Touring
USA & Canada
At Virgin Holidays, we believe in touring built around freedom and choice. Our escorted tours are expertly curated to flow beautifully. Forget ‘whistlestop’ – we’re all about immersion and adventure, whether you’re following the Coastal Coffee Trail from Seattle to San Fran, or making the Great American Crossing from sea to shining sea.

And if you want all the convenience of an escorted tour, but with even more freedom to follow your curiosity? Then you’re going to love our self-drive tours. Whether you’re into the Music Cities of the South, or the Lobsters and Lighthouses of New England, we take care of all the planning. You just pick up the keys to your vehicle and set the pace and priorities on a holiday adventure that’s all about you.

So, why not hit the ground running with a tour of this all-new brochure? Somewhere between crossing the Canadian Rockies by rail, chasing the far horizon on a Harley, and taking a classic All-American RV road trip, we reckon you’ll fall in love with touring, too.

Let us help you find your perfect touring holiday. Call for a chat on 0344 739 7886, see virginholidays.co.uk, or visit us in store.
Why Virgin Holidays?

New to tours? You’re going to love how easy we make it to have a hall-of-fame holiday with a difference.

If you’re curious about touring holidays we totally get it if you wonder why you ought to book with us. There are plenty of options out there and we love that you have a choice.

We could point proudly to our trophy cabinet – we won Best Holiday Company to the USA, and Best Escorted Adventure Holiday Company just last year.

We could also list the exclusive stuff that we offer, from the Virgin Holidays mobile app that makes it simple to manage your booking, to incomparable v-room lounges that let your holiday begin the moment you arrive at the airport.

Above all, though, you can feel confident booking with us because we apply the same passion, expert local knowledge, attention to detail and care to our tours as we do to every holiday we create.

So, go ahead and dare to imagine a different kind of dream holiday, and let us take care of everything else.

Four fantastic ways to tour

This is not your grandparents’ touring holiday. Forget being herded around against the clock, and joyless, conveyor-belt meals. This is touring curated with time and space to breathe in your surroundings and truly experience your destination. This is exploring unforgettable regions in unexpected and exciting ways. This is the new touring, and we think you’re going to love it.

ESCORTED TOURS

It’s all about give and take. We take the time to source itineraries that explore extraordinary regions and inspiring themes. We take care of all the planning and organisation, from travel and accommodation to delicious meals and phenomenal experiences. And, we give you a holiday brimming with fun, relaxation and adventure.

SELF-DRIVE TOURS

With our fantastic, freedom-focused self-drive tours, we do all the organisational heavy lifting. All you have to do, once you’ve arrived, is pick up the keys to your ride (that drop-top Mustang looks so you) tap your first destination into the sat nav and hit the open road. And if you fancy taking a detour (or three), we say feel free. It’s your holiday.

RAIL JOURNEYS

Leave the commuter crush way behind you. This is comfortable, convenient rail travel through some of the most sensational terrain in North America. Whether you cross unspoilt Canada on the legendary Rocky Mountaineer or thread the needle between iconic East Coast cities, you’ll be in no hurry to disembark.

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Whether you want the shared experience of a guided tour, dream of chasing the horizon on a solo, self-drive tour, or simply want a bike and the freedom to follow the open road wherever it leads you, we can give you everything you need for a one-in-a-million, two-wheel tour in the USA.
Our touring partners

American Tours International (ATI)

ATI has been one of North America’s most trusted travel fixers since 1977. Specialising in affordable escorted coach tours, they can show you the very best of Uncle Sam’s backyard. So hop aboard and hand over the reins of your holiday to our ATI partners, or even let them build your perfect self-drive tour. Either way, their door-to-door itineraries make sure your trip to America is less work and more play.

Cruise America/Canada

You want the romance of crossing the USA or Canada in an RV — but not the headaches that always seem to happen in the road movies. Since 1972, Cruise America has been the heavyweight of US motorhome rental, not only offering a selection of top-spec Class C vehicles, with fabulous sample itineraries to plan your trip from, peace of mind insurance included, 110-point inspection and 24-hour service.

Alamo Rent A Car

Founded in Florida in 1974, Alamo has got car rental down to a fine art, ensuring your holiday runs as smoothly as the impressive selection of automobiles waiting for you. Lose the joyless paperwork and hit the road, relaxed in the knowledge there’s a dedicated team right behind you, offering 24/7 technical support and exclusive benefits reserved for Virgin Holidays customers.

VIA Rail

Whether you want to indulge in the romance of a leisurely coast-to-coast journey or need a relaxing, convenient hop between Canada’s eastern cosmopolitan cities, travelling on VIA Rail is comfortable and affordable. Depending on the route you wish to travel, you have a choice of travelling classes, so you’re free to customise your experience. This is an inspired way to discover Canada and enjoy some of its most spectacular scenery.

Jonview

Canada is mind-bogglingly huge, but with the nation’s favourite tour experts in your corner, you can cherry-pick all the best bits. Bringing 35 years’ experience and an impressive contacts book, Jonview can deliver your perfect escorted, self-drive or rail itinerary, whether that means icefields, forests or fjords. With local experts at your side for escorted tours and 24/7 support for self-drivers, it’s no wonder 300,000 travellers rely on Jonview every year.

EagleRider

To borrow a lyric from Born To Be Wild, EagleRider has helped countless bikers get out on the highway. It has hire locations across the States, so it couldn’t be easier to pick up your ride from a wish-list that includes Harley, BMW and Yamaha, twist the throttle and ride anywhere from Red Rocks to New Orleans. And with expert maintenance, DOT-approved helmets and guided tour options, ‘effortless’ is the EagleRider way.

Rocky Mountaineer

We’re proud to place our customers in the expert hands of Rocky Mountaineer. For three decades, this Canadian rail-tour specialist has carried travellers through the iconic mountain range, on a luxury train that offers gourmet cuisine in the dining car, 360° views from the custom-designed dome coach, and the choice of SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf Service. Forget commuter sardines and leaves on the line — this is train-travel done right.

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Why settle on a single destination when you can daisy-chain the highlights of an entire region? Simply pick an itinerary that fires your imagination. We’ll take care of everything else.

**Eastern Discovery**

- New York | night
- Boston | night
- Quebec City | night
- Montreal | night
- Toronto | night
- Niagara Falls | night
- Amish Country | night
- Washington, DC | 2 nights
- New York | night
- Amish Country | night
- Washington, DC | 2 nights

As if it was made for road trips, the cities and sights of Eastern Canada and its neighbouring US states are separated only by short and stunningly scenic highways.

We’re talking roads like Canada’s 1,000 Islands Parkway, running parallel to St. Lawrence River. Tracks into the rolling farmland of upstate New York’s Finger Lakes Region, towards the Gettysburg battlefield. Rural routes into the Amish heartland of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Not forgetting, of course, America’s most beautiful backyard, New England, where highways are swaddled by forested hills, dramatic mountains, and bijou villages with white steepled churches.

The roads may be scenic, but the stops are no less spectacular. In Boston, Beacon Hill’s cobblestones and gas lamps, and the Freedom Trail’s landmarks, deliver unique charm. In Quebec City, a walking tour of the walled metropolis reveals its French-flavoured UNESCO credentials. In Ottawa, parks make way for Parliament’s power. In Toronto, driving through the skyscrapers reveals the world’s tallest free-standing structure, CN Tower, and, in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, capture classics like the White House and Liberty Bell. However, nowhere packs quite the punch of Niagara Falls, hearing the thunder of Horseshoe Falls as you walk along Table Rock, and seeing it in style dining up the iconic Skylon Tower.

**Guide Price 11-Day Tour**

£1210

• Room Only

Price does not include international flights.

EARLY BOOKING OFFER

Book by the 31 Oct ’19 for travel between 1 Apr–30 Sep ’20 and receive up to £100pp off the tour cost.

SNAPSHOT

- Operates Apr–Sep ’20
- Lunch at the Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls
- Complimentary Virgin Holidays welcome kit
Picking just one city break is never easy. So why should you? America’s Eastern Seaboard is punctuated by attraction-packed cities close enough to fit into one trip.

Bookended by the Big Apple, you’ll start and end ‘on location’ at film set favourites like Central Park, the Empire State Building and Times Square. The city that famously never sleeps is lit by Broadway’s neon bulbs, and ready to reveal just why bed isn’t beckoning.

Your adventures start and end in Boston, ‘the cradle of American liberty’, where sightseeing is made easy by the 2.5 mile long Freedom Trail, which leads you to 16 significant landmarks. But this is more than a city break, and you’ll get to cast off track places like Salem, a town unable (and unwilling) to shake off its 17th century witch hunt connections.

Taking the scenic route, you’ll also travel to Cadillac Mountain in Maine, the White and Green Mountains, where you might spot the odd bear or moose; celebrated Plymouth Rock; and the sand dunes of Cape Cod. You could get your own snapshot of America’s most photographed lighthouse (no, we don’t know how they know that either) at Cape Neddick — and those on Cape Cod are a town unable (and unwilling) to shake off its 17th century witch hunt connections.

Your tour of New England takes you from tiny Rhode Island to the seaside-lined Maine — holds some of America’s most important history, and its most wow-worthy scenery.

Its no secret New England is one of the most popular places for an American road trip, and for good reason. This collection of states — from tiny Rhode Island to seaside-lined Maine — holds some of America’s most important history, and its most wow-worthy scenery.

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Snapshot
• Lunch at the Skylyn Tower, Niagara Falls
• Complimentary Virgin Holidays welcome kit

Guide Price 9-Day Tour £1020*
Room only

Price does not include international flights.

Guide Price 10-Day Tour £1242*
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The Ultimate South

The romance, rhythms and rich cinematic and civil history of the American South come together on this feature-packed 15-day road trip. Taking you from the civil war to the civil rights movement, you'll start your Deep South discovery in Atlanta, visiting the childhood home of Martin Luther King and Stately Oaks Plantation, inspired by local legend Margaret Mitchell’s epic Gone With The Wind.

Beginning with statement landmarks like the Empire State Building and Times Square, then the White House and US Capitol Building, images of NYC and DC are your frame of mind before you break into Great Smoky Mountains National Park, discovering how Appalachian farmers exist in a wilderness as far from DC's cut and thrust as you can feel.

With a playlist of country music, blues and jazz, this region also provides a wealth of opportunities to enjoy the cultural scene, from museums and galleries to fantastic nightlife. From museums like The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and The Muhammad Ali Center to blues clubs and country music venues and to hit famous local sightseeing spots, like Elvis's Graceland, the Chattanooga Choo Choo, and the Antebellum mansions around Natchez.

The Big Easy is a must, but there's nothing quite like soaking up the 200+ Mississippi rivers and bayous, or the peaceful beauty of the Natchez Trace Parkway. From the Arkansas Delta to the Louisiana bayous, the journey is an unforgettable experience.
The highlights of San Francisco, LA, Las Vegas and San Diego* (optional) take you there on a delightfully well-trodden path, with their iconic sights and nearby national parks drawing in the West’s best dining, shopping and nightlife. Stumping ground of the rich and famous, LA is filled with photo opportunities: the finish line of Santa’s 66, those legendary Stregghed lifeguard towers, the white letters of the Hollywood sign, your favourite Walk of Fame star, maybe even an Instagram-worthy shot of your dinner with the Queen’s Monarch’s Captain.

That’s if you’ve any memory left after snapping the landmarks lining the West’s shoreline, from San Francisco, where the peers of Fisherman’s Wharf and boat trips of Union Square vie for attention, and the chance to start Monterrey and Carmel addl photo finds, down to sophisticated San Diego.

Of course, you’ll need a large lens to capture the towering height of the forests, waterfalls, and rugged landscapes of Yosemite, the scale of the Grand Canyon, the vastness of the Grand Canyon, the forests, waterfalls, and rugged landscapes of Yosemite, and the hoodoo of Bryce Canyon, which campers and constellations await on clear nights.

**SNAPSHOT**
- Mixed Board option available
- Complimentary Virgin Holidays welcome kit

**EARLY BOOKING OFFER**
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**Eastern Explorer**

- Toronto 2 nights
- Montreal 2 nights
- Quebec City 2 nights
- Ottawa 2 nights
- Midland 2 nights
- Niagara Falls 1 night
- Toronto 1 night

**Canadian Contrasts**

They say it’s not about the destination, it’s about the journey. We agree. Much more than its guidebook favourites, authentic Canada is delivered in the places and panoramas between them and this tour combines unparalleled beauty, exotic encounters and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

**Guide Price 15-day tour £1936 pp**

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**SNAPSHOT**

- Operation May–Sep '20
- Lunch at the Sucrerie de la Montagne
- Sightseeing tours of Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal
- Thousand Island Cruise
- Algonquin Provincial Park excursion
- Hornblower Niagara Falls Cruise
- Farewell dinner at the CN Tower

**SNAPSHOT**

- Operation May–Sep '20
- Flight from Toronto to Calgary
- Time to explore Quebec City and Vancouver

**SNAPSHOT**

- Operation Jun–Sep '20
- Sightseeing tours of Calgary, Banff, Victoria and Vancouver
- Columbia Icefields Ice Explorer ride
- Ferry Cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island
- Visit to Butchart Gardens
- Farewell dinner

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Self-drive touring

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Lobsters and Lighthouses

- Boston 2 nights • Kennebunkport 1 night • Ellsworth 2 nights
- North Conway 1 night • Stowe 1 night • Williamstown 1 night
- Newport 1 night • Cape Cod 2 nights

One of those places you instantly feel like a local, New England’s scenery, old-world villages, and seaside communities are as welcoming and familiar as you can get, making for leisurely exploration.

