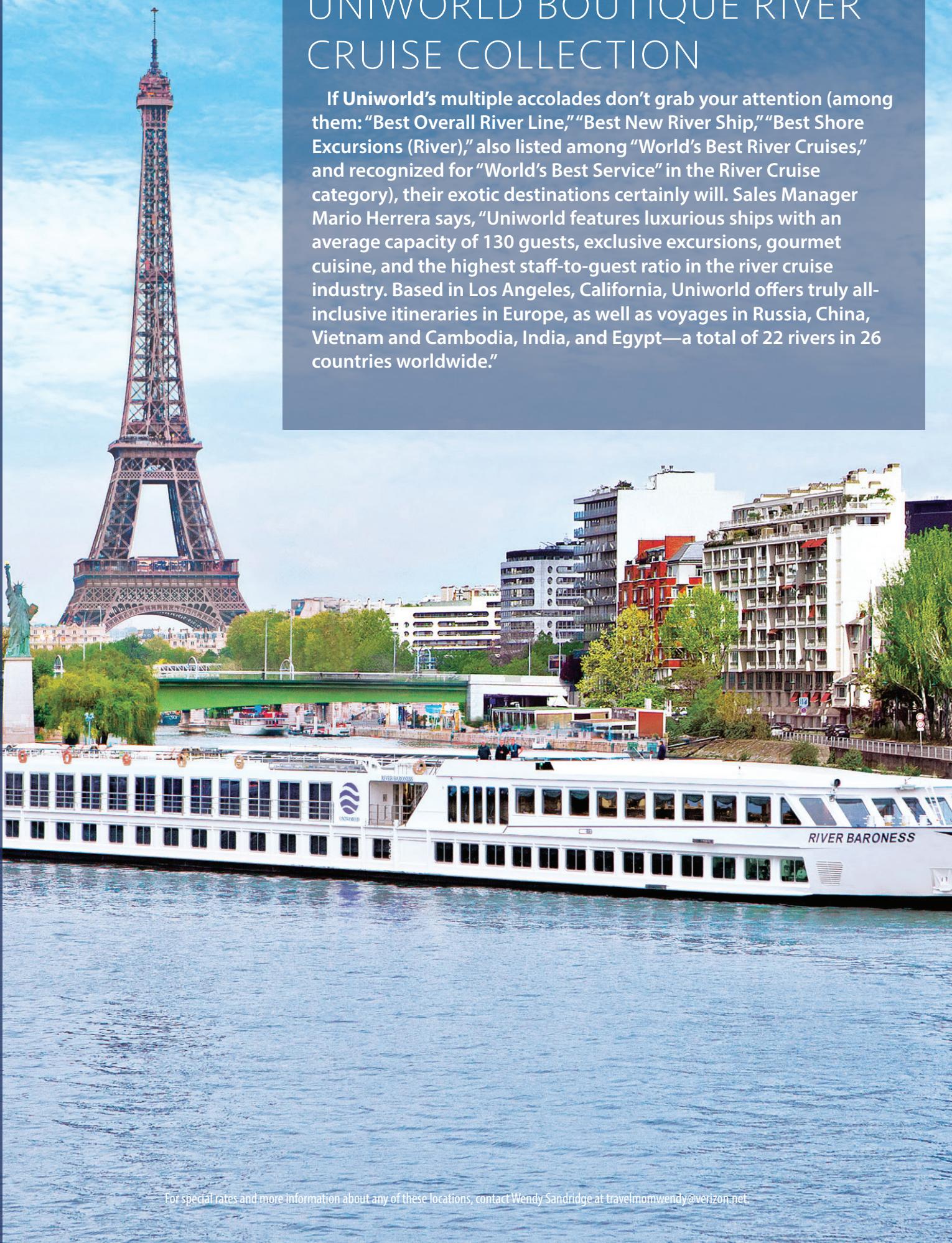
# CLUB MED

Club Med is known for offering convenient, stress-free travel at a great value—in fact, it is the originator of the all-inclusive resort. But you may not know just how family friendly many of their accommodations really are—its Children's Club is open daily from 9-5 and accepts children as young as four-months old. Thus, Club Med truly has something for everyone. According to Graeme Laudenslager, Business Development Manager for several Club Med properties in southern California, "We offer accommodations for couples, families, and singles. We draw an international crowd, providing wonderful opportunities to mingle and communicate with Europeans, Asians, and many others."



# UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISE COLLECTION

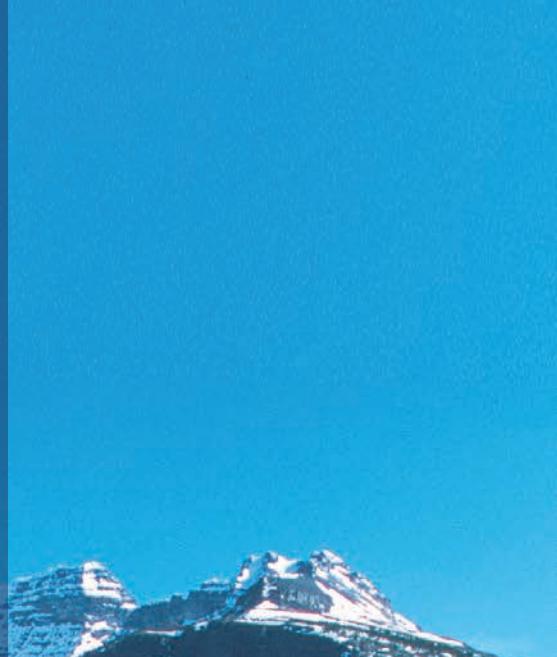
If Uniworld's multiple accolades don't grab your attention (among them: "Best Overall River Line," "Best New River Ship," "Best Shore Excursions (River)," also listed among "World's Best River Cruises," and recognized for "World's Best Service" in the River Cruise category), their exotic destinations certainly will. Sales Manager Mario Herrera says, "Uniworld features luxurious ships with an average capacity of 130 guests, exclusive excursions, gourmet cuisine, and the highest staff-to-guest ratio in the river cruise industry. Based in Los Angeles, California, Uniworld offers truly all-inclusive itineraries in Europe, as well as voyages in Russia, China, Vietnam and Cambodia, India, and Egypt—a total of 22 rivers in 26 countries worldwide."



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# ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

When you think of Canadian train travel, look no further than **Rocky Mountaineer**. Experience first hand the famous, warm Canadian hospitality as you stare in awe at the scenery all around you. "There's something truly romantic about a train ride, and the breathtaking beauty of the Canadian Rockies simply sells itself," says Rocky Mountaineer representative Richard Bravo. Canadian Rocky Mountain routes offer a choice of GoldLeaf, SilverLeaf or RedLeaf Service Levels, and trips are both educational and fun. (Doesn't the kid-in-all-of-us love trains?) If all that natural beauty isn't enough for you, enjoy delectable, on-board cuisine prepared by world-class chefs. Rocky Mountaineer attracts an international crowd and was named a seven-time winner of "World's Leading Travel Experience by Train" by World Travel Awards.



# PLAYA HOTELS & RESORTS

**Playa Hotels & Resorts** is the exclusive purveyor of Hyatt Hotels' (the brand you know and love) newest expansion into the all-inclusive market. The Hyatt Ziva and Hyatt Zilara brands are located in many of the favorite beaches throughout Mexico and Jamaica. Gina Johnson, Wedding and Romance Sales specialist, says, "Enjoy an adults-only escape at Hyatt Zilara, or bring the family and reconnect at Hyatt Ziva. We offer distinguished addresses, stunning oceanfront settings, vibrant culture, and authentic cuisine, all inspired by natural beauty and perfected with luxurious amenities." This is truly a destination experience enhanced with personal pleasures, such as swim-up suites, sparkling infinity pools, world-class spas, and spontaneous moments, with the high level of Hyatt service you've come to expect.



## AFRICAN TRAVEL

**African Travel** believes that, like a zebra's stripes or human fingerprints, no two trips to Africa are the same. While most travelers to Africa are there for safari, it's not just about the wild animals. From beautiful Victoria Falls to marine life and even the opportunity to walk in Nelson Mandela's footsteps, African Travel vacations are easily customized. Company representatives, John Godfrey and Joanna Bielawski, share their tips for optimal family-related safari adventures: "Family travel is an increasingly popular trend, and African Travel, Inc. has been delivering Africa's most exceptional multi-generational safaris for decades. Our dedicated Safari Specialists are skilled at crafting custom packages that are age-appropriate, highlighting each region's best family-friendly lodges and activities. Some camps are in malaria-free areas, perfect for small children, and many facilities offer kids' menus, poolside activities, and even childcare."



