**Itineraries** 

# Florida

# Day 1 – Downtown Orlando

Spend the day exploring the sights in 'The City Beautiful'. In the morning, head downtown to visit the CityArts Factory to see works of art by local artists. After lunch, catch a show at the Dr Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. There are also several large shopping malls with a range of designer shops. If you want a peaceful evening, head down to Lake Eola Park with its famous fountain that becomes a beautiful light show as night draws in.



# Day 2 – Walt Disney World Resort

Spend the day at Walt Disney World Resort. Ride on the many roller coasters and visit Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, Typhoon Lagoon, Blizzard Beach and Disney Springs.

# Day 3 – Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral

The Kennedy Space Centre is the centre of America's space operations. Take the NASA tour and find out about space exploration and the Moon landing of 1969.

# Day 4 – Key West, Florida Keys

Enjoy a day in the tropical island city of Key West. Visit the spectacular buildings in Mallory Square and the historic Victorian mansions. Relax on the beach or visit one of the many colourful cafes on Duval Street.

# **Day 5 – The Everglades**

A trip to Florida would not be complete without a visit to the beautiful, tropical wetlands of the Everglades. In the morning, take a thrilling ride onboard an airboat to see the wildlife of the vast swamplands. After lunch, hike along the Tamiami Trail to the viewing tower at Shark Valley or head down to Alligator Alley to try and spot these fearsome predators.

# Texas

#### Day 1 – Houston

Spend a day exploring the largest city of 'The Lone Star State'. Before lunch, visit the Johnson Space Center with its interactive exhibits and shuttle simulator. In the afternoon, head out of town to the Wet'n'Wild Splash Town water park just north of Houston. After dinner, enjoy seeing a live show at the Bayou Music Center.

#### Day 2 – San Antonio

Enjoy a relaxing boat trip along the San Antonio River. During the trip, see the city's grand buildings and historic saloons. Jump off the boat at midday and head to the El Mercado old Mexican market for a Texan-style lunch.



# Day 3 – Corpus Christi

While visiting this coastal city, spend the morning exploring the USS Lexington, a famous aircraft carrier from the Second World War. In the afternoon, stroll along the North Shoreline Boulevard to the Texas State Aquarium to see regional sea life, coral reefs, dolphins and sharks.

#### Day 4 – Dallas and Wichita Falls

Enjoy a fascinating morning at Dallas Zoo. Explore the flamingo pond, marvel at the Galapagos tortoise and eat lunch at Picnic Ridge. After lunch, take a drive up to Wichita Falls to visit the natural waterfalls and many museums in the town.

#### Day 5 – Fort Worth

In the morning, visit the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and the National Cowgirl Museum to learn about the Wild West. After lunch, take a trip to the world's largest indoor rodeo to see modern-day cowboys and cowgirls in action.

# Colorado

#### Day 1 – Denver

Spend the day in the City Park. Visit the Denver Museum of Nature and Science or Denver Zoo before catching a film in the IMAX cinema.

#### Day 2 – Georgetown Loop Railroad

Take a trip on this historic narrow gauge railroad. Sit back, relax and enjoy the views as the train heads over the Devil's Gate Bridge. Complete the trip with a walking tour of the Lebanon Silver Mine.



## Day 3 – Rio Grande River Rafting, Creede

Enjoy a day paddling through the San Juan Mountains on gentle stretches of river, with a few sections of easy whitewater.

## Day 4 – Mesa Verde National Park, Durango

Take a guided tour to find out about the lives of the Ancestral Pueblo people, who lived in Mesa Verde for over 700 years. Explore the network of cliff dwellings that are carved into the cliff wall.

#### Day 5 – Dinosaur Journey Museum, Grand Junction

Spend the day becoming a palaeontologist at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry. Learn how to dig for fossils and finish the day with a guided tour of the Paleo Lab at the museum.