Breaking you into the easy-going air, Boston’s no sprawling urban jungle; it’s a cutey enclave packed with history and charm. But lobsters and lighthouses await. Hitting the road north takes you through Salem’s witch trial history, coastal communities like Gloucester, Rockport, and Portsmouth, and into Kennebunkport, making it a perfect overnight stop before heading onto Bar Harbor, where lobstermen bring in their catch for your chowder and lobster rolls.

Most travelers drive into Acadia National Park, taking Park Loop Road or scaling Cadillac Mountain, before leaving the coast for the White Mountains and their covered bridges and forest-wrapped villages, heading over to Stowe; the Green Mountains and their bear and moose filled forests.

Back on the coast, the trail leads you to Newport, summer home of the superwealthy, and Cape Cod, where incredible sandy beaches, sweet villages, and free-spirited Provincetown make it the summer home of many more.

GUIDE PRICE 10-DAY TOUR £953 pp
- ROOM ONLY

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**Rhythms of the South**

- Atlanta 2 nights
- Nashville 1 night
- Memphis 2 nights
- Vicksburg 1 night
- New Orleans 2 nights
- Pensacola 1 night
- Tallahassee 1 night
- Savannah 1 night
- Charleston 1 night
- Atlanta 1 night

Those after the full sound-round experience of the South, can’t do better than this musical masterpiece.

With a intro in Atlanta, often overlooked in favour of noisier neighbours Nashville and Memphis, you’ll discover a hub of musical talent, from hip-hop to gospel. It’s also filled with big-city attractions, like World of Coca-Cola and its trend CNN tours.

The pull of the musical maestros soon takes hold, and Nashville tempts you with its Country Music Hall of Fame and Grand Ole Opry – you could always crank up the radio for a detour to the Chatanooga Choo Choo or Jack Daniel’s distillery on your way.

Moving to Memphis, country and western makes way for the birthplace of the blues. It may have sealed its fame in the Elvis years, and time at Graceland a must, but the blues still play prou in Beale Street’s bars. Tuning into jazz stations instead puts you in the New Orleans spirit, as you drive through Natchez and Baton Rouge to The Big Easy and famously up the Everglades.

And you can’t fail to be moved (quite literally) as you find a spot in the honky-tonk bars of Nashville, blues bars of Beale Street in Memphis, and jazz bars of New Orleans to hear the toe-tapping tunes for your soul each evening.

**Music Cities of the South**

- Atlanta 1 night
- Nashville 3 nights
- Memphis 2 nights
- Jackson 1 night
- New Orleans 2 nights

‘Off-the-tourist-trail’ adventures may be de rigueur right now, but some paths are well-trodden for good reason – like the Deep South’s ever-popular music circuit. For some it’s the hip-shaking tunes of Elvis, for some the soulful sounds of R&B; King, for some the uplifting lyrics of Dolly Parton. Whatever ‘star’ draws you in, this rhythmic road trip reveals the soul, sights, and sounds of America’s classic music cities.

It doesn’t just include the South’s musical headlines though (like country star Nashville, blues and rock ‘n’ roll legend Memphis, and jazz-infused New Orleans); it also features off-beat additions on the way. Some of them are music-inspired, like Tupelo where you can see the modest birthplace of Elvis Presley. And others reveal the incredible back ground tracks of this region, like the important Civil Rights sights of Jackson and Atlanta.

And, even if you’re not a devotee of one of the Deep South’s big name stars, you cannot fail to be astounded at the work of the Gibson-Guitar Factory in Memphis, the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, the balcony of New Orleans’ French Quarter, and, of course, the home of the King himself, Graceland.

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**Route 66**

- Chicago 2 nights
- St Louis 1 night
- Springfield 1 night
- Oklahoma City 1 night
- Amarillo 1 night
- Albuquerque 2 nights
- Holbrook 1 night
- Grand Canyon/Williams 2 nights
- Las Vegas 2 nights
- Los Angeles 2 nights

Route 66 – the world’s most famous highway, it’s more than a road, it’s a time-warp, linking a string of iconic cities and oddball retro Americana.

The starting line beckons at the corner of Michigan and Adams, but not before sampling Chicago’s sights and a big breakfast at local institution ‘Lou Mitchell’s’ Culture and curiosities exist: check out on Route 66, with views of everyday scenes, like farmers working Missouri’s cornfields, interrupted by ecotourist Malignant Men advertising props, like hot-dog-wielding ‘Sammy Giant’; or food stops like corndog birthplace, Cozy Dog Drive-In, and Big Texas Steak Ranch’s 72 oz challenge.

‘You’ll get your kicks’ from traditional sightseeing too, with St Louis’ Gateway Arch, Meramec Caverns (hideout favourite of Jesse James), Petrified Forest National Park, Santa Fe, Hoover Dam, and Mojave Desert’s Calico Ghost Town.

But it’s the bizarre and vintage views that take your eye off the road: like Catoosa’s ‘20 ft Cadillac Ranch – Amish’; or food stops like corndog birthplace, Cozy Dog Drive-In, and Big Texas Steak Ranch’s 72 oz challenge.

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- $1249.90

- Room Only

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**SNAPSHOT**

- Operations Apr ‘20–Mar ‘21
- Cemetery and Gettysburg tour in New Orleans
- Helicopter Night Flight Over Vegas Strip

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**SNAPSHOT**

- Operations Apr ‘20–Mar ‘21
- Opera House Tour in Nashville
- Old Trolley Tour in Savannah

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USA SELF-DRIVE TOUR

Best of the West

- Los Angeles 1 night • Palm Springs 1 night • Mesa 1 night
- Grand Canyon 1 night • Las Vegas 2 nights • Death Valley 1 night
- Yosemite Gateway 1 night • San Francisco 1 night • Monterey 1 night
- Ventura 1 night • Los Angeles 1 night

When you've only got two weeks to squeeze in all the greats of states like California and Nevada, a super-dense driving holiday is just the ticket. Stopping in a new place virtually every night, but slipping in extra nights in each of the major metropolises (think L.A., Las Vegas, and San Francisco) lets you experience the very best of the west.

Every west coast attraction is covered, with time for the delights of Disney, old west vibe of Scottsdale and skyscraper-studded Phoenix, and A-lister's desert hangout, Palm Springs. Driving yourself gives the freedom to stop where you want as you follow one of Route 66’s best sections, heading for Hoover Dam, before hitting San Francisco. Once there, swap your car for cable cars, or one of the infinite bikes that bravely tackle the famous hills (but not before testing your driving skills on crooked Lombard Street).

