CG

CURATED GETAWAYS

by inspire

ISSUE #12

07927411829
curated.getaways@travelbyinspire.co.uk

Discover the Pulse of Urban Adventures: Where History, Culture, and Modern Excitement Meet in the World's Most Vibrant Cities...



THE BEST OF

CITY BREAKS

EXPERIENCE THE BUZZ OF ICONIC DESTINATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE!

ICONIC LANDMARKS · HIDDEN GEMS · WEEKEND ESCAPES · CULTURAL HOTSPOTS

Welcome to your Inspire Magazine



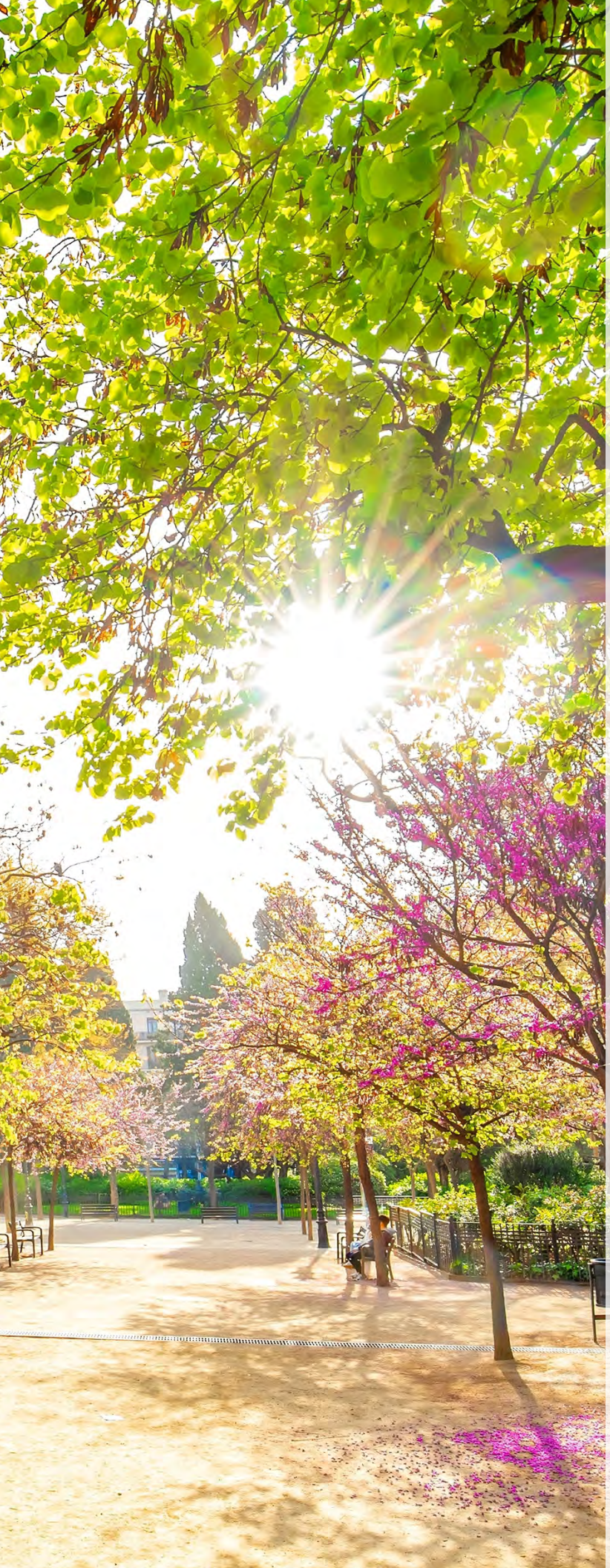
In this issue, we invite you to embark on a journey through some of the world's most captivating cities. Whether you're seeking the rich history of Europe, the vibrant culture of Asia, or the modern marvels of North America, our City Breaks edition is designed to spark your wanderlust and guide you through the urban landscapes that define our world. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or a longer exploration, let this issue be your guide to making the most of your time in some of the most dynamic cities on the planet.

At Inspire, we believe that travel should be more than just a visit to a new place; it should be an experience that enriches your life and broadens your horizons. We hope this issue inspires you to explore new destinations, revisit old favourites, and most importantly, create unforgettable memories.

Lisa Henning
Managing Director

About inspire

Inspire is an ABTA and ATOL licensed travel agency and tour operator offering both package holidays from the most well-known and trusted travel providers throughout the UK and Europe, in addition to dynamically packaging and tailor making trips for our customers. We cater for all aspects of travel, from one night in a UK hotel or a European city break to bespoke luxury escapes and round the world trips. We can manage every aspect of your trip, including: car hire, airport lounge passes, airport parking, airport hotels, airport transfers, attraction tickets and more!



