**USA**

**When to travel** Along the east coast, summers tend to be hot and humid, winters cold and often with snowfall, which makes for a picturepostcard scene. Spring brings colour as the weather improves and autumn, or fall, is pleasant and sunny. Humidity rises towards summer and by September the rainy season has come to an end. On the west side, in the desert areas of Las Vegas the weather is generally hot and dry year round with very little rainfall. The hottest months are June, July and August with temperatures in the top 30 degrees to low 40 degrees and the humidity is quite high. The most pleasant time of year to visit is usually in spring when temperatures and humidity are more comfortable

Any mention of Florida immediately conjures up images of Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Orlando ResortTM in Orlando and they are most definitely a treat for the young and young at heart. But also worth considering is the ‘Sunshine State’s’ Gulf Coast where you’ll find inviting beach resorts such as Sarasota, Naples and Clearwater. Miami creates a special, mysterious air of days gone by thanks to a host of art deco architecture. Couple this with bang up-to-date restaurants, hotels and clubs and there’s a city of two tales just waiting to be discovered. For beach days and laid back nights head to the Florida Keys which stretch out lazily into the distance of the south coast.

The city that never sleeps is an accurate way to describe New York, in all its glory. Pound the streets of ‘the big apple’ by day, taking in sights like the Empire State Building, Times Square and Rockefeller Centre, before booking a table at one of the hundreds of restaurants to enjoy a hearty meal New York style. Head down to the 9/11 Memorial where the Twin Towers once stood before taking the Staten Island Ferry to take in the spectacular views of the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline.

Bright lights, big city The USA is home to some of the most iconic and popular cities in all the world. Book a high-rolling city break in Las Vegas where entertainment is literally all around you, before taking a contrasting trip to see the magnificent Grand Canyon where the most breathtaking views await. Or why not chose San Francisco, with its rolling streets, cable cars and of course the Golden Gate Bridge. Rich in history, Boston is a city with a fascinating past and a captivating present. To learn more take The Freedom Trail, a 2.5 mile walk which hosts 16 sites that played a role in the American Revolution. Another must see city is Chicago and one of the best ways to see it is from the top of the Willis Tower where you can take in the Windy City from 1,353ft high. With its proud reputation as the birthplace of America, Philadelphia is where you’ll find Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell as well as a vibrant arts scene

Captivating capital Home to the President and the seat of the nation’s government, Washington, DC will always remain a key tourist attraction. Here you can marvel at some of the best monuments in the world such as the Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall and the most famous of all houses – the White House. These, along with world-class museums such as National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum, make this a fascinating destination.

California dreamin’ Lights, camera, action. Los Angeles has it all, take in the movie studios and the iconic Hollywood sign, celebrity spot in Beverly Hills, shop ‘til you drop on Rodeo Drive (if your pockets run deep enough!), before heading to the glorious beaches of Venice and Santa Monica. Further south is the super friendly city of San Diego with great beaches and a rugged coastline set against a backdrop of lush green hills and forests.

Say ‘aloha’ to Hawaii Rumbling volcanoes, towering surf, coral reefs and dolphins leaping through waves, plus irresistible beaches and year round sunshine make Hawaii the ideal beach destination. No matter which island you choose you’re guaranteed a holiday dreams are made of.