A unforgettable drive over Golden Gate Bridge sees you in chic Sausalito, then Muir Woods to walk the boardwalk beneath neck-craningly-high redwoods, before you continue to California's Wine Country. And the state's iconic cities are perfectly spaced out for road trips, with the gaps between bursting at the seams with great drives. Using your car, you can tackle the famous hills (but not before testing your driving skills on crooked Lombard Street).

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USA SELF-DRIVE TOUR

Postcards of California

- Los Angeles 2 nights • Central Coast 2 nights • San Francisco 2 nights
- California Wine Country 2 nights

Some images of California regularly make the postcard-rimmed-coated Golden Gate Bridge, Santa Monica Pier, Carmel’s Lone Cypress, Yosemite’s waterfalls. And driving the long way from LA to San Francisco exposes every snapshot.

Some spend a whole holiday in L.A., but it’s just the start of your Californian crossing. That doesn’t mean you have to miss its attractions though, as you have time for Venice Beach, or maybe a dose of Disney. But your car really comes into its own as you drift up the Pacific Coast Highway. Taking two days to cruise one of the States’ most coveted coastal routes allows plenty of postcard picks like Malibu Beach, Monterey’s picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea, or the infinite hills that bravely tackle the famous hills (but not before testing your driving skills on crooked Lombard Street).

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SNAPSHOT
- Operates Apr ’20–Mar ’21
- Beach blanket and Starbucks® gift card

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- ROOM ONLY

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SNAPSHOT
- Operates Apr ’20–Mar ’21
- Beach blanket and Starbucks® gift card

GUIDE PRICE 13-DAY TOUR £1254
- ROOM ONLY

Price does not include international flights or car hire.

CANA DA SELF-DRIVE TOUR

Heritage Trail

- Toronto 2 nights • Kingston 1 night • Montreal 2 nights
- Quebec City 2 nights • Ottawa 2 nights • Huntsville 2 nights
- Niagara Falls 1 night

If you can't pick between modern city and authentic outback, the east coast's heritage trail eradicates the need. Its iconic cities are perfectly spaced out for road trips, with the gaps between bursting at the seams with great drives. California's waterfalls are just as dazzling as its neon canopies, San Francisco's tourist spots let you experience the very best of the west.

CANA DA SELF-DRIVE TOUR

Heritage Trail

- Toronto 2 nights • Kingston 1 night • Montreal 2 nights
- Quebec City 2 nights • Ottawa 2 nights • Huntsville 2 nights
- Niagara Falls 1 night

Two nights in each of its most famous cities, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa, as well as stays in Kingston, Huntsville, and Niagara Falls, gives you the freedom to explore both urban sights and outlying attractions.

Toronto keeps you close with city views from the CN Tower and shopping at the Eaton Centre. Montreal highlights like the Notre-Dame Basilica compete against your island hopping cruise along the Thousand Islands waterways. Quebec City’s old walls and stairs hide its colonial history. Ottawa is Canada’s capital experience & it offers first-rate museums and the Parliament.”

In the backwoods between the cities, heritage trails and natural beauty abound: in the quaint towns and museums rich spoils of Prince Edward County; in the wild walks of Algonquin Provincial Park; in the recreation-packed natural playground of Muskoka, and in Niagara, where you’ll cruise the boat’s of its most famous falls.

SNAPSHOT
- Operates May–Oct ’20
- 1 hour Thousand Islands cruise
- Leisure time in Toronto and Ottawa
- Visit Cap-de-la-Madeleine en route to Quebec City
- Scenic drive to Algonquin National Park

GUIDE PRICE 13-DAY TOUR £1201
- ROOM ONLY

Price does not include international flights or car hire.

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Comfortable seats and space to roam. Incomparable views of iconic cities and astonishing nature. This is rail travel at its relaxing best.

**Rail Journeys**

The USA isn’t short on high-impact cities, but three of its finest are just a train ride apart along its Atlantic fringe.

**Amtrak Tour — New York to DC**

- New York 3 nights
- Philadelphia 2 nights
- Washington, DC 2 nights

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With your Amtrak tickets for this hat-trick of cities sorted, you can get on with exploring, with the freedom to do exactly what you want.

A debut in New York City means you might just fill your empty suitcase (let’s face it, nobody comes to Manhattan without space inside) before you’re started. The shopping in the Big Apple is just as iconic as NYC’s landmarks. We can even arrange tickets for museums, top attractions and a Broadway show.

Sandwiched in the middle of this three city stay is Philadelphia. Sometimes forgotten, thanks to its bold-as-you-like contemporaries, noteworthy attractions include Independence National Historic Park (where the Declaration of Independence was signed), the USA’s oldest residential street, Elfreth Avenue; and Reading Terminal Market, where Amish farmers sell their produce.

Rounding up the trio, your grand finale is Washington, DC, where essentials include The White House and Washington Monument. After the obligatory political pilgrimage, you could visit The Smithsonian Institute and its 17 free museums, take a Duck Tour, or hit Georgetown’s one-off shops.

**GUIDE PRICE 8-DAY TOUR**

£919p p

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**Amtrak Tour — Boston to DC**

- Boston 2 nights
- New York 3 nights
- Philadelphia 2 nights
- Washington, DC 2 nights

America’s socialite, NYC; its revolutionary, Boston; its commander, Washington, DC; and its trailblazer, Philadelphia — they may each have their own personality, but together they unveil the spirit, soul and heart of the nation.

Of course there are the iconic skylines, swept with landmarks like Boston’s gold-domed State House, Manhattan’s Empire State Building, Washington, DC’s White House; and Philadelphia’s Independence Hall, while green spaces in between include New York’s Central Park and historic Boston Common.

Then there are their museums, with Boston’s Skywalk Observatory, Philadelphia’s Franklin Institute, New York’s MoMa and MET, and Washington, DC’s 17 free Smithsonian museums, and bare walkable history along Boston’s Freedom Trail, at NYC’s Ellis Island, on Washington, DC’s National Mall, and up to Philadelphia’s Liberty Bell.

The latest restaurant openings, trendiest boutique, and hippest bars all flock to the east coast’s most beloved cities. Manhattan offers up Fifth Avenue favouritas and front-page dining and shows. Boston has North End’s burgeoning bar scene and Newbury Street’s boutiques. You’ll find Philadelphia alive with Northern Liberties’ live jazz, and Washington, DC delivering Georgetown’s one-of-a-kind and designer stores.

**GUIDE PRICE 10-DAY TOUR**

£1050p p

Price does not include international flights.
**Eastern Rail Experience**

Embark on a captivating historic rail route starting in the maritime city of Halifax, through Quebec and Toronto.

If you want to experience the cities of eastern Canada and sample the different lifestyles of Ontario and Quebec, then this is the journey for you.

As if they were planning for the city-break-loving travellers of the 21st century, the cool cosmopolitan metropolises of Canada’s east coast are conveniently close to each other. In fact, each is a stunningly scenic train ride away from the next. (And to make it even more ‘by design’, the world famous Niagara Falls are also a handy day trip away.)

Cutting through the countryside, The Corridor connects Toronto, Quebec City, and Montreal — with VIA Rail’s modern carriages making the journeys between such as comfy as they are beautiful.

The joy of this journey doesn’t just come from riding the railroads though, with each of the cities VIA Rail stops at together promising those ubiquitous camera-ready landmarks, modern dining and entertainment venues, and cultural attractions you only get from big-name cities.

You’d be forgiven for thinking the views out your window had been photo-shopped as you travel along two of east Canada’s most popular rail routes on this eastern adventure, roaming between four vivacious cities for mini breaks in Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal, and Toronto.

A patchwork of mighty rivers, small townships, forest-draped hills, and existing cityscapes, The Ocean and The Corridor each have their own hero views.

For some, the chance to follow the shoreline of the St Lawrence River and pass Quebec and Montreal’s romantically beautiful rail-side communities makes The Corridor the ultimate train journey. For others there’s nothing as thrilling as riding as a sleeper train, dining as you gaze out at the endlessly changing views, before heading to bed and waking up to scenes of the St Lawrence river before you roll into Quebec City. The beauty of this trip is you get to experience both.

And, the train journey’s just part of the fun, with free time to take in the unique characteristics of each city stop, like the maritime history of Halifax, the French-Canadian charm of Quebec City, and the dynamic multicultural buzz of Toronto — while, in Montreal, your guided tour gives insights into photo-favourites like Notre-Dame Basilica and views from atop Mont Royal.

**GUIDE PRICE 8-DAY TOUR £1208**

- **Toronto 2 nights**
- VIA Rail The Ocean 1 night
- **Quebec City 1 night**
- **Montréal 2 nights**
- **Toronto 1 night**

Includes 1 night on board VIA Rail, Sleeper Plus Class and two journeys, Economy Class (Business Class available), 1 breakfast, lunch and dinner on board and 7 nights hotel accommodation. Price does not include international flights.

**SNAPSHOT**
- Operates May-Oct ‘20
- Overnight VIA Rail from Halifax to Ste-Foy (upper and lower berth)
- VIA Rail between Quebec, Montreal and Toronto
- 1 night in Quebec City
- 3-hour sightseeing tour of Montreal
- Time to explore Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal and Toronto
- 5-hour sightseeing tour of Montréal
- VIA Rail between Toronto, Ottawa, Queer City, and Montreal
- CN Tower admission
- Day trip to Niagara Falls with lunch and other Hornblower cruise to the falls, or Journey behind the Falls
- 2 nights in Toronto

**Capital Experience**

30 based on two adults sharing accommodation for departures on 1 May ‘20 for Eastern Rail Experience, and departures on 28 Mar ‘20 for Capital Experience. Alternative dates are available. For details of our pricing policy see pages 39–42.

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Through an ever-changing reel of mesmeric landscapes, Fraser Valley’s fields, a series of twisting rivers, mighty gorges, boundless deserts and ranches, vertiginous mountain passes, and light-sapping tunnels all take their turn as you travel to or from the realm of the Rockies.

It’s not just the view through the window that dazzles though. The Rocky Mountaineer is synonymous with indulgence, so there’s no better seat in the house for soaking up sights like Hell’s Gate, Roger’s Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon and, of course, the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies.

But some viewpoints just can’t be reached by rail, so the roads pave the way for journeys through Yoho National Park to see wonders like the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and Lake Louise, and around Banff where the Hoodos and Lake Louise continue to woowide-eyed travellers.

And, when neither roads nor rails will cut it, it’s time to take to the sky, over for its utmost luxury and top-of-the-world scenery, the Rocky Mountaineer.

The kind of luxury usually only reserved for the celeb set, you’re joined on board by master chefs and impeccable hosts who provide exquisite food, wine and service as you’re whisked between Vancouver, Kamloops and Banff. And then between Jasper, Banff and Whistler (with a cheeky extra stay in Lake Louise on route).

But it’s your seat that becomes your most prized possession. Journeying only by daylight so you can take in every mountain, river, tree and waterfall, it’s your pew for an unfurling reel of sights as you circumnavigate the west and its finest features, including Mount Robson, the Rocky Mountain Trench, the dizzyingly high Deep Creek Bridge, and the Sea to Sky Corridor towards Vancouver.

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But Banff, a gondola ride leads to national park views from Sulphur Mountain. And, as you drive the sloping toe onto Athabasca Glacier, it’s your seat on the majestic Ice Explorer that provides the most memorable views.

### First Passage to the West Highlights

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### Grand Rail Circle

**EASTBOUND** • Vancouver | Kamloops | Lake Louise | Calgary | WESTBOUND AVAILABLE

Not much can compete with the attention-grabbing panoramas when you’re travelling through Canada’s west. But the Rocky Mountaineer might just be in with a chance, and this tour is the ultimate rail holiday, combining two classic Rocky Mountaineer train routes and the mighty Canadian Rockies in one adventure.

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### Journey through the Clouds Explorer

**EASTBOUND** • Vancouver | Kamloops | Lake Louise | Calgary | WESTBOUND AVAILABLE

When you want to see all the best bits of a vast region but don’t have long to pack them in, travelling with an insider who knows the best places, routes, and local stories is the way to go. That’s what you get on board the Rocky Mountaineer.

Travel on board from Vancouver to Jasper, and marvel at the dramatic, changing scenery as you follow the banks of the North Thompson River through the Monashee and Cariboo Mountains. Of course, free spirits still want time to wander, so the smart set find just the right balance. Places like Banff are easy to explore solo, while the stark splendour of Jasper and Lake Louise are perfect for a bit of alone-time. But some spots are better seen with local guides. Like Yoho National Park, where they know prime viewpoints for the Spiral Tunnels, natural rock bridge over Kicking Horse River, and Emerald Lake. Or the Columbia Icefield, where they reveal the glacier’s geology and history as you travel by Ice Explorer. Even your free time in Jasper is partnered with a tour of the park’s peaks and wildlife haunts. And they know the best ways to travel, from the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer, with its languid pace and grand scenery, to helicopters for flights over the Rockies.
Hire a Harley-Davidson through EagleRider and Virgin Holidays, and it couldn’t be simpler to get your motor running. Take your pick from a wishlist of iconic motorcycle models. Collect your bike from 150 locations across the USA. Choose the package that suits you — then head out on the highways that were born for two-wheel touring.

**Guided tours**

Experience the camaraderie of a bike convoy as you cruise some of the USA’s legendary highways, including Route 66. Trust your professional tour guide to show you the routes that demand a twist of the throttle. Relax and enjoy the ride, backed up by a support vehicle and luggage drop-off at bike-friendly hotels. Bond with your fellow riders at the welcome reception and regular social events — and leave the farewell party with friends for life.