CONTENTS

4 CITY BREAKS

6 LONDON

8 PARIS

10 BARCELONA

12 ROME

14 ISTANBUL

16 DUBAI

18 SINGAPORE

20 NEW YORK

22 USA CITY BREAKS

23 CHRISTMAS MARKETS

24 NEXT TIME...

Get in touch now for the latest offers or a personalised itinerary!

WHY CHOOSE CITY BREAKS?

From centuries-old streets brimming with history to modern metropolises alive with culture, city breaks offer a gateway to adventure at any pace. Whether it's a weekend of exploration or a longer urban escape, there's a city that's sure to captivate you.

City breaks provide the perfect opportunity to dive into a destination's unique energy, from the art-lined streets of Europe to the neon-lit avenues of Asia, these urban escapes combine culture, history, and excitement in compact itineraries. Whether it's a spur-of-the-moment escape or a well-planned adventure, city breaks deliver memorable experiences in short bursts.

Why Choose a City Break?

Cultural Immersion - Cities are vibrant cultural hubs, offering world-class museums, galleries, theatres, and music venues. From Broadway in New York to the Louvre in Paris, there's no shortage of cultural experiences to enjoy.

Diverse Dining Experiences - Sample local flavours and global cuisines all in one place. Cities boast an eclectic mix of dining options, from Michelin-starred restaurants to street food vendors, giving you the chance to indulge in a culinary journey.

Iconic Landmarks and Hidden Gems - From towering skyscrapers to historic monuments, explore the world's most recognisable landmarks and lesser-known treasures, each telling a story of the city's past and present.

Convenience and Accessibility - Whether you're hopping on a train to a European capital or taking a flight to a bustling metropolis, city breaks are incredibly accessible and often require minimal travel planning. With public transport options aplenty, it's easy to get around and see the sights.

Shopping and Entertainment - City breaks offer a wealth of entertainment, from shopping districts and designer boutiques to vibrant nightlife scenes and live performances. Varying from high-end fashion to quirky local markets, there's something for everyone.









STUBA



At Inspire, we believe every journey should be extraordinary. That's why we've teamed up with Stuba, a travel industry expert with over 33 years of experience, to bring you exclusive VIP Perks at carefully curated hotels around the world. From the moment you step into your city break hotel, you'll be treated to an unforgettable experience, complete with special touches that will make you feel like a true VIP, with perks that may include:

- Luxury welcome – wine or champagne in the room on arrival
- Spa and dining delights – spa or dining credits
- Local treasures – unique treasures handcrafted by artisans
- Room upgrades
- Flexible check-in/check-out arrangements

When booking your next city break with Inspire, ask about hotels featuring **VIP Perks**, so you can add a little more luxury to your getaway!

Stuba. Curated hotels for travel agents.

LONDON

Discover the magic of London with an unforgettable city break. Our vibrant capital city effortlessly combines rich history with contemporary charm, from iconic landmarks like Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London to world-class museums, shopping, and diverse dining options.

London offers iconic landmarks, historical attractions, and vibrant culture, making it a top city break destination without leaving the country.

Legendary Landmarks - From the regal Buckingham Palace to the historic Tower of London, London's landmarks are world-famous for good reason. Stroll by Big Ben (The Elizabeth Tower) and the Houses of Parliament, or walk across Tower Bridge for a dose of classic British grandeur.

Unmissable Experiences - London is a city where you can choose your adventure: Soak in incredible city views from The Shard or take a gentle spin on The London Eye for some panorama-worthy moments, or step back in time at the Tower of London and get up close with the dazzling Crown Jewels. Craving more excitement? Ride a Thamesjet Speedboat along the river or get a fright at The London Dungeon!

Theatre Like No Other - London's West End is where entertainment comes alive. Take your pick from thrilling productions like Hamilton, Moulin Rouge, or classics like The Lion King — the perfect end to a day of exploring.

A Shopper's Paradise - Shop 'til you drop on Oxford Street, unearth hidden treasures at Camden Market, or explore the stylish boutiques of Covent Garden. Whatever your style, London has it all.

When should I Visit? While London is buzzing year-round, the festive period from Late November through December turns the city into a decorative winter wonderland, with a magical energy that's hard to find elsewhere.







Our favourite London hotel picks...



4* Holiday Inn London Camden Lock

Set in the heart of one of London's trendiest neighbourhoods, this hotel offers fantastic views over Camden Lock and the canal.

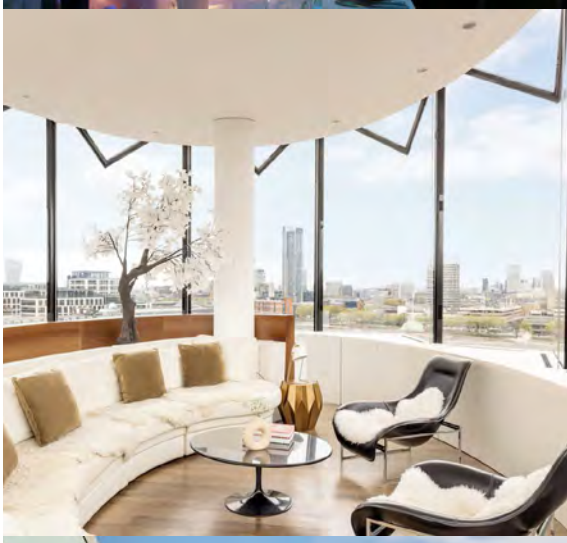
It's just a stone's throw from the bustling Camden Market, famous for its quirky stalls and street food. The rooms are modern and comfortable, with free Wi-Fi, and there's a fitness centre for a quick workout. The hotel's restaurant serves a variety of international dishes, perfect after a day exploring the area. With Regent's Park nearby and great transport links, it's an ideal base for both tourists and business travellers.



5* ME London

Sitting in a prime spot on The Strand, this ultra-stylish hotel offers the best of both luxury and location.

Designed by Foster + Partners, ME London is all about sleek, modern elegance. The rooftop bar, Radio Rooftop, is a must-visit, offering panoramic views across London's skyline. Inside, guests will find STK London, a modern steakhouse with a buzzing atmosphere. Covent Garden, West End theatres, and the River Thames are all within walking distance, making it perfect for those who want to be in the middle of the action.





PARIS

Paris, often referred to as the City of Lights, captivates visitors with its timeless elegance, rich history, and vibrant cultural scene. Whether you're wandering the charming streets of Montmartre or admiring the grandeur of its famous landmarks, Paris offers an unforgettable city break full of diverse experiences.

Paris is a blend of romance, art, and adventure that inspires at every turn. Whether you're marveling at architectural wonders, soaking in artistic masterpieces, or simply savouring the local cuisine, this city never fails to enchant.

Cruise the River Seine - A Seine river cruise offers a unique perspective of Paris's most iconic sights. Glide along the water and take in the stunning views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and the historic bridges that line the river.

Become Immersed in Art at the Louvre - As the world's largest art museum, the Louvre is home to some of history's greatest masterpieces. From the enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa to the graceful Venus de Milo, the Louvre is a must-visit for art lovers and history enthusiasts alike.

Experience the City's Café Culture - There's nothing quite like relaxing at a Parisian café. Whether you're enjoying a café au lait or indulging in a fresh croissant, soaking in the ambiance of the city from one of its many charming outdoor terraces is an essential part of any visit.

Iconic Landmarks - Paris is a city brimming with iconic landmarks. Stroll along the Champs-Élysées, stand in awe beneath the Arc de Triomphe, and admire the Eiffel Tower, from the ground or high above after an exhilarating ascent.

When should I Visit? April and May are ideal months to experience blooming gardens, and lively outdoor spaces. The city's parks, like Jardin des Tuileries and Luxembourg Gardens, come alive with vibrant colours, making spring a wonderful time to explore.







Our favourite Paris hotel picks...

4* Crowne Plaza Paris Republique

Housed in a grand, historic building, this hotel is located right on Place de la République, one of Paris's liveliest squares.

The blend of old-world charm and modern amenities makes it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers. The hotel has a brasserie serving classic French dishes, a 24-hour fitness centre, and versatile meeting spaces. It's also just a short walk to Le Marais, with its trendy boutiques and restaurants, and within easy reach of famous sights like Notre-Dame and the Louvre.

5* Intercontinental Paris Le Grand

A true Parisian icon, this grand hotel overlooks the beautiful Opéra Garnier and boasts over 150 years of history.

The elegant rooms are adorned with classic French decor, and the hotel's luxurious spa is perfect for unwinding after a day of sightseeing. The on-site Café de la Paix is a legendary dining spot, offering Michelin-starred cuisine. Its central location means that top attractions like the Louvre, Champs-Élysées, and Galeries Lafayette are just a short stroll away, making it a dream for anyone wanting to experience the city in style.









BARCELONA

Barcelona is a city where art, culture, and stunning seascapes come together to create an unforgettable experience. From its world-renowned architecture to its vibrant atmosphere, Barcelona offers a unique blend of old-world charm and modern innovation, making it a top destination for travellers.

Barcelona enchants visitors with its colourful streets, iconic landmarks, and beautiful Mediterranean beaches. Whether you're admiring the architectural masterpieces of Antoni Gaudí or relaxing by the sea, this city is full of surprises.

Artistic and Unique Architecture - From the whimsical Park Güell, to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia, the works of Gaudí and other modernist architects define the city's skyline. Every corner of Barcelona reveals something artistic and original.

Beaches and Seascapes - Barcelona's beaches are just a short walk from its bustling streets. Barceloneta Beach is the most popular, offering golden sands and clear waters, perfect for a day in the sun or a peaceful evening stroll by the sea.

A Cultural Hub - Barcelona is home to 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, such as the Palau de la Música Catalana, showcasing the city's rich cultural and architectural heritage; a must-visit for history and art lovers alike.

Kicking Off - Football is more than just a sport in Barcelona; it's a way of life. Whether you're catching a match at Camp Nou, the home of FC Barcelona, or simply enjoying the electric atmosphere on game days, football brings the city together in a way few other events can.

When should I Visit? May and June are fantastic months to explore Barcelona, with long days, warm weather, and fewer crowds, ideal for enjoying the city's vibrant cultural life and its outdoor spaces without the intense summer heat. During this time, the city comes alive with events like the Night of Museums, where many museums open their doors for free.







Our favourite Barcelona hotel picks...

4* Hotel Regina Barcelona

Just steps away from Plaza Catalunya, Hotel Regina offers a stylish blend of old-world charm and contemporary design.

The rooms are spacious and bright, and the lobby is chic yet inviting, with a relaxed atmosphere. Its location makes it perfect for exploring Las Ramblas, Passeig de Gràcia, and the Gothic Quarter. Guests will also find a fantastic lounge bar on-site, ideal for unwinding after a busy day in the city. With such a prime spot, enjoying Barcelona's lively dining scene and cultural highlights is easy.

4* Hotel Pulitzer Barcelona

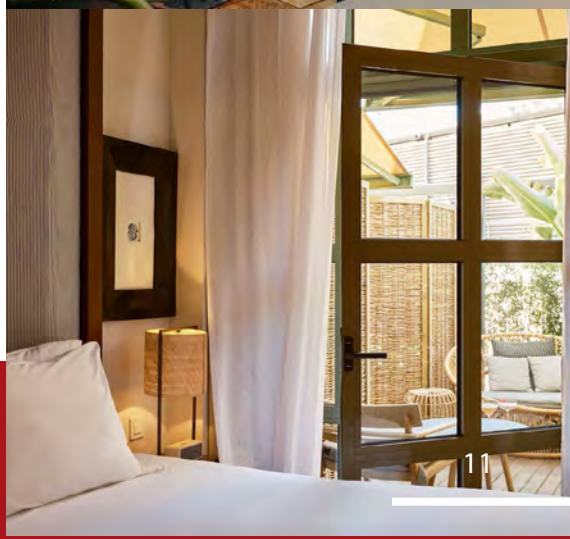
Located just off Plaza Catalunya, this boutique hotel is known for its cool, trendy vibe.

Its rooftop terrace is a hidden gem where guests can enjoy cocktails with a view over the city, especially in the summer when live music events are held. The rooms are modern and chic, with thoughtful design touches throughout. With its proximity to top attractions like Casa Batlló, and within easy reach of the beach, it's an excellent choice for travellers looking to mix culture and relaxation.









ROME

Rome is a city where ancient history meets vibrant modern life. Known as the Eternal City, Rome invites travellers to explore its timeless ruins, stunning architecture, and rich cultural heritage. Whether you're walking through centuries-old streets or enjoying the delicious local cuisine, every moment in Rome feels like a step back in time.

Rome enchants visitors with its incredible blend of history, art, and culinary delights, from Ancient Romans to the Renaissance. As you explore iconic landmarks like the magnificent marble Pantheon or the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, you'll be immersed in the essence of Roman life, both past and present.

Amazing Architecture and Ancient Ruins - Rome's architectural wonders are unmatched. Stand in awe before the Colosseum, where gladiators once fought, or explore the Roman Forum, the heart of ancient Rome. The city's rich history is woven into every street and piazza, making it a living museum.

Enjoy Traditional Roman Cuisine - Rome is a food lover's paradise. From fresh pasta dishes like cacio e pepe and carbonara to authentic thin-crust Roman pizza, the local cuisine is as rich as the city's history. For a truly memorable experience, dine near the Spanish Steps and savour a meal while watching the city's vibrant street life unfold.

Experience the Most Panoramic Views - Rome offers breathtaking views from various vantage points. Climb to the top of St. Peter's Basilica for a panoramic view of the city, or take in the sunset from the Janiculum Hill. These spots provide a perfect way to see the city's ancient ruins and modern beauty blend seamlessly together.

When should I visit? Mid-March to May is one of the best times to visit Rome. The weather is warm, flowers are in bloom, and the city is less crowded than during the busier summer months. It's the perfect time to enjoy the outdoor cafés, explore Rome's famous landmarks, and really take in the full city break experience.







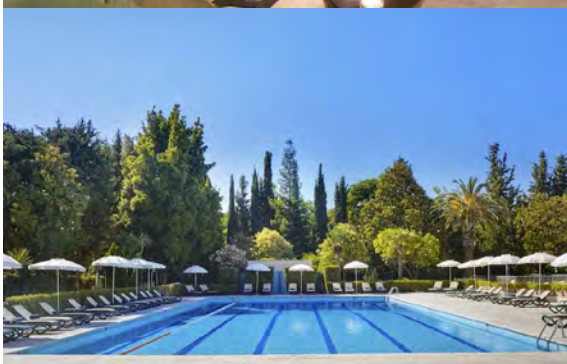
Our favourite Rome hotel picks...