# Tennessee

#### Day 1 – Nashville

Spend the day in the home of country music. In the morning, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum with its many exhibitions. After lunch, take a cruise aboard a traditional paddle steamer along the Cumberland River.

#### Day 2 – Nashville

Spend a second day in Nashville, enjoying the many sights and landmarks in the city. Spend the morning strolling along the Music City Walk of Fame, spotting the stars in the pavement that commemorate many famous country musicians. After that, take in the views



of the city from the Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge. Enjoy walks inside Centennial Park and pay a visit to the Parthenon, a full-size replica of the monument in Athens.

# Day 3 – Dollywood, Pigeon Forge

Visit the world-famous Dollywood theme park. Try out the Thunderhead wooden roller coaster, the Mystery Mine and Wild Eagle. Enjoy live music at one of the many shows available and watch in wonder as local craftsmen demonstrate their skills.

#### Day 4 – Memphis

In the morning, take a guided tour of Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley. After lunch, visit the Memphis Gibson Guitar Factory and discover how this iconic guitar is made before eating dinner in Downtown Memphis.

#### Day 5 – Memphis

Finish off your tour of Tennessee with a final day in Memphis. Visit the National Civil Rights Museum then spend the afternoon at the Sun Studio to learn about the famous musicians who recorded songs there. Be sure to take a selfie by the Elvis Presley statue on Beale Street as a memento of a memorable holiday.

# California

## Day 1 – San Diego

Spend the morning sailing in San Diego Bay on a whale watching cruise, looking out for grey whales, dolphins and other marine animals. After lunch, explore the world-famous San Diego Zoo, which is home to nearly 4000 different animals, before enjoying Mexican food for dinner.

## Day 2 – Los Angeles

Start the day with a wander along the Hollywood Walk of Fame and find the names of famous film stars. After lunch, take a 'Legends of Hollywood' tour to spot the homes of film stars and see the famous Hollywood sign.



# Day 3 – Death Valley

Take a drive through the legendary Death Valley and see the many landmarks in this sun-baked region. Start at the Furnace Creek Visitor Centre and watch the visitors' film before setting off. Visit the Devil's Golf Course, Badwater Basin and Dante's View en route.

# Day 4 – San Francisco

Spend the day in this historic city. In the morning, visit well-known landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge and the Fort Point National History Site, and be sure to catch a ride on one of the city's historic trams. After lunch, take a boat trip over to the island of Alcatraz and visit the former prison.

# Day 5 – Redwood National Park

Drive up to Redwood National Park and see some of the tallest trees in the world. Stop at one the visitor centres and explore the exhibits about the park before heading off for a drive on the Pacific Coast Highway. Enjoy the views of the Pacific Ocean and forests as you follow this world-renowned coastal road.

# **New York State**

## Day 1 – Niagara Falls

Visit the iconic Niagara Falls and take a boat trip to the very bottom of the Horseshoe Falls. After lunch, take a ride on the Niagara Sky Wheel and join in with the 'Cave of the Winds' tour to get up close to the American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls.

## Day 2 – Syracuse

Spend the day at Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Follow a wildlife trail through the park to see animals in naturalistic habitats before exploring the indoor exhibits. Remember to visit the Jungle Café and stock up on souvenirs in the gift shop.



#### Day 3 – Albany

In the morning, visit the New York State Museum, which tells the history of the state of New York. After lunch, head downtown to the Empire State Plaza with its reflecting pools and art-filled shopping concourse.

#### Day 4 – New York

Spend a day visiting the major sights of Manhattan Island. Climb to the top of the Empire State Building for an aerial view of the city, before visiting Times Square and Central Park. In the evening, head over to Broadway to catch a show.

#### Day 5 – New York

Take a boat tour on the Staten Island ferry to New York's Upper Bay. Visit Ellis Island, the former entry point for Europeans travelling to New York, and Liberty Island, the home of the Statue of Liberty. In the afternoon, take another ferry over to Governors Island in New York Harbour and spend time strolling around the national park.