**Self-drive tours**

If you’d rather ride solo, we can help to create a personalised USA adventure that runs as smooth as the purring metal beast beneath you. Let us arrange the rental of your dream Harley, book you into the best bike-friendly hotels and show you the open roads where you can put your bike through its paces — with all the information handily held in your EagleRider leather-bound road book.

**Bike only**

You’re a seasoned biker. This is your latest road trip across the USA — and you’re in charge. Fine by us. We’ll simply arrange your motorcycle rental, giving you a choice of eight legendary Harley-Davidson models from EagleRider’s range. Then we’ll stand back as you turn the key, release the kickstand and burn off towards the horizon, ready to explore the greatest country on the planet for open-road biking.

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You must be 21 years or over and hold a full bike licence with 1 year riding experience. CDW is included with a zero excess in the event of damage/accident and up to $1000 excess for theft. A $100 credit card security deposit is required at pick up, debit card and cash deposits are not accepted. $25 per hour late charge applies if motorcycles are returned late. Full tank of fuel is included and motorcycles must be returned with a full tank, otherwise a $35 refuelling charge applies.

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**Why book with us?**

We don’t want to make it complicated, so we have included everything to make your experience fantastic.

- Unlimited Mileage
- Unlimited Generator Usage
- Supplemental Liability Insurance (SLI) up to $1 million
- Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) — excess $1500 in the event of damage/accident
- Personal Kit per person
- Vehicle Kit
- Starter Kit
- Transfers to/from selected hotels

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**C19**

- Sleeps: 2 adults and 1 child
- Length: 20–21 ft (6.1–6.4 m)
- Automatic, power steering, ABS brakes, A/C
- Queen-size bed over cab, living room couch
- Bathroom: wash basin, shower, toilet, water heater
- Kitchen: sink, stove, microwave, fridge

**C25**

- Sleeps: 4 adults and 1 child
- Length: 24–25 ft (7.3–7.6 m)
- Automatic, power steering, ABS brakes, A/C
- Queen-size bed over cab, permanent queen size bed at rear, dinette bed/couch
- Bathroom: wash basin, shower, toilet, water heater
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**C30**

- Sleeps: 4 adults and 3 children
- Length: 29–30 ft (8.8–9.1 m)
- Automatic, power steering, ABS brakes, A/C
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A variety of campsites are available in each region. You must be 21 years or over and hold a full licence. A $500 credit card deposit is required at time of pick-up. Any local charges will be deducted from your credit card deposit. Late returns chargeable after 11am.
Car hire

Why book with us?

One-way
Within California and between California to Nevada and Arizona, we don’t charge one-way fees. One-way between $50–$500 plus local taxes and fees will still apply to any other one-way rental.

GPS
Take advantage of our Gold Plus package which includes a GPS rental to help you navigate your way around these vast countries, taking in the breathtaking scenery and diverse cities.

Online check-in
Check in before you travel — simply log on to alamo.com/virgin and print out your rental agreement. Then when you arrive, head straight to the garage to choose your car and get on your way.

Basic package
Our Basic package:
- Third Party cover up to $20,000 (please note this may not cover all damage to a third party vehicle)
- Mandatory taxes and fees will be payable locally ($70–$150)
- Cover for your own hire car (Collision Damage Waiver — CDW) is not included

Fully Inclusive package
Our Fully Inclusive package is a great way to make sure you’re covered on the road:
- Third Party Extended Protection (EP) up to $1million
- CDW cover for your hire car, with zero excess in the event of an accident or damage
- Uninsured Motorist Protection (UMP)
- All pre-payable state/local taxes and fees (excluding taxes on locally purchased items)
- One free additional driver

Gold Plus package
Exclusive to Virgin Holidays
Our Gold Plus package has the same inclusions as the Fully Inclusive package, plus:
- One GPS rental
- Up to three additional drivers
- Unlimited child seats
- Underage driver fees (21–24 years)
- A tank of fuel

Intermediate SUV
- 5 adults
- 2 large suitcases
- 2 small suitcases

Full-size SUV
- 5 adults and 2 children
- 1 large suitcase
- 2 small suitcases

Convertible
- 2 adults and 2 children

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- 2 adults and 2 children

Economy Delight
Enjoy Premium Check-in and priority boarding. Onboard, relax into your extra legroom seat with 34in seat pitch. Enjoy a three course meal, drinks and snacks and fantastic inflight entertainment. Make the most of your estate power to keep gadgets going and WiFi.

Premium
Start the smoothest of journeys with priority check in and boarding. Sip a welcome drink in our dedicated cabin. Stretch out in your wide leather seat with 38in (over 96cm) seat pitch, while the inset power keeps your gadgets going. Then enjoy your choice of dishes from our premium menu, finished perfectly with a liqueur.

Upper Class
With dedicated check in and fast track airport experience, in minutes you can be unwinding with a cocktail in our incredible Clubhouse. On board, relax as we serve you imaginatively designed dishes and fine wines. Then settle into your super comfortable Upper Class Suite, enjoying a great night’s sleep in your fully flat bed.

Life’s better with a little Retail Therapy
Pre-order your duty free and get a 10% discount. Don’t miss out, simply visit the range of amazing goodies at retailtherapyshopping.com and add code WPAXVHOLS at check out. Your shopping will then be delivered to your seat on your next Virgin Atlantic flight.

Experience the Clubhouse
Get your journey off to a stylish start in the Virgin Atlantic Clubhouses at Heathrow and Gatwick. These fabulously designed lounges are the ultimate places to relax, dine, enjoy a drink and freshen up before your flight.

You can experience the Clubhouse for only £85 per person at Heathrow and £65 per person at Gatwick.

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Your touring questions answered

Once booked, when will I receive my confirmed hotel list for a tour?

You’ll get that 30 days before you set off.

What’s the accommodation rating of the hotels I’ll stay in?

Most of our escorted and self-drive tours are rated for value for money/great features, such as 3-star properties. Of course, some destinations you might visit are quite remote, with limited hotel choices, so please keep this in mind.

Rocky Mountaineer tours are determined by the service you’ve booked. SilverLeaf includes standard hotels and GoldLeaf includes deluxe hotels (GoldLeaf also enables you to upgrade your hotels further). Again, in some remote areas, only standard hotels are available.

Can I extend my tour?

Yes! You can extend any of these tours with pre- or post-night stays, giving you more time to enjoy your first and/or last destination.

Can I add extra experiences to my tour?

On escorted tours, you’re free to book optional experiences locally with your Tour Guide. On self-drive tours, optional experiences can be pre-booked when you book the rest of your holiday.

What’s the deal with tipping?

