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Jabal AlFil (Elephant Rock)

## Experience AlUla

Now open to international visitors for the first time after sweeping restoration efforts, AlUla is an extraordinary cultural gem tucked away in the mythical deserts of northwestern Saudi Arabia. Imagine journeying through 200,000 years of human history with meticulously preserved tombs, dramatic rock formations, and Hegra, an ancient city left virtually undisturbed for nearly 2,000 years as well as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Now, imagine all of these storied sites and natural wonders being juxtaposed with luxurious hotels, contemporary art and entertainment, and world-class dining for your complete comfort.

A wholly unique destination for those who prefer to lead and not just follow, AlUla rewards travelers with an undiscovered and truly authentic Arabia.

For more information, please visit [experiencealula.com](https://experiencealula.com)

### THINGS TO NOTE

- Historic sites and natural wonders include Hegra, Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage site encompassing 110 remarkably well-preserved tombs. Jabal AlFil, also known as "Elephant Rock," is a red sandstone monolith that's one of the best places to experience an otherworldly desert sunset. A stroll through the Old Town's 900 houses, 400 shops, and 5 town squares offers an unparalleled glimpse into what living here was once like, while Jabal Ikmah, a mountain near the ancient city of Dadan, serves as an "open air library" with thousands of varied inscriptions in Aramaic, Dadanitic, Thamudic, Minaean and Nabataean.
- Opened last November, Habitas AlUla is the destination's first luxury accommodation. Set amongst stunning sandstone canyons near Hegra, the 96-room, eco-friendly resort boasts a thoughtful design that nods to AlUla's rich heritage, wellness offerings to help you disconnect from the outside world, and nutritious, locally sourced cuisine. Other highly anticipated openings include Banyan Tree AlUla, an elegant tented resort slated to open later this year. And recently, luxury hospitality group Aman announced it will be unveiling three new properties by 2023.
- Though a variety of enticing dining options, from casual to fine dining, abound in AlUla, it's tough to top Maraya Social. Helmed by acclaimed British chef Jason Atherton and perched atop the world's largest mirrored building, the elegant restaurant turns out artful, globally inspired cuisine in a breathtaking setting.



Hegra



Habitas AlUla





## Ojai Valley Inn

Dramatically set on 220 oak-studded coastal acres in Southern California's Topatopa Mountains, Ojai Valley Inn has established itself as one of the world's most beloved retreats since opening in 1923. The iconic resort balances nature, relaxed glamour, and contemporary comforts with its award-winning Spa Ojai, stylish accommodations, legendary golf course, unique dining options, and countless outdoor activities. So no matter the occasion, your interests, or the time of year, you'll discover exactly what you need at Ojai Valley Inn for a truly unforgettable getaway.

For more information, please visit [ojaivalleyinn.com](https://ojaivalleyinn.com)

### THINGS TO NOTE

- In addition to the 303 spacious guest rooms and suites being recently refreshed, a new collection of luxury private villas was unveiled in Spring 2021. The newly renovated villas—which are especially well-suited to spa and wellness devotees—are appointed with artful design touches, including handmade wool rugs, vibrant artwork, and custom furnishings. Even the bathrooms were thoughtfully considered with Baltic silver marble and deep soaking tubs. Other exclusive perks include the elegant private outdoor lounging and dining areas warmed by fire tables.
- Thanks to a sparkling renovation, the 31,000-square-foot luxury spa is more inviting than ever. Now, the 24 treatment rooms, public spaces, and two penthouse guest suites have a fresher, brighter design, and new therapies and sustainability initiatives were also introduced to help make your wellness journey even more relaxing and rejuvenating.
- Given its blissfully mild climate and access to quality ingredients all year long, Ojai Valley Inn specializes in seasonal, valley-to-table fare. The signature Olivella restaurant turns out fresh California cuisine with Italian flourishes, while the storied Wallace Neff Heritage Bar is the place to meet for a well-crafted libation. And The Farmhouse, which opened in 2019, hosts some of the world's brightest culinary stars, like Nancy Silverton, for unforgettable culinary events throughout the year.



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## Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, Regent Seven Seas Cruises has earned a reputation as the world's leading luxury cruise line by delivering An Unrivaled Experience™ with every luxurious amenity imaginable. Because every ship in the fleet carries no more than 732 guests, all the cruises maintain a wonderfully intimate feel. The elegant, all-suite accommodations are among the most spacious at sea, and most also feature private balconies.

Guests get to enjoy an array of enticing dining venues, entertainment, unlimited complimentary shore excursions, round-trip business-class air on intercontinental flights from the U.S. and Canada for voyage fares, and much more. And since Regent Seven Seas Cruises visits more than 450 immersive destinations all over the world, all you have to choose is when and where you'd like to explore.