4* Crowne Plaza Rome - St. Peter's Hotel

Nestled in a peaceful area close to Vatican City, this hotel feels like a tranquil escape from Rome's busy streets.

Guests can relax in the lush gardens or enjoy a dip in the outdoor pool. The on-site spa is perfect for some indulgent downtime, and the hotel's restaurant serves Italian favourites. With a free shuttle service to the city centre, it's easy to explore iconic spots like the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica, making it ideal for both relaxation and sightseeing.





5* Gran Melia Rome Villa Agrippina

This five-star urban resort is a serene oasis in the middle of Rome.

Located along the Tiber River, just a short walk from Vatican City, the hotel is surrounded by lush, landscaped gardens. Guests can lounge by the outdoor pool, unwind in the spa, or enjoy gourmet Italian dining at one of its restaurants. The combination of its luxurious setting and proximity to Rome's historic attractions makes it the perfect spot for a truly memorable stay.





ISTANBUL

Istanbul is a city stretching across two continents, where ancient empires and modern dynamism collide. Whether you're navigating its historic neighbourhoods, admiring the skyline of domes and minarets, or indulging in its legendary cuisine, Istanbul captivates with its vibrant energy and centuries-old heritage.

Istanbul stands at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, blending diverse influences from East and West. Rich in history, yet buzzing with contemporary life, it is a place where old-world charm meets the pulse of a thriving metropolis.

Historical Landmarks and Streets - Istanbul is home to some of the world's most breathtaking historical sites. Stand in awe of the Grand Mosque and the majestic Hagia Sophia, or wander the narrow streets of Sultanahmet, where each corner reveals a piece of the city's layered past. From Byzantine to Ottoman influences, the city's architecture tells the story of its rich history.

Culinary Feasts - Istanbul's culinary scene is a journey in itself, from grilled kebabs and fresh seafood, to sweet treats like baklava. Visit bustling street markets and indulge in mezes while sipping Turkish tea in the open air.

Where Asia Meets Europe - Unique among world cities, Istanbul straddles both Europe and Asia. Sail along the Bosphorus Strait and marvel at the fusion of the continents; this geographical and cultural meeting point defines the essence of the city.

Shopping in the Bazaar - A visit to Istanbul wouldn't be complete without exploring the bustling Grand Bazaar, one of the oldest markets in the world. From handwoven carpets to intricate jewelry, the market offers a treasure trove of finds.

When should I Visit? The best months to visit Istanbul are September and October, when the weather is mild and ideal for sightseeing and dining outdoors. The city comes alive in the autumn air, providing a perfect backdrop for exploring its vibrant streets and landmarks.







Our favourite Istanbul hotel picks...



4* Agora Life Hotel

Situated in the heart of Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet district, this boutique hotel offers a fantastic location and stunning views.

The rooftop terrace is a highlight, with breathtaking vistas of the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. Rooms are comfortable and contemporary, blending modern amenities with traditional Turkish touches. The hotel's central location makes it a great base for exploring Istanbul's rich history and cultural heritage, with top sites like the Grand Bazaar and Topkapi Palace just a short walk away.

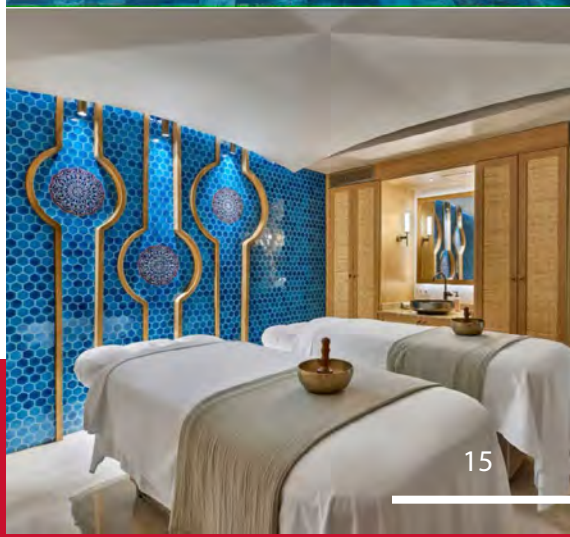


5* Six Senses Kocatas Mansions

Perched along the scenic Bosphorus, this luxury hotel is housed in two restored Ottoman mansions.

The spacious rooms and suites combine historical charm with modern luxury, offering views over the water or lush gardens. The hotel boasts a world-class spa and wellness centre, offering everything from yoga to detox programs. Located in the peaceful Sariyer district, it's a perfect retreat, while still being within easy reach of Istanbul's vibrant city centre.





DUBAI

Dubai is where luxury meets innovation. With its awe-inspiring skyline, world-class entertainment, and endless opportunities for adventure, Dubai offers a city break like no other. Whether you're exploring its ultra-modern architecture or indulging in high-end shopping and dining, Dubai promises an unforgettable experience.

Known for its luxury and grandeur, Dubai is a city that continually reinvents itself. From towering skyscrapers to thrilling desert adventures, there's no shortage of things to see and do.

Luxury Hotels and Accommodations - Dubai is synonymous with luxury, and its hotels are no exception. From lavish resorts with private beaches to opulent high-rise accommodations with views of the city's skyline, Dubai offers some of the most luxurious stays in the world. Whether you're relaxing in a five-star suite or indulging in world-class spa treatments, every moment in Dubai feels extravagant.

Endless Entertainment - No matter your interests, Dubai has something to offer. Spend your days shopping in vast malls, exploring theme parks, or catching a world-class show. For those seeking adventure, try dune buggying in the desert or skydiving over the iconic Palm Jumeirah. Dubai's entertainment options are as limitless as its ambitions.

Impressive Skyline - The Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, dominates Dubai's impressive skyline. Take a trip to the top for panoramic views of the city, desert, and sea. The modern architecture throughout Dubai is a testament to its futuristic vision, with dazzling skyscrapers that light up the night.

When should I visit? November to April, when the weather is milder and perfect for outdoor activities. Whether you're exploring towering architecture, relaxing by the beach, or heading out on a desert adventure, you'll enjoy the ideal conditions for all that Dubai has to offer.







Our favourite Dubai hotel picks...



5* Sofitel Dubai The Palm

This Polynesian-inspired resort on Palm Jumeirah offers everything any visitor could ever need for a luxury getaway.

With a private beach, several outdoor pools, and a full-service spa, it's designed for relaxation. Dining is a highlight here, with multiple restaurants offering cuisine from around the world, from French to Asian. The hotel is also close to popular attractions like the Dubai Marina and Aquaventure Waterpark, making it great for both relaxation and family fun.



5* Atlantis The Palm

An iconic Dubai destination, Atlantis is much more than a hotel – it's an experience.

With its underwater suites, a massive aquarium, and the Aquaventure Waterpark on-site, it's a paradise for families and thrill-seekers. The resort offers a wide array of dining options, including celebrity chef restaurants, and there's a private beach for guests to enjoy. It's the ultimate destination for those looking for luxury, adventure, and world-class entertainment all in one.





SINGAPORE

Singapore is a futuristic garden city, where cutting-edge architecture rises alongside rich traditions. Known for its cleanliness and innovative urban planning, Singapore is a place where you can experience bustling city life, serene green spaces, and fascinating cultural districts all within a short walk or ride.

In Singapore, you can explore diverse cultural influences and simultaneously embraces nature with parks, botanical gardens, and sustainable green spaces integrated into its urban fabric. From sipping a Singapore Sling to taking in breathtaking views at Marina Bay Sands, this city-state blends the best of the old and the new.

Cultural Attractions - Explore Singapore's diverse cultural neighbourhoods like Chinatown, Little India, and Kampong Glam, where you'll find traditional architecture, bustling markets, and local culinary delights that reflect the city's multicultural identity.

Exotic Wildlife - Nature lovers can discover Singapore's hidden green spaces, like Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, offering rainforests and wetlands teeming with diverse wildlife, far removed from the bustling city.

Diverse Cultural Sights - Marvel at Singapore's futuristic landmarks like Gardens by the Bay and the iconic Marina Bay Sands. The city's commitment to sustainability shines through in spaces like the Singapore Botanic Gardens, where nature is beautifully integrated into the urban landscape.

When should I visit? July and August offer some of the best weather for enjoying Singapore's outdoor attractions, with lower humidity levels. These months are ideal for exploring the city's green spaces and attending events like Sentosa's Hendrick's Sunset Cinema, where you can enjoy movies under the stars in a lush, tropical setting.







Our favourite Singapore hotel picks...



4* Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium

Located near the Singapore River, this modern hotel offers sleek, comfortable rooms with fantastic city views.

There's an outdoor pool and a fitness centre, perfect for unwinding after a day out. Food lovers will enjoy the international buffet at Atrium Restaurant and authentic Cantonese cuisine at Xin Cuisine. Orchard Road and Clarke Quay are nearby, making it a convenient base for shopping, dining, and sightseeing.