Tipping is a big part of North America’s service economy and their taxation system as, while you’re there, it’s right to do as the locals do and tip. Here’s a guide to common tipping scenarios you’ll probably encounter:

- Waiters/Waitresses: 15%–20% for average/good service, more for exceptional service
- Hotel doormen: $1 per bag for help with luggage, $1 per person for hailing a cab
- Tour guide and driver: $5 per person, per day in your party

Are tours suitable for children?

Due to the long journeys involved, we advise that kids under 12 don’t come on some tours. That said, age restrictions do vary, so please check each individual tour for details.

How can you pre-book my seat on the coach in advance?

It’s not possible to pre-book specific seats, but here’s why: to encourage people to mingle over the course of the holiday (and to ensure equal and fair seating for all) tour coach seats are rotated every day.

How many people can be on an escorted tour?

There can be up to 56 people on an escorted tour, and they may not all be Virgin Holidays customers.

What facilities are on the coaches?

Most coaches are equipped with a toilet. That said, they’re predominantly for use in an emergency. But, don’t worry, frequent stops are made throughout the day for your comfort.

How much luggage can I take on a tour?

One suitcase per passenger, (up to 23 kg) plus a small handbag/backpack, which must fit into the overhead compartment of a coach or under your seat.

How long are the driving times each day on a tour?

Although itineraries are curated for maximum enjoyment, there can be days that’ll mostly be spent in the coach or car. So, relax and enjoy some memorable views.

On a self-drive tour, do I have to pay for parking at hotels?

The cost of parking is not covered in self-drive tour packages, so if the hotel charges for it then you’ll need to pay.

What’s the difference between the rail experiences on offer?

The Rocky Mountaineer operates through the Canadian Rockies in either direction to Vancouver from Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. The service runs in daylight hours so you see the scenery at its breathtaking best. Luxurious SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf service means comfort is assured, and you’ll arrive at each overnight hotel at stop-off points of Tales from the day.

We feature VIA Rail’s services in our rail tours travelling between Toronto and Jasper, between Jasper and Prince Rupert, between Toronto and Montreal, and between Halifax and Quebec City. Depending on the route you choose, VIA Rail offers travellers a choice of travelling classes so you can customise your trip. Some tours let you overnight on the train, too! Our Amtrak tours – provided by TourMappers – take you down the US East Coast US, stopping at the major cities between Boston and Washington DC, or New York and Washington DC. Journey times are between 81/2 and 11/2 hours, so you can make the most of your time at each awesome destination while also relaxing and enjoying the countryside views between stops.

Useful information

Before you book

Brochure validity and prices

This brochure was published in August 2019 and the details and prices contained within it are valid from 21 August 2019 until publication of any revised edition or until we advise you further. This brochure offers holidays with departures between 1 January 2020 and 30 April 2021.

Tour pricing

Tour prices described as grade prices in this brochure may vary due to availability, date of departure and time of the year. In this way we ensure our customers receive the best holiday prices available at the date of booking. Prices are per person based on a minimum of two adults (unless otherwise stated) sharing a room. Prices do not include flights, car hire or transfers unless otherwise stated in the price panel.

Our grade prices reflect all relevant offers and discounts at the time the brochure was printed. Where dates are mentioned, offer applies to stays taken and completed before the dates stated. All offers are subject to availability.

Prices are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change — reductions or increases may apply at time of booking, please call us or check the website for up-to-date prices.

Additional room charges

Please be aware that some hotels may charge a small additional fee per room per day for some services, where available, e.g. daily phone charge or safe deposit box.

Alcohol

Liquor Laws are strict in the USA. If you are under 21 or even kids under 12, you will not be able to buy alcohol. In Canada the age is 19. Carry some identification to prove you are over. Remember that you cannot buy alcohol in your car unless it is safely locked up in the trunk (boot).

North American hotels

Most rooms in North American hotels have two double beds and can therefore sleep four people. Ideal for a family with two children, but not so ideal for four adults. Rooms can also come with one king size bed – perfect for a couple. ‘Suites’ beds can usually be supplied by the hotel up to a maximum of two, but this is on the room size. Some hotels charge locally for these. Some hotels do not permit rollaways in rooms due to fire code.

Baby food

Visitors are not permitted to take fresh milk or jars of baby food into the USA and Canada – custards and jars of baby food are, however, formula is allowed.

Baggage allowance

One piece up to 23kg per person is allowed on transatlantic and flights on board Virgin Atlantic. IMPORTANT – all individual pieces exceeding 23 kg will be charged as excess baggage. One piece of hand baggage (10kg) is permitted for emergency travel needs. If you are flying with other airlines or have international flights booked, please check the baggage allowance as it may differ from Virgin Atlantic. And you may have to pay to check in baggage on connecting flights. Excess charges will apply if you exceed the allowance permitted, please check with the applicable airline for more details. Some airlines and/or transfer companies may charge for extra baggage allowance, such as surfboards, will be charged for by the airline and local transfer company.

Baggage delay/loss

Your airline carrier is responsible for your baggage under the terms of the Montreal Convention. You MUST contact your airline carrier to report destruction, loss or damage to your checked-in baggage. Damage to baggage must be reported to the airline within 7 days, and delayed/badged luggage as soon as possible within 12 days of your flight. If you fail to report any issues with your baggage within the specified time frame, neither the airline nor the airline will be liable.

Behaviour

When you are booking with Virgin Holidays you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party. We reserve the right to refuse to accept your a scutrum or to continue dealing with you if we (or any other person in authority or any Supplier of any service) are of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is acting in a disruptive manner, is threatening or abusive or behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger, upset, unnecessary inconvenience, you damage property, or if you put any other traveler or our staff or agents (whether in the UK or in resort) in any risk or danger whether on the telephone, in writing or in person. We will terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned with immediate effect. No refunds will be made in any circumstances and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination.

Building work

Sometimes building or development work can commence at or near a hotel. These circumstances are beyond our control and we do not always receive advance warning. We will notify you as soon as possible, if we consider that any work will have a significant effect on the enjoyment of your holiday. General maintenance at hotels is necessary to preserve standards.

Car hire information

Although your car hire agreement comes with our Basic packages, this only includes Limited Third Party Liability Protection up to the statutory minimum (£3,000). This does not cover you for your own hire car. It is vital that you have adequate cover to protect yourself against financial risk in the event of total loss of your own hire vehicle or any damage or accidents, especially as US drivers carry little or no insurance. If you pre-purchase one of our inclusive car packages, Fully Included or Gold Plus, these rentals are covered. However, if you decide to part-take the Basic package the following extra charges may be payable on arrival:

Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) – approx £25 per day. Extended Protection (increase Third party cover to USA$150,000) – approx £12 per day. Both prices subject to taxes and fees.

