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Welcome to the first issue of *AllWays more* - the AllWays travellers bulletin

Every month the dossier will provide independent travellers with key information in a no-frills format.

AllWays traveller is the consumer travel service from the International Travel Writers Alliance, which is the world's largest association of professional travel journalists.

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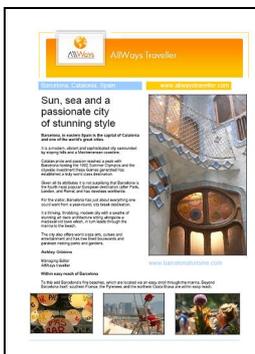
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AllWays traveller to

Three great European cities



Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Barcelona, in eastern Spain is the capital of Catalonia and one of the world's great cities.

It is a modern, vibrant and sophisticated city surrounded by sloping hills and a Mediterranean coastline.

Given this it is not surprising that Barcelona is the fourth most popular European destination (after Paris, London, and Rome) and has devotees worldwide.

For the visitor, Barcelona has just about everything one could want from a year-round, city break destination.

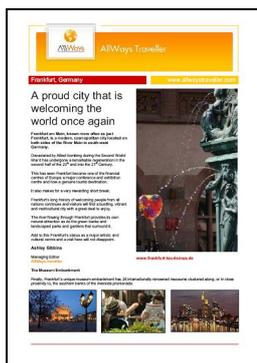
It a thriving, throbbing, modern city with stunning art deco architecture sitting alongside a medieval old town, marina and beach.

The city also offers world class arts, culture and entertainment and has tree lined boulevards and parakeet nesting parks and gardens.

www.barcelona.com

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Frankfurt. Germany

Frankfurt am Main, known more often as just Frankfurt, is a modern, cosmopolitan city located on both sides of the River Main in south-west Germany.

Devastated by Allied bombing during the Second World War it has undergone a remarkable regeneration in the second half of the 20th and into the 21st Century.

This has seen Frankfurt become one of the financial centres of Europe a major conference and exhibition centre and now a genuine tourist destination.

Frankfurt's long history of welcoming people from all nations continues and visitors will find a bustling, vibrant and multicultural city with a great deal to enjoy.

Add to this Frankfurt's status as a major artistic and cultural centre and a visit here will not disappoint.

[**www.frankfurt-tourismus.de**](http://www.frankfurt-tourismus.de)

Toulouse, France

Toulouse, a city on the banks of the River Garonne in the South-West of France, is known as *Ville Rose*, the 'pink city'.

This is because of the red brick buildings that dominate the historic Vieux Quartier (old quarter).

France's fourth biggest city has also been a major university town since the 13th Century and, with Barcelona far nearer than Paris, Toulouse also embraces a Spanish influence.

During the months from early Spring into late Autumn, Toulouse becomes an outdoor city. Cafés, restaurants and tapas bars throughout the Vieux Quartier spill onto their terraces to be entertained by street performers.

Although Toulouse is a large city, its 'visitor heart' is attractively compact, and offers a great destination for a relaxed city break.

[**www.uk.toulouse-tourisme.com**](http://www.uk.toulouse-tourisme.com)

AllWays news

Floriade, Holland

Floriade, the once every 10 years, world-horticultural festival, runs for six months from 5 April 2012.

It showcases flowers, plants, trees, fruit and vegetables of the world exhibited over 40 hectares, with a daily programme of music, dance, literature, theatre and visual art from all over the world.

The Floriade site is in Venlo, in the South-eastern tip of Holland.

[**www.floriade.com**](http://www.floriade.com)

Norfolk, UK

Norfolk Tourism has launched VisitNorfolk2012.com to promote the UK county as a London 2012 base for visiting the Olympic Games.

[**www.VisitNorfolk2012.com**](http://www.VisitNorfolk2012.com)

Luxury Backpackers

Travel guide publishers Luxury Backpackers have published Family Adventures in Style.

[**www.luxurybackpackers.com**](http://www.luxurybackpackers.com)

Responsibletravel.com

responsibletravel.com is the world's leading company for responsible holidays. The company has sold \$100million worth of holidays since it launched 10m years ago.

www.responsibletravel.com

LocalGuiding

LocalGuiding, an online service connecting travellers with independent, local tour guides in destinations worldwide, has launched *Tour Request*.