## THE RESORT AT PELICAN HILL

Golf, anyone? With two 18-hole courses, you'll get your fill. You may be challenged, though, keeping your eye on the ball with all that Newport Beach, California beauty surrounding you. Not into golf? Go for the spa. Or the food and wine. Or relaxation. This is the perfect setting for any type of celebration, but a wedding here would be one that

your guests would talk about for years to come. According to Kate Starr, Director of Communications and Public Relations, "We're a five-star, five-diamond destination offering unparalleled service and luxury across spacious bungalows and exclusive villa accommodations. Inspired by Italy's renowned Renaissance architect, Andrea Palladio, Pelican Hill is a sanctuary of beauty, sophistication, architecture, exquisite accommodations, epicurean delights, ocean-view golf, and five-star spa experiences." With a year-round children's retreat and teen program, you and/or the family can do as much (or as little) as you like.



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# SILVERSEA CRUISES

Owned and operated by one family (the Lefebvres of Rome), Silversea takes great pride in its eight ships traveling to an incredible 800 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's daily Contract and Duplicate Bridge sessions on Silversea Bridge Sailing. Cindy Litzie, Area Sales Director, Southwestern USA, 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.



## DESTINATION HOTELS

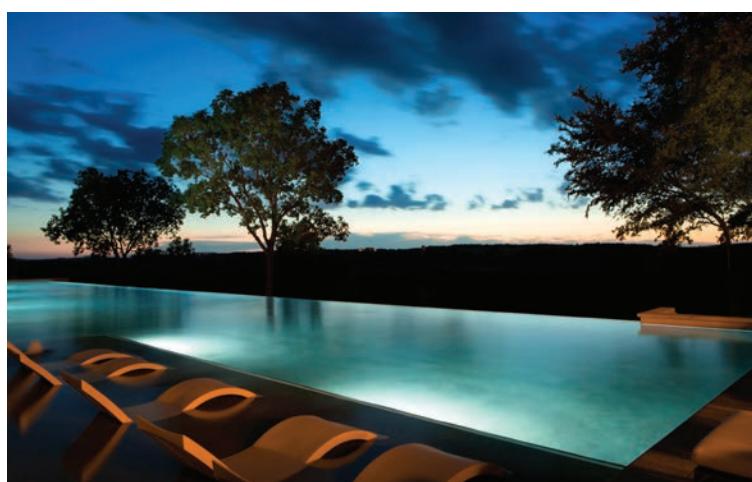


### TERRANEA RESORT

Ahhh, **Terranea**. Located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, this is one of southern California's most scenic and coveted coastlines, overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. This 102-acre estate features a variety of accommodation types, including guestrooms and suites, spacious casitas, bungalows, and villas. Courtney Reeves, Director of Leisure Sales, says, "Terranea really has something for everyone—from award-winning dining, golf and spa amenities, to horseback riding, falconry, ocean kayaking, and more." It's the ultimate in natural beauty in a relaxing setting.

### LA CANTERA HILL COUNTRY RESORT

Want to get away from it all in Dallas but stay in state? Look no further than **La Cantera Hill Country Resort** in San Antonio. Situated on one of the city's highest points, you'll appreciate breathtaking views. The resort offers many reasons to visit, including shopping packages for the holidays, golf, pampering, running trails, kids' camps and teen lounges; it's the perfect destination for singles, couples, families, and business meetings. Director of Travel Industry Sales, Courtney Watson, says, "La Cantera Hill Country Resort has been redefined. This renovated property is one of Texas' elite, set on 550 acres of beautiful San Antonio Hill Country. We're just 15 minutes from the bustle of downtown San Antonio and guests enjoy two PGA championship golf courses, five pools, world class dining, and Loma de Vida—an incredible new spa experience."



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# AZAMARA CLUB CRUISES

If you're looking for an intimate, boutique style cruising experience, consider Azamara. Its 686-guest ships sail the world in a club-like atmosphere, taking you to ports where larger ships won't fit. According to Robert Fitzgerald, Strategic Business Development Manager, Azamara's "focus on Destination Immersion® means we spend more time in ports than any other cruise line, with longer stays, more late evenings, and overnights." This is the ultimate in relaxation, and while larger ships are docked several hours away, you'll enjoy smaller ports, along with a host of amenities such as standard spirits, international beers and wines, gratuities, and an AzAmazing Evenings event—all included at no additional cost. Azamara strives to get to know each guest individually so that the staff can personally attend to all of your tastes, preferences, and accommodations.