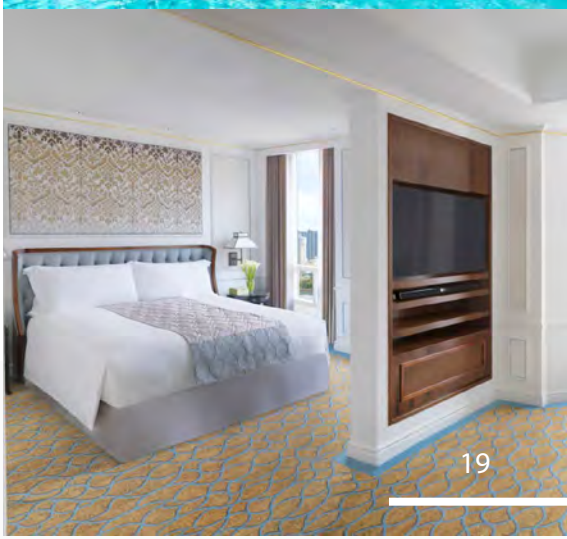




5* InterContinental Singapore

Located in the heart of the vibrant Bugis district, this luxury hotel blends traditional Peranakan architecture with modern sophistication.

The rooms are elegantly designed, with touches of Singapore's rich heritage throughout. Guests can enjoy an outdoor pool, a 24-hour fitness centre, and a choice of dining options, including an award-winning Chinese restaurant and a stylish lounge for afternoon tea. With Bugis Junction and the cultural sights of Kampong Glam and Little India nearby, it's the perfect base for exploring Singapore's mix of old and new, offering both convenience and luxury.



NEW YORK

New York City is a global icon, famous for its towering skyscrapers, world-class museums, and vibrant streets. Whether you're exploring the bustling avenues or admiring the city's landmarks from the water, New York promises an unforgettable urban adventure at every corner.

From its iconic skyline to its cultural institutions, New York offers a dynamic blend of history, art, and commerce, allowing you to fully experience the energy and excitement of a big city break.

Skyscrapers & Iconic Skyline - New York's skyline is one of the most recognisable in the world, with towering structures like the Empire State Building and One World Trade Center. For the best views, take a boat trip with the Statue of Liberty backdrop or visit one of the city's famous observation decks for panoramic views of Manhattan.

The Most Famous Museums in the World - New York is home to world-renowned museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), and the American Museum of Natural History. Whether you're into fine art, history, or contemporary culture, New York's museums offer a wealth of exhibits that attract millions of visitors every year.

Shopping on 5th Avenue - No trip to New York is complete without a shopping spree on 5th Avenue, where luxury brands, flagship stores, and world-famous boutiques line the streets. From high-end fashion to unique souvenirs, you'll find everything you need in the heart of Manhattan's retail district.

When should I visit? September is the perfect time to visit New York, offering comfortable temperatures, fewer crowds, and reasonable prices. The city is alive with energy, making it the ideal season to enjoy sightseeing, shopping, and outdoor activities like strolling through Central Park or taking a boat trip around the harbour.







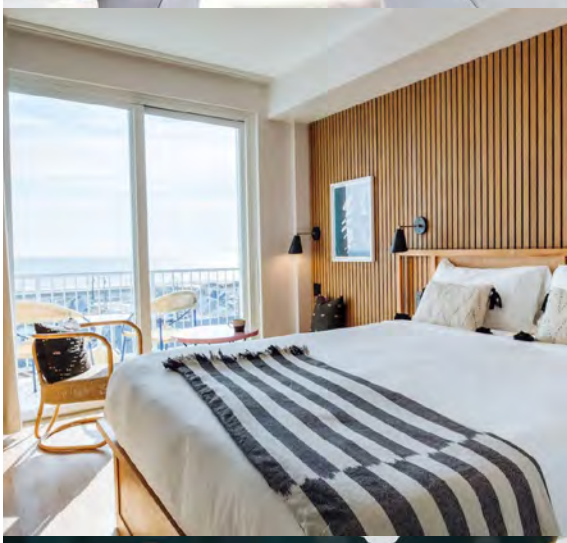
Our favourite New York hotel picks...

4* The Rockaway Hotel & Spa

Tucked away in Queens, this stylish hotel offers a chic, beachy vibe just steps from Rockaway Beach.

It's a perfect mix of city and seaside, with ocean views, a rooftop pool, and a wellness spa offering relaxing treatments. The hotel is great for unwinding, but if you're looking to head into Manhattan, it's just a short drive or ferry ride away. Whether guests want to surf or explore the city, The Rockaway Hotel & Spa offers the best of both worlds.