Tour Request will let travellers create customized tours from local guides around the world. Independent travellers are increasingly looking to get a 'one-off' tour that meets their specific needs when visiting a particular destination.

www.localguiding.com/en/tour-requests

The Morocco Mall, Casablanca

The Morocco Mall opened in December on the Casablanca Corniche coast, with 600 brand name retailers many of which will be opening a store in Africa for the first time.

www.moroccomall.net

adventureBASH

adventureBASH is a new action sports travel company aimed exclusively for adventurous travellers.

The company offers skiing trips, mountain biking events, sailing holidays and surf camps for those in their 20's to their early 40's.

www.adventureBASH.com

50 years of James Bond's cars (UK)

An exhibition of 50 iconic James Bond vehicles – the largest of its kind staged anywhere in the world – opens this month at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, UK.

The exhibition will run for the whole of 2012 in celebration of 50 years of James Bond movies. *Bond in Motion* will feature a range of vehicles that have appeared in Bond films over the years including cars, boats, motorbikes, sleds and jets.

www.beaulieu.co.uk

myBunjeeTM

myBunjee is a device that slips over and secures any mobile phone on the market, preventing it from hitting the deck by way of a coiled elastic bunjee cord that clips to your belt, jacket or bag.

www.mybunjee.com

The World Shakespeare Festival, UK

The World Shakespeare Festival runs from 23 April to November 2012. Thousands of artists and over 50 arts organisations will come together to take part in the Festival, with over a million tickets available.

www.worldshakespearefestival.org.uk

AllWays worth taking a look at

Mammoth Lakes, California

Mammoth Lakes is a year-round destination resort located in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Mammoth Lakes. The destination offers skiing, hiking, golf, fishing, climbing, as well as a full calander of events and festivals.

www.visitmammoth.com

The Quad Cities (USA)

As the largest metropolitan area on the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and St. Louis, the Quad Cities is made up of the riverfront cities of Rock Island and Moline/East Moline in Illinois, and Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa.

www.visitquadcities.com

Guimarães, Portugal

Guimarães in the north of Portugal has been named as Europe's Capital of Culture for 2012 and will host events and attractions throughout the year.

www.guimaraes2012.pt/ and
www.visitportugal.com

Antarctic Dream, Antarctica

The Antarctic Dream is an 80-passenger expedition cruise ship with an ice strengthened hull.

The *Fly and Sail* program for the 2011-2012 Antarctica travel season allows travellers to experience the crossing of the Drake Passage, the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula, but reduces the itinerary by three days by cutting out a second Drake Passage crossing.

www.antarcticdream.com

BikeToursDirect

BikeToursDirect provides a central resource for bicycle tours in Europe. The US company represents European and other overseas bicycle tour companies—currently nearly 200 routes in 30 countries—as well as local and regional tourist offices.

www.biketoursdirect.com

Peninsula Valdes, Argentina

Peninsula Valdes offers the chance to kayak on the wild coast of Patagonia place with southern right whales and their calves.

The Peninsula Valdes, a spit of the Patagonian steppe that juts out into the South Atlantic Ocean, is a protected nature reserve and UNESCO World Heritage Site and teems with endemic wildlife.

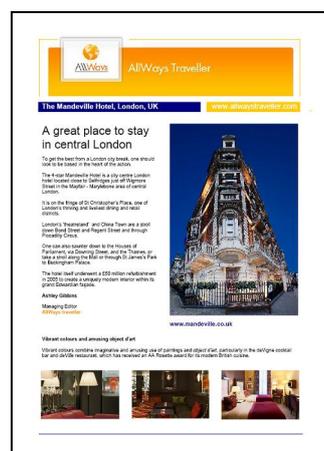
www.seakayakadventures.com

Elephant Pepper Camp, Kenya

Elephant Pepper Camp, Kenya has been awarded the Eco-Rating certification by Ecotourism Kenya, for outstanding levels of socio-economic investment, responsible resource use and environmental conservation.

www.elephantpeppercamp.com and
www.ecotourismkenya.org

A place to stay



The Mandeville, London

The 4-star Mandeville Hotel is located close to Selfridges just off Wigmore Street in the Mayfair - Marylebone area of central London.