Collision Damage Waiver provides Comprehensive Cover for all damage to the car, no matter how caused, provided you have not violated the rental agreement. It is technically optional, but if you do not take it, you could be asked to provide evidence of creditworthiness, including a major credit card with a minimum credit limit of £3,000 (and you will be liable for any additional loss or damage – including loss of use of the rental vehicle up to full rental value – regardless of fault).

Taxes and fees

Our Basic package does not include mandatory taxes, surcharges and airport fees. These will be payable when you collect your car. These will...
Collect your vehicle. Any loss or damage to the drivers. If paid locally, this would cost an additional $6.99 per day plus taxes and surcharges. (Maximum charge per seat $70 plus taxes and surcharges).

Some car groups have a minimum requirement to have an additional driver as standard. Our Gold Plus package offers one free additional driver as standard. Our Gold Plus package includes one free driver as standard, plus package the underage driver fee is included. Some car groups have a minimum requirement to have one free additional driver as standard. Our Gold Plus package includes one free driver as standard, plus package the underage driver fee is included.

For medical advice regarding all destinations you intend to visit or transiting through during your trip you should consult your doctor and check the travelhealthpro.org.uk website in advance. We recommend that you take out of your own insurance or with your hospital care plan cover all your additional expenses including medical evacuation and repatriation. It is very important to be extra vigilant and avoid local traffic rules. Many destinations have very strict traffic laws and the fines are very high. It is very important to be extra vigilant and avoid local traffic rules. Many destinations have very strict traffic laws and the fines are very high.

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If you turn up for your flight with an invalid passport or no passport you will not be allowed to travel. You will be charged the cost of your flight return.

Travel alterations – either before departure, or during the holiday – is not to book any travel arrangements until you have purchased our Gold Plus package then this one seat of fuel is included and you can return your car empty.

Child seats
Virgin Holidays’ Gold/Fuel package also includes the cost for child seat, which is compulsory for children under the age of 5 years in the USA. If paid locally, this would cost an additional $6.50 per day plus taxes and surcharges. (Maximum charge per seat $70 plus taxes and surcharges).

Minimum age and underage driver charges
You must be aged 21 or over to hire a car in the USA. If you are between 21-24 years of age you will be required to pay an underage fee of $25 per day, plus taxes and surcharges; $80 per day in New York, plus taxes and surcharges.

If you have purchased the Virgin Holidays’ Gold/Fuel package the underage driver fee is included. Some car groups have a minimum requirement to be 21 or over years or age.

Additional driver charges
Virgin Holidays Fully inclusive package includes one free additional driver as standard. Our Gold Plus package includes one free additional driver. If paid locally, this would cost an additional $8.99 plus tax per day per driver.

Satellite navigation system
To purchase a Sat Nav locally costs $8.99 plus tax per day. If you plan to use the navigation system you will need to leave a credit card imprint where you collect your vehicle. Any loss or damage to the equipment will incur a penalty to the full value of the unit, currently at $250.

If you purchase our Gold Plus package then this includes a Sat Nav.

Check-in/check out information
In the USA. If you are between 21–24 years of age you will be required to pay an underage driver fee on the rental agreement in the event of accident or illness, less any excess you have paid. Our Gold Plus package includes one free additional driver as standard. If you are between 21–24 years of age you will be required to pay an underage driver fee on the rental agreement in the event of accident or illness, less any excess you have paid. Our Gold Plus package includes one free additional driver as standard.

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Our liability to you

Our liability is limited in accordance with our full booking conditions which can be found at www.virginholidays.co.uk/important/terms-and-conditions. You MUST read those before booking your tour. These, together with the Before You Book section, Useful Information and any further conditions that may also be applied by our suppliers, make the ‘Conditions of Contract’ and constitute the entire agreement between you and Virgin Holidays. Many of our supplier's terms and conditions can be found on their websites and we can also provide you with a copy at the time of booking, upon request. By proceeding with a booking, you acknowledge that you have read and understood all of the Conditions of Contract and agree to be bound by them.

We promise that your holiday arrangements will be made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the fault of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing your arrangements, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions of Contract. Further, we will be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were, at the time, acting within the course of their employment or carrying out work we had asked them to do.

We will not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the services is due to: you or another member of your party; a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the package; or is unavoidable or unavoidable; or where there are unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

We will not accept responsibility for services or facilities which do not form part of our agreement or which are not advertised in our brochures or on our website. For example any excursion you book whilst away, or any service or facility which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you. Please note that this position also includes all hazardous activities.

Every occurrence of unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances will lead to the suspension of our obligations as set out in our booking conditions, please refer to those for details of the limitation of our obligations in these circumstances.

Changes and cancellations

We begin planning the arrangements we offer many months in advance and so we reserve the right to make changes to and correct errors in holiday details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and payment has been received. We also reserve the right to cancel confirmed bookings at any time. For example, if the minimum number of travellers required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached we may have to cancel it.

You, or any named member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements at any time prior to departure. Written notification by post or email from the ‘lead name’ on the booking must be received at our offices as soon as possible. Since we incur costs in cancelling your travel arrangements, you will be required to pay the applicable cancellation charges below.

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In some cases the deposit may be a higher amount to secure your arrangements, this will be non-refundable and the charges will be added to the cancellation charge above. In cases where cancellation charges made by our suppliers are higher than the cost of the deposit, we may pass the charge on to you. Please ask for full details and we will notify you of the specific charges applicable to your booking.

After departure no refund will be made on any part-used or unused components of your holiday (e.g. unused flights, unused car hire or as a result of early check-out). You will be charged 100% of the price of all part-used components. Any voluntary changes made by you while on holiday will incur additional charges. All cancellation charges become payable by you immediately upon confirmation of the cancellation.

Please note: certain arrangements may not be cancelled after they have been confirmed and any cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

Please note: if the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges from your insurance company. Your insurance premium is non-refundable by us.

You can cancel your booking without paying cancellation charges if the performance of your package, or the carriage of passengers to your destination, is significantly affected by unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances. In each circumstance, we will arrange for your booking to be terminated and for you to receive a full refund.

While it is unlikely that we will have to make any changes to your arrangements, occasionally we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes are insignificant but occasionally, we may have to make a significant change. If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and offer options. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. However, we will not cancel your arrangements less than 12 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of unavoidable or extraordinary circumstances or failure by you to pay the final balance.

Please refer to our full booking conditions for full details on our cancellation policy, including threat implications.
Head out on the highway and see a different side of North America.

Do you want your next holiday to fizz with memories that go beyond the same old poolside selfies? Imagine exploring the iconic music cities of the American south or driving a drop-top around New England’s historic towns and fishing villages. Picture an epic rail tour across the Canadian Rockies or roaring along Route 66 on a Harley. Whatever gets your motor running, we have some sensational and surprising ways to see more of the USA and Canada than you imagined possible.