

Global Escapes, LLC

TRAVEL TALES AND TIPS



Explore the world with Global Escapes, LLC - a family-owned and veteran operated travel agency with experienced agents ready to help make your dream trip a reality! Let us help you find the perfect escape.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

ELARA

Elara, a Hilton Club sits atop a distinctive blue-glass tower with elegantly appointed rooms featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that provide stunning views. It's a peaceful oasis with no on-site casino, but with adjoining access to the Miracle Mile shops and adjacent to Planet Hollywood's casino complex with its multiple restaurants and full-service spa.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

BOARDWALK RESORT & VILLAS

Boardwalk Resort & Villas offers everything you need for a serene Oceanside getaway. Located on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk and only a few steps from the shores of the Atlantic, opportunities for entertainment, recreation and relaxation await just outside your spacious studios, 1, 2, or 3 bedroom suites with city or ocean views.

WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

CLUB WHISTLER

An alpine adventure awaits just two hours north of Vancouver at British Columbia's Blackcomb Mountain. Here you'll experience an international sports mecca and a welcoming mountain town. When you aren't taking in the amazing sights from the PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola, you can relax and enjoy the mountain views below from your homelike accommodations featuring a gas fireplace and a hot tub.



CREATING MILES OF SMILES

“EXPLORE IT. TREASURE IT. REMEMBER IT.”

“At Global Escapes, LLC, we take care of any requested aspect of travel and manage all requested trip details offering the ultimate in convenience, service, and value. Our clients have access to a full array of travel services including, but not limited to, airline booking and hotel and resort reservations.” - Everett Gilliam, President & CEO

DEDICATED TEAM BEHIND YOU

Global Escapes, LLC's dedicated advisors provide support to our clients throughout travel ensuring that all needs are met in the case of any unexpected situation. Rest assured knowing that the Global Escapes, LLC team is always a call or an email away.



HOW TO TRAVEL LIKE A LOCAL AND FIND HIDDEN GEMS ON VACATION

Travel is more than just an escape from the everyday; it's an opportunity to experience new cultures and support local communities. **Sixty-eight percent of travelers** search for lesser-known vacation spots before they become popular, and seventy-nine percent want to see and participate in the lives of locals, according to **American Express Travel®**.

Still not convinced? Here are just a few reasons why you should consider traveling off the beaten path on your next vacation.

1. Discover the next travel trend like goat yoga before it goes viral.
2. Avoid crowds of tourists that tend to flock to popular attractions.
3. Learn more about local cultures – directly.
4. Invest in small businesses and give back to the communities you visit.
5. Get more bang for your buck.
6. Bring home souvenirs you'll cherish, not just keychains and shot glasses
7. Travel more sustainably by mitigating over tourism.



"We hear that vacations are good for our health, but it's not just anecdotal. Research shows that vacations can help you live longer and maybe even save your life." – Dr. Michael Roizen, Chief Wellness Officer, Cleveland Clinic

4 TIPS TO TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Of course, it can be hard to know where to start. Here are four tips to help discover a destination's hidden gems.

1. **Plan Ahead** - With any vacation, a little **planning** can go a long way. Luckily, there are plenty of resources to help. Browse your destination's tourism board website for ideas and inspiration. Then check out **Atlas Obscura** for unusual things to do. For example, search for hidden gems in **Paris, France**. **Paris** is home to world-renowned art museums, from the **Louvre** to the **Musée d'Orsay**. But don't forget to visit Paris' other fantastic museums, such as the **Museum of Magic**, the **Gallery of Paleontology** and a **Romanticism museum** with a secret courtyard garden.
2. **Be Willing To Wander** - As you plan, don't be afraid to leave time to wander. Many hidden gems and local favorites are just down the street from main attractions. Near the **Tower of London**, find a hidden paradise at **St. Dunstan in the East**, a lush garden in the ruins of an Anglican church. Or explore **Brick Lane**, a London neighborhood full of Indian restaurants, street art and vintage stores and part of Jack the Ripper's stomping ground. **Tip:** Download a map of the area in advance in case internet is spotty or to help you spot interesting landmarks and businