



## TOPDECKER, meet North America

They say life's a highway - so what better way to grab it by the cojones than to head out on the ultimate road trip through the US of A? Prepare to see sights you've never seen, chow down on supersized cuisine and live out your American dreams in the likes of California, Arizona, Texas, Florida and New York City. This action-packed American adventure will definitely be an experience to write home about.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



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## HI, AND THANKS FOR CHOOSING TO HOLIDAY WITH TOPDECK!

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Party bus, Las Vegas
- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Navajo Jeep tour, Monument Valley
- + Ranch visit, Durango
- + Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo
- + Historic Stockyards, Fort Worth
- + Sixth Floor Museum, Dallas
- + Airboat experience, Everglades
- + Night illumination tour, Washington, DC
- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip
- + Driving tour of Austin
- + Driving tour of Miami
- + Driving tour of Philadelphia

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip
- + Las Vegas party bus
- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Entry to Monument Valley Tribal Park
- + Monument Valley Navajo Jeep tour
- + Ranch visit, Durango
- + Spray paint cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch
- + Visit Fort Worth Historic Stockyards
- + Visit the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas
- + Driving tour of Austin
- + Driving tour of Miami
- + Everglades airboat experience
- + Washington, DC Night Illumination Tour
- + Driving tour of Philadelphia

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Los Angeles  
United States

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

New York  
United States

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + United States - USD

# YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME  
TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Start in the one and only LA, then it's straight to Las Vegas. We'll kick things off with a driving tour of The Strip, then it's time to board the party bus for the hottest night on wheels.



### MEALS:

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip  
+ Las Vegas party bus



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Club entry

## DAY 2 | LAS VEGAS

Anything goes in Vegas. Today's options: go high with a heli-tour over The Strip, ride the High Roller Observation Wheel or swing by a shooting range. Just remember to save some energy for tonight - all of those casinos won't visit themselves, you know.



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Ride the High Roller Observation Wheel  
+ Heli-tour over the Las Vegas Strip

## DAY 3 | LAS VEGAS TO GRAND CANYON REGION, ARIZONA

From The Strip to the red stripes of the grandest of canyons. If you choose to take the chopper tour, you'll get a 360-degree view – or you could always stay grounded and hike the rim.



### MEALS:

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Heli-tour over the Grand Canyon

## DAY 4 | GRAND CANYON TO DURANGO, COLORADO

Hear stories from our Navajo guide on today's Jeep tour of Monument Valley before tucking into a traditional Navajo lunch. Afterwards, it's time to make tracks to Durango. Prepare for a taste of the simple life – we've got a ranch visit coming right up!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Monument Valley Tribal Park
- + Monument Valley Navajo Jeep tour
- + Ranch visit, Durango

## DAY 5 | DURANGO

Ready for an adrenaline rush? Durango has some options for you. Take your pick from hiking, biking, horseriding or whitewater rafting on the Animas River. Tonight, there's even an optional Chuckwagon Dinner Show (two words: singing cowboys).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Horse riding (summer only)
- + Whitewater rafting (summer only)
- + Ziplining (summer only)
- + Chuckwagon Dinner Show
- + Mountain bike tour (summer only)
- + Snowmobile tour (winter only)

## DAY 6 | DURANGO TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Breaking Bad fans, rejoice: today we roll on to Heisenberg's old stomping ground, Albuquerque. But first, we'll make a pit stop at Santa Fe.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 7 | ALBUQUERQUE TO AMARILLO, TEXAS

Time to get your graffiti on. Hit up Cadillac Ranch and go crazy with the spray paint on the way to Amarillo. Later: prepare to chow down Texas-style at the Big Texan Steak House.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Spray paint cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch

## DAY 8 | AMARILLO TO DALLAS/FORT WORTH

Step into a real life Western movie as we pay a visit to the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards. Can we get a yee haw?



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Fort Worth Historic Stockyards

## DAY 9 | DALLAS/FORT WORTH TO AUSTIN

Today we'll take a look at The Sixth Floor Museum, which details the history of the JFK assassination. Then, it's off to Austin. We'll drive you around to see the sights, then treat you to a slap-up Texan BBQ dinner.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas  
+ Driving tour of Austin

## DAY 10 | AUSTIN

A free day to spend your way. Fact: Austin's slogan is 'Keep Austin Weird'. Sounds like a challenge to us! Nudists, boot scooters, cheese makers and a cathedral of junk are just a few of the things you might see on your travels.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 11 | AUSTIN TO HOUSTON

Up next: Houston. Anyone for an optional visit to the Houston Space Center? Trust us, this place will make all your childhood space camp dreams come true!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit Houston Space Center (home of NASA)

## DAY 12 | HOUSTON TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

On to the Bayou we go! Tonight, hit Bourbon Street and prepare to party.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner

## DAY 13 | NEW ORLEANS

What's it going to be today? You have a few options. Head out on a swamp tour, tantalise those taste buds with a cooking demo or sit back and drink in the scenery on a paddleboat cruise.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Swamp tour
- + Cooking demonstration
- + Paddleboat cruise

## DAY 14 | NEW ORLEANS TO PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

We're off to Panama City Beach to seek out turquoise waters and sandy beaches. Spend the afternoon shopping, exploring or just plain lying around.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

## DAY 15 | PANAMA CITY BEACH TO FLORIDA GULF COAST

If Panama City Beach did the job of recharging your batteries, throw yourself into the nightlife at one of Florida Gulf Coast's many beach bars. Whatever you do, enjoy this balmy bit of beachside heaven.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 16 | FLORIDA GULF COAST TO MIAMI

Bienvenidos a Miami, where the weather is hot and the characters are colourful. Ice cream-toned art deco buildings? Check. Beach vibes? Check. Driving tour? You bet.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Miami

## DAY 17 | MIAMI

Take a trip to Little Havana to people-watch in the cafés, stroll by the pretty pastel houses or attempt to dodge the Speedo-clad skaters at South Beach. If you're feeling a need for speed, why not hop on an optional speedboat ride? Whatever you do, make sure to work up an appetite - we've got an authentic Cuban dinner to look forward to this evening.



### MEALS:

- + Dinner
- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Miami speedboat ride

## DAY 18 | MIAMI TO ORLANDO

Take an airboat tour, shoot across the Everglades and (almost) get tangled in the mangroves. This is the closest you'll get to flying, without actually leaving the ground. After that, we'll make a beeline for the candy floss and roller coasters of Orlando.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Everglades airboat experience

## DAY 19 | ORLANDO

If you've got your swimmers, get splash-tastic at one of Orlando's water parks or visit a galaxy that's not so far, far away and check out the Star Wars attractions at Walt Disney World. If theme parks just aren't your bag, there's always wine bars, spas and shopping. Also an option: explore Kennedy Space Center.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL

#### ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Walt Disney World
- + Visit Universal Studios Orlando
- + Visit Kennedy Space Center

## DAY 20 | ORLANDO TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Wave goodbye to the Magic Kingdom - you're en route to the bona fide southern belle that is Savannah, so get ready to see plenty of 18th century buildings and dreamy tree-lined walkways.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

## DAY 21 | SAVANNAH

Opt in to clink glasses on a Slow Ride pub crawl, or take on Savannah your way today.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### OPTIONAL

#### ACTIVITIES:

- + Slow Ride pub crawl

## DAY 22 | SAVANNAH TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Swap Savannah for North Carolina's biggest city. Take it easy with a stroll around Charlotte's museums and sample some old-school foodie classics, or opt in to go fast and furious on a Speedway tour.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### OPTIONAL

#### ACTIVITIES:

- + Speedway tour

## DAY 23 | CHARLOTTE TO WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In our sights today: the bright lights of the US capital. Tomorrow you'll have the chance to explore Washington by day, but tonight it's all about crossing the Potomac River into DC and enjoying an illuminated tour of the capital's monuments. The White House at night is a sight not to be missed, trust us.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Washington, DC Night Illumination Tour

## DAY 24 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

'Gram yourself in front of some of the USA's most iconic buildings, recreate famous movie moments, play spot the senator... Today you can get a real feel for the powerhouse that is DC. Get your bearings and tick off all the must-see places with an optional segway or bike tour. However you travel, this is the place to clue yourself up on all things American history and visit some of the many memorials, monuments and museums.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike or segway tour of Washington, DC

## DAY 25 | WASHINGTON, D.C. TO NEW YORK CITY

It's time to leave the capital behind for a pitstop in Philly, complete with - you guessed it - a driving tour. For a bird's eye view of the city, you can also choose to head up to the One Liberty Observation Deck. After Philadelphia, there's just one stop left: NYC, where we officially sign off from Topdecker duty. Sob.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Philadelphia



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Entry to the One Liberty Observation Deck

## MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' section of this document.

Breakfasts (usually continental breakfasts) are included every day, except on the first morning of your trip. A typical continental breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yogurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, and cheese – with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions some hot food may be available.

Included meals will be provided in a mixture of local restaurants and places in which we stay. In most cases, table water is provided with meals. If you wish to purchase additional drinks, you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater to tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

# TIPPING

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save travelling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

## TIPPING CULTURE IN NORTH AMERICA

In North America, tipping is customary. Please bear in mind that you will be expected to leave a tip for optional meals and activities, as well as during nights out.

# TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

## TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

## ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

## CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

## BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

## MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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# PASSENGER SAFETY

## NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

## DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER** – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues

+ Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

## OTHER INFORMATION

### INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit [www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance](http://www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance).

### PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

# WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**