

USA

PLANNING MAP



Havasu Falls, Grand Canyon

Discover the USA's top regional sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes

WEST COAST

SAN FRANCISCO A3

Amid the clatter of old-fashioned trams and thick night-time fog, the diverse hill and valley neighborhoods of San Francisco invite long days of wandering, visiting great indie shops and eating at world-class restaurants.

LOS ANGELES A4

Although it's the entertainment capital of the world, Los Angeles is more than two-dimensional silver-screen stars. This is the city of quirky Venice Beach, the art galleries of Santa Monica, surf beaches such as Malibu, and rugged and wild Griffith Park.

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAYS A3

Stunning coastal highways wind their way down the West Coast from Canada to the Mexican border, offering scenery that's hard to match: cliff-top views over crashing waves, sunlit rolling hills, fragrant eucalyptus forests and lush redwoods.

SEATTLE A2

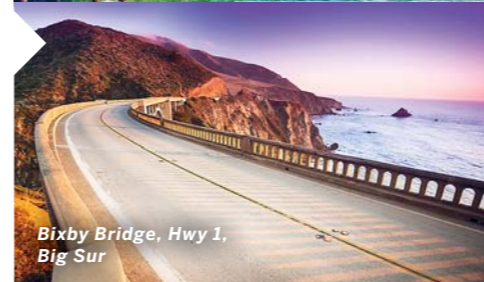
A cutting-edge Pacific Rim city with the uncanny habit of turning locally hatched ideas into global brands, Seattle has a world-renowned music scene, mercurial coffee culture and a penchant for internet-driven innovation.



Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Santa Monica Pier, Los Angeles



Bixby Bridge, Hwy 1, Big Sur

MIDWEST & THE ROCKIES

CHICAGO D3

The Windy City will blow you away with its cloud-scraping architecture, lakefront beaches and world-class museums. But its true mojo is its blend of high culture and earthy pleasures.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK B3

There's a reason why everyone has heard of it – geysers, geothermal springs, giant moose, glowering peaks. Prepare to be amazed.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS B3

The Rockies are home to the highest peaks in the lower 48 states: raging rivers, age-old canyons and national parks set the scene. After a dose of fine fresh air, recharge at the region's microbreweries, farm-to-table restaurants and hot springs.

ROUTE 66 C4

This ribbon of concrete was the USA's original road trip, connecting Chicago with Los Angeles in 1926. Whether you do its entire length or just a stretch, you'll come face to face with classic Americana.

GREAT LAKES D3

This region is off-the-beaten-path touring: intrepid outdoors folk can wet a paddle in Minnesota's Boundary Waters or trek to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. At night sleep under a blanket of stars to the lullaby of wolf howls.



North Avenue Beach, Chicago

Big Sable Point Lake Michigan



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North Cascades National Park
Glaciers, jagged peaks and alpine lakes are all part of this remote wilderness.

Portland ✕
A cutting-edge scene, with food trucks serving imaginative dishes from all over the globe.

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAYS ○

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK ○

ROCKY MOUNTAINS ○

MIDWEST & THE ROCKIES

GREAT LAKES

CHICAGO ○

Point Reyes National Seashore
The water is cold but the scenery is incredible.

Real-deal taquerias, magnificent farmers markets and acclaimed chefs.

Loneliest Road in America
Take the empty highway through Nevada.

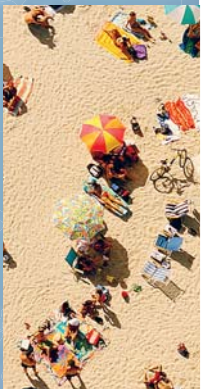
Carhenge
Car crash? Gridlock? Nah...just a cheeky homage.

From molecular gastronomy to the famously deep-dished pizzas.

When to Go

High Season Jun–Aug
Warm days across the country, with generally high temperatures. Big crowds and high prices. In ski-resort areas, January to March is high season.

Shoulder Season Apr, May & Oct
Milder temperatures, fewer crowds. Spring flowers (April); fiery fall colours (October) in



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