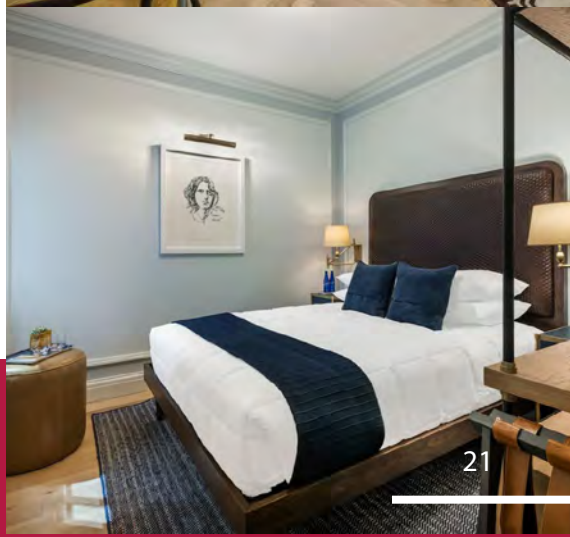


4* Merrion Row Hotel & Public House

A hidden gem in the heart of Times Square, this boutique hotel combines Irish hospitality with New York City charm.

The rooms are cosy and stylish, and the on-site Public House is a favourite for locals and visitors alike, offering Irish comfort food and craft cocktails. With Broadway, Rockefeller Centre, and other Midtown attractions right on the doorstep, it's a perfect base for a cultural or business trip to the Big Apple.





MORE USA CITY BREAKS

USA City Breaks offer a unique cultural experience from the bright lights of bustling metropolises to world-famous landmarks. With endless attractions, vibrant neighbourhoods, and unique local flavours, a short trip to an American city is sure to be packed with unforgettable experiences. Here are just three of our favourite picks.

Las Vegas - The Entertainment Capital of the World

Las Vegas is a city like no other, known for its dazzling lights, high-energy atmosphere, and endless entertainment options. Whether you're trying your luck at the casinos, catching a world-class show, or dining at celebrity chef restaurants, there's something for everyone in this desert oasis. Stroll along the famous Las Vegas Strip, visit iconic spots like the Bellagio Fountains and Caesar's Palace, and take in the vibrant nightlife that defines this city, or take a day trip to the nearby Red Rock Canyon for breathtaking desert scenery.



Boston - A Journey Through American History

A perfect mix of modern excitement and historic charm. As one of the USA's oldest cities, it's a haven for history lovers. Walk the Freedom Trail to explore significant landmarks from the American Revolution, such as the Paul Revere House and Old North Church. Spend time in Boston Common, the oldest public park in the country, or take a boat ride on the Charles River for scenic views of the city's skyline. Boston is also a cultural hotspot, with renowned museums, a thriving food scene, and plenty of opportunities to catch a game at the iconic Fenway Park.



New Orleans - A City of Music, Food, and Soul

New Orleans is a city that pulses with life, offering a unique blend of Creole culture, incredible food, and music that fills the air. Stroll through the historic French Quarter where jazz plays on every corner, marvel at the beautiful architecture with its iron balconies and vibrant facades, and indulge in local favourites like beignets and gumbo. Visit famous landmarks like Jackson Square, or take a leisurely cruise on the Mississippi River; with its festivals, live music, and rich history, New Orleans is a city where every moment feels like a celebration.



CHRISTMAS MARKET BREAKS

Christmas Market City Breaks are a magical experience, combining festive traditions with the local charm of beautiful cities. Wander through twinkling stalls, sipping mulled wine and browsing handmade crafts, and feel the holiday spirit come to life. So many destinations offer something unique, but here are three of our favourites!

Cologne - Festivities Along the Rhine

One of Germany's most enchanting destinations during the festive season. The city comes alive with seven Christmas markets, the most famous being the Cathedral Christmas Market, next to Cologne's iconic Gothic cathedral, with stalls selling handcrafted gifts, Christmas decorations, and local delicacies like bratwurst and glühwein (mulled wine). Be sure to visit the Harbour Christmas Market, located on the Rhine, where nautical themes meet festive flair. With live music and an atmosphere steeped in history, Cologne is a must-visit for Christmas market lovers.



Budapest - A Winter Wonderland

Budapest offers a magical Christmas market experience, The city's Christmas Fair at Vörösmarty Square is a highlight, known for its stunning backdrop of historic buildings and twinkling lights, with traditional Hungarian crafts, delicious local food like chimney cakes (kürtőskalács), and beautifully decorated stalls. For an extra-special touch, visit the Advent Basilica Market, which takes place in front of Budapest's grand St. Stephen's Basilica. The market features an ice skating rink and light shows for a true winter wonderland atmosphere.



Vienna - Christmas Markets in the City of Music

An elegant and atmospheric Christmas market exprience. The city's main market, Christkindlmarkt at Rathausplatz, is set against the grand backdrop of Vienna's City Hall. The air is filled with the scent of spiced punch and roasted chestnuts, and beautifully lit trees add to the festive magic. Vienna also offers a variety of smaller markets, like the Belvedere Palace Christmas Market, where Baroque beauty meets festive cheer. You'll find classical music playing throughout the markets, but don't miss the opportunity to catch a concert or two during your visit!



UP NEXT MONTH...



From lush white sands, to cystal clear waters, discover...

THE BEST OF BEACH HOLIDAYS

curated.getaways@travelbyinspire.co.uk | 07927 411829