It is on the fringe of St Christopher's Place, one of London's thriving and liveliest dining and retail districts.

London's 'theatreland' and China Town are a stroll down Bond Street and Regent Street and through Piccadilly Circus.

The hotel itself underwent a £50 million refurbishment in 2005 to create a uniquely modern interior within its grand Edwardian façade.

www.mandeville.co.uk

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Luttrellstown Castle, Ireland

Luttrellstown Castle is one of Ireland's finest 5 star resorts and a first class golf and country club.

The Castle is located in 500 acres of lush parkland and includes a fishing lake and championship golf course between the city and the airport

Over the years many notable people have spent some time at the Castle including Queen Victoria, Prince Rainier and

www.luttrellstowncastle.com

Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel

Hyatt Hotels Corporation and Abu Dhabi National Hotels have opened the Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel and Villas.

www.abudhabi.park.hyatt.com

New Nullagvik Hotel, Alaska

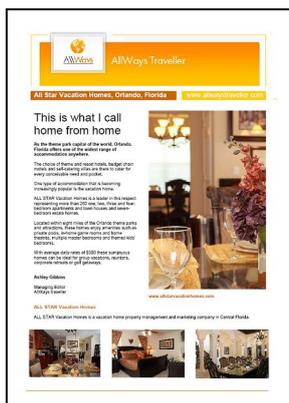
The new Nullagvik Hotel in the Northwest Arctic city of Kotzebue overlooks Kotzebue Sound, which is located 26 miles north of the Arctic Circle and can be reached by air via Alaska Airlines or Era Aviation.

www.nullagvikhotel.com

Princess Grace of Monaco, Fred Astaire, Douglas Fairbanks and Ronald Reagan have all enjoyed time at Luttrellstown Castle.

Luttrellstown Castle was also at the centre of global media attention when Victoria and David Beckham married there in 1999.

The hotel is located on the island of Saadiyat along a five mile stretch of environmentally protected white sand beach.



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[AllWays All Star Vacation Homes](http://www.allstarvacationhomes.com)

All Star Vacation Homes, Orlando, Florida

As the theme park capital of the world, Orlando, Florida offers one of the widest range of accommodation anywhere.

One type of accommodation that is becoming increasingly popular is the vacation home.

ALL STAR Vacation Homes is a leader in this respect representing more than 260 one, two, three and four-bedroom apartments and town houses and seven-bedroom estate homes.

Located within eight miles of the Orlando theme parks and attractions, these homes enjoy amenities such as private pools, in-home game rooms and home theatres, multiple master bedrooms and themed kids' bedrooms.

www.allstarvacationhomes.com



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[AllWays traveller to Grandview Gardens, West Pam Beach, Florida](http://www.grandviewgardens.com)

Grandview Heights, West Palm Beach, Florida

West Palm Beach, on Florida's east coast, has undergone a remarkable regeneration in recent years.

As a result the downtown area is now a vibrant dining, entertainment and shopping district, which leads onto the now stunning West Palm Beach waterfront.

Within easy walking distance of downtown, the one time, run-down, historic neighborhoods' have been reclaimed and restored by passionately committed community associations.

From a run down 1925 property in the Grandview Heights historic neighbourhood, the two have worked tirelessly to create accommodation that reflects the original Spanish Mediterranean architecture of the district.

The result is a welcoming B&B of genuine individuality, great style and character and intimacy.

www.grandview-gardens.com

Hard Rock International, Mexico

Hard Rock International is to open three Hard Rock Hotels in Mexico.

The first 'ultimate all-inclusive' Hard Rock Hotel will open in Cancun in early 2012, with a second in Puerto Vallarta set to open in the spring and a third in Riviera Maya following in autumn 2012.

www.hardrock.com

The beach-front, luxury resorts will showcase authentic memorabilia from international and local music artists, as well as host an ongoing schedule of live concerts.

The Hyatt Regency Danang Resort, Vietnam

The Hyatt Regency Danang Resort and Spa has opened on Vietnam's central coast between Hoi An, a UNESCO world heritage site and the city of Danang, on a stretch of white sandy beach with views of the Marble Mountain and a 15 minute drive from Danang International Airport.

www.danang.regency.hyatt.com

Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, California

The AAA Four Diamond Loews Coronado Bay Resort, which is located on a private 15-acre peninsula off the Pacific coast, is the only waterfront resort in San Diego County.

www.loewshotels.com/coronadobay

Andaz Shanghai

Andaz Shanghai, is a newly constructed 28-story hotel located in Xintiandi, a landmark entertainment area in the heart of downtown Shanghai.

www.andaz.com

The St. Regis Mauritius

The St. Regis opens in May on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. It is on the beachfront at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Le Morne.

www.stregis-mauritius.com and www.tourism-mauritius.mu

Kulm Hotel St Moritz

This hotel is the oldest hotel in St Moritz, having opened its doors in 1856, and remains known for its old-fashioned glamour on a grand scale.

It is also responsible for starting the trend for winter sports holidays, the result of a bet laid by the then

owner in 1864. Some of the first British guests to winter at the hotel created the Cresta Run to entertain themselves and the Kulm Hotel remains home to the Cresta Run crew.

www.kulmhotel-STMritz.ch

Conservatorium Hotel, Amsterdam

The luxury 5* Conservatorium Hotel opened in November 2011 in the former Conservatorium music school in the hart of the Amsterdam museum district.

www.conservatoriumhotel.com

Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk, Hawaii

The Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk has been listed in Travel + Leisure magazine's 2011 World's Best Hotels.

Embassy Suites-Waikiki Beach Walk was one of 25 properties in Hawaii that received ranking in this year's World's Best Hotels.

www.embassysuiteswaikiki.com

Peter Island Resort & Spa, British Virgin Islands

The British Virgin Islands archipelago has 60 stunning islands scattered amid turquoise blue sea

Peter Island the largest private island within the British Virgin Islands, is part of the BVI that runs along the Sir Francis Drake Channel. It is south of Tortola, west of Virgin Gorda and east of the U.S. Virgin Islands

The resort itself, and Islands Inns resort, has 32 ocean view rooms located by the marina and pool; 20 beach front junior suites on Deadman's Beach and three Villas are also available.

www.peterisland.com

The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia, USA

The 1,235-acre, five-star Cloister is located on Sea Island, Georgia, USA is part of the state's Golden Isles.

The resort island also has the Sea Island Beach Club offering guests three swimming pools, in addition to private air-conditioned poolside cabanas.

www.cloister.com and **www.georgiatourismusa.com**

The four Golden Isles of Georgia are St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Jekyll Island, and Little St. Simons Island.

Meliá Hotels, Bulgaria

Meliá Hotels International has opened the Sol Marina Palace, its sixth hotel in Bulgaria.

www.marinasolresort.com

The four star resort hotel has 128 rooms and is located in Nessebar, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Balkans.

The San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge, San Lorenzo di Sebato, Italy

The San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge in San Lorenzo di Sebato, Italy has joined Unique Hotels of the World.

www.sanlorenzomountainlodge.com

Formerly a hunting lodge and 16th-century private retreat for the local nobility, San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge offers guests 42-acres of woods and meadows in the Dolomites.

Bishops Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Bishop's Lodge is located in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and close to the historic plaza area.

www.bishopslodge.com

The Hilton Sa Torre, Mallorca

The Hilton Sa Torre is a country house estate dating back to the late 14th century set among the olive groves and almond trees of rural Llucmajor, a 20-minute drive from Palma.

www.hotelsatorremallorca.com

The hotel, which has recently undergone a multi-million Euro renovation is the only hotel on the island with a Michelin star restaurant, Zaranda Sa Torre, run by award winning chef, Fernando Pérez Arallano.

Grand Hotel Kronenhof, Pontresina

The Grand Hotel Kronenhof, which is located in Pontresina, six miles from St Moritz, opened in the first half of the 19th century as a guesthouse.

www.kronenhof.com

However, the main part of the current building, which is a registered historical landmark, was built at the very end of the 19th century in neo-Baroque style.

The latest addition, completed in November 2007 consists of 28 new guest rooms and a spa.

The Mandarin, Turkey

The Mandarin is a boutique hotel situated in an unspoilt natural setting close to south-west Turkey's Turquoise Coast.

www.villamandarin.com

Hotel Bel-Air Los Angeles, California

The Hotel Bel-Air has reopened after 24 months of extensive refurbishment and redesign.

The hotel is built into a hillside offering sweeping canyon views, expansive sliding glass walls and spacious decks with private spa pools.

www.hotelbelair.com

Anandá Boutique Hotel, Columbia

The Anandá Boutique Hotel, which is located in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia is a large Caribbean beach resort city on the northern coast of Colombia.

www.anandahotelboutique.com

Hotel Palazzo Barbarigo, Venice

Hotel Palazzo Barbarigo overlooks the Grand Canal and is an exclusive waterside hotel, next door to the Palazzo Pisani-Moretta, close to the Ponte di Rialto and just a 20 minutes stroll from Piazza San Marco.

Built in 1569, the hotel is an example of contemporary architecture and design, updated in an Art Deco style with the latest modern facilities.

Arrival by boat is a requirement, with a private dock available to guests on the Grand Canal and a water transfer service on request.

www.palazzobarbarigo.it

AllWays more places to visit

The Cook Islands

The Cook Islands, is made up of 15 islands scattered around the Pacific Ocean, and offers some of the best natural scenery in the South Pacific.

There are white sandy beaches, turquoise lagoons and Polynesian culture.

There is paddle boarding and kite surfing on Aitutaki lagoon, some of the best scuba diving locations and year round game fishing for Marlin and 'Wahoo'.

www.cookislands.travel

Virginia State Parks

Virginia is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its 35 State Parks, which together offer a range of adventure and water sports in natural landscapes.

The state treasure, Shenandoah National Park is one of Virginia's most scenic attractions.

The Park boasts nearly 500 miles of hiking trails, featuring spectacular waterfalls and stunning vistas over the Shenandoah Valley and the Massanutton Mountains to the west.

www.virginia.org and www.CapitalRegionUSA.co.uk

Centara Anda Dhevi Resort, Thailand

The newly-opened Centara Anda Dhevi Resort & Spa Krabi is set within tropical gardens 100 metres away from the powder-soft sand of Nopparat Thara Beach, and is conveniently close to the centre of Ao Nang, with its shopping and entertainment facilities.

Krabi is a town on the west coast of southern Thailand at the mouth of the Krabi River

www.centarahotelsresorts.com/cak

New Mexico ghost towns

New Mexico's mining history and cowboy heritage has left over 400 ghost towns scattered across the state.

www.newmexico.org

Wild Planet Adventures

Leading wildlife viewing specialist Wild Planet Adventures runs trips to Thailand's Klong Seang Wildlife Sanctuary by long-tail boat and soundless sea kayak which allow sightings of the most shy and rare animals without scaring them away.

www.wildplanetadventures.com

The sanctuary is several hours from the nearest village and the only other humans are occasional passing fisherman. There have even been recent sightings by Wild Planet guests of the elusive clouded leopard.

Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa

The 'Big Five' of lion, leopard, elephant, black and white rhino and buffalo can all be found in abundance in the Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa, which is also home to the luxurious Makanyane Safari Lodge.

www.makanyane.com

Safari-goers looking for much more out of a game drive can also expect to see cheetah, spotted and brown hyena, giraffe, zebra and the extremely rare African wild dog.

Between 1991 and 1998 Operation Phoenix reintroduced over 10,000 animals from 27 species, the largest translocation of game ever undertaken.

Le Rhône Crussol

Le Rhône Crussol is a group of small Ardèche wine villages which have been awarded the coveted 'Vignobles and Découvertes' label.

This label which is granted for only three years at a time highlights destinations which offer a comprehensive package promoting wines to visitors.

www.larpenteur-tours.com

City Running Tours-Chicago

City Running Tours - Chicago allows visitors and locals to Chicago to get their miles in while professional guides lead runners to the spectacular sites, share fascinating stories of the city's history and provide information on all best places to visit during the stay.

www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago

Lewisburg , West Virginia

The small town of Lewisburg in West Virginia has this year been voted America's Coolest Small Town by Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine.

The 221-year-old town town is located in the Allegheny Mountains in the Greenbrier Valley and has many 18th and 19th-century buildings.

www.lewisburg-wv.com and www.wvtourism.com

Within five minutes of the historic district, visitors can travel along the narrow country roads winding through rolling farmlands, over covered bridges, dotted with 19th-century farmhouses and manor houses.

The Rhône Valley, France

The Rhône Valley was one of the first French areas to start making wines and is now a destination for wine connoisseurs and novices wishing to find out more about wines.

www.visit-southern-france.com

Courses on wine making and hands-on experiences along with dedicated wine festivals are available in the Ardèche, Vaucluse, Provence and in the Gard. Flights go to Nîmes and Avignon as well as a direct Eurostar Avignon service.

Rainforest Expeditions, Peru

Rainforest Expeditions is a Peruvian ecotourism company that provides authentic educational experiences supporting conservation.

Their three lodges in the Tambopata region (Posada Amazonas, Refugio Amazonas and the Tambopata Research Center) are a successful, symbiotic relationship between tourism, research and conservation.

www.perunature.com

Prince Edward Island, Canada

Prince Edward Island offers outstanding scenic coastal beauty, world-class beaches, unique cultural attractions, national historic sites, excellent dining and a complete range of first-class accommodations.

www.gov.pe.ca

Coastal South Carolina USA

Coastal South Carolina USA incorporates three premiere destinations of the American South - Historic Charleston, Hilton Head Island, and Myrtle Beach.

www.CoastalSC.com

Daytona Beach, Florida

The Daytona Beach area is home to 23 miles of beaches, fun family attractions and championship golf courses.

The Daytona Beach area's Atlantic coast beaches offer plenty to see and do, including parasailing, banana boat rides, surfing lessons, volleyball courts, bicycling and fishing.

Eco-tours of the area's scenic inland waterways and state parks are an excellent way to discover Daytona Beach's natural attractions.

Daytona Beach is also home to Daytona International Speedway – "The World Center of Racing," and the themed attraction, the Daytona 500 Experience.

www.daytonabeachcvb.org

Historic Highlights of Germany

Thirteen of Germany's historic cities have teamed up to entice travellers who wish to go beyond casual sightseeing.

www.historicgermany.com

Innsbruck

Innsbruck, the capital of the Alps offers one of the most unique short break destinations in the world.

Its ideal location in the center of Europe also makes it an ideal stop in your European tour.

In the winter, Innsbruck boasts 9 Ski resorts, as well as international world cup competition, as befitting a two time Winter Olympic City. In 2012 Innsbruck will host its 3rd Winter Olympic Games, the 1st Youth Winter Olympics.

www.innsbruck.info

Lloret de Mar, Catalonia

Lloret de Mar is a coastal town in Catalonia on the Mediterranean. It is adjacent to Blanes and Tossa de Mar and is 75 kilometres from Barcelona.

For decades it has attracted summer visitors, mainly from northern Europe and it is now the most important resort in the Costa Brava.

In addition to five main beaches and seven km of coastline, there is a medieval fort on the outskirts of the town (Lloret was founded in 1001 AD).

www.lloretdemar.org

Mississippi, USA

Mississippi is the Birthplace of America's Music. Blues, country, rock n roll they all started here.

Enjoy fabulous resorts, Gulf Coast beaches and championship golf courses. Experience the delight of

www.mississippi.org

mouth-watering cuisine, antebellum history, exceptional hospitality and the unparalleled beauty of the South in Mississippi.

Adventure Cycling Association

The Adventure Cycling Association is the premier bicycle travel organization in North America with more than 42,000 members.

We help cyclists of all ages explore the landscapes and history of America for fitness, fun, and self-discovery by producing routes and maps, organizing more than 40 tours annually, and publishing the best bicycle travel information anywhere.

www.adventurecycling.org

Adventure Cycling welcomes press inquiries regarding our routes and tours. Opportunities also exist for complimentary press tours. For more information on this season's tours, please explore the Guided Tours & Events section of our website.

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www.africanmirrortravel.com

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