For more information, please visit [rssc.com](https://www.rssc.com)

### THINGS TO NOTE

- Nothing can elevate travel and make it even more unforgettable quite like exquisite cuisine. To that end, every ship features a range of dining options, from quick and casual to haute cuisine. Across the fleet, you'll discover the flagship restaurant Compass Rose. As the largest specialty restaurant at sea, it's where you'll savor the seasonal menu and daily specials on gorgeous Versace plates under handmade crystal chandeliers.
- If you sail with Seven Seas Splendor and Seven Seas Explorer, you can hone your culinary skills and knowledge at the state-of-the-art Culinary Arts Kitchen. Guests have access to their own workstations—which are equipped with top-of-the-line induction cooktops, stainless steel sinks, and cooking tools—along with a broad selection of interactive gourmet cooking classes ranging from Anytime Brunch Favorites to Yaya's Greek Feast.
- To enhance the immersive destination experiences the luxury cruise line is already famed for, two new shore excursion tour concepts called Behind the Design and Eco-Connect were recently launched. Behind the Design tours offer incredible unique perspectives on the world's most iconic architectural marvels like Copenhagen's Royal Library and Marseille's La Villa Méditerranée, while guests can engage with local businesses and organizations to learn about their conservation and sustainability efforts on over 150 Eco-Connect tours.







## Windstar Cruises

Windstar knows how to see Europe in a way that's as adventurous as it is inspiring. Because its fleet specializes in all-suite Star Plus yachts with 312 guests and Wind Class yachts with sails welcoming 148 to 342 guests, every Windstar cruise maintains a wonderfully warm and intimate feel. The smaller size also allows you to discover a less-explored side of Europe without the crowds, from remote islands to charming villages, at your own pace. So whether you prefer to cruise all-inclusive or à la carte, Windstar knows the way to a European voyage you won't ever forget.

For more information, please call 866-977-2364 or visit [windstarcruises.com](https://www.windstarcruises.com)

### THINGS TO NOTE

- As the *Official Cruise Line of the James Beard Foundation*, Windstar lets you taste and learn about the culinary traditions of Europe's most beloved destinations through curated experiences with celebrated chefs and local experts, and of course, exquisitely crafted cuisine and wine. No matter which destination speaks to you, your meals will be prepared with fresh, seasonal ingredients—which are often selected on your chef's excursions to the local market—creativity, and ingenuity.
- Unlike big cruise lines, Windstar has friendly, casual, and fun-loving spirit that helps make you feel right at home and part of our family. Other things that set Windstar apart are its Open Bridge—where you can chat with your ship's captain and learn about navigation—Watersports Platform, and soothing ocean views from all accommodations. Our low guest-to-crew ratio is also an advantage, and makes the personalized attention and recognition a natural part of your journey.
- If you're someone who prefers to sail with space and style, book a cruise on the newly reimagined all-suite Star Plus fleet. All the accommodations have been refreshed with even more modern comforts, and start at a minimum of 277 square feet. There's also new dining venues, including Cuadro 44 by Anthony Sasso, a 10-time Michelin-starred chef, and Star Grill by Steven Raichlen, the global grilling authority; a world-class spa and fitness center; and in true Windstar style, plenty of decks to take in the fresh air and ocean views.







## Gather Charleston

Thanks to its unique ability to welcome a new crop of entrepreneurs while paying homage to those who paved the way with their culinary traditions, Charleston, South Carolina remains one of the most beloved destinations year after year. And let's not forget all the other things that contribute to the Holy City's timeless charm, like the incredible historic sites, miles of stunning beaches, and of course, warm Southern hospitality.

And this fall, a new event will give travelers another compelling reason to come back to Charleston. Presented by Explore Charleston in partnership with *Food & Wine* and *Travel + Leisure*, **Gather Charleston** is a dynamic two-day festival highlighting the region's favorite chefs, authentic local goods, and notable cultural experiences. Running from September 23 to 24, it's poised to be a special celebration of everything that makes Charleston such an enchanting place to visit.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [gather-charleston.com](http://gather-charleston.com)

### THINGS TO NOTE

- Gather Charleston will host a range of programming featuring top culinary talent, including Marc Collins (executive chef at Circa 1886 Restaurant), Michelle Weaver (executive chef at the Charleston Grill), Rodney Scott (chef/founder, Rodney Scott's Whole Hog BBQ), Mike Lata (chef/co-owner at FIG and the Ordinary), and many other personalities that play a vital role in the city's culinary landscape.
- All ticket holders will have access to the Tasting Tent, where they can savor snacks and sips from an array of area Charleston restaurants, and learn about authentic local goods such as Gullah sweetgrass baskets. In addition, guests can watching live cooking demonstrations, learn about Charleston culture, and hear from respected business owners and influential figures at the Demo Stage.
- Because resting up is just as important as being out and about, Charleston offers a bevy of hotels that perfectly balance charm, luxury, and style. To help make your time at Gather Charleston even more memorable, some of the city's top hotels, including the Charleston Place, the Loutrel, Wentworth Mansion, and Emeline, are offering exclusive discounts to ticket holders.
- Eating well is just the beginning of an unforgettable trip to Charleston. During your free time, stroll through Rainbow Row's pastel-colored historic homes. Brush up on your history at iconic sites such as the French Quarter and Charles Towne Landing. Or sink your toes into the soft, powdery sand at Isle of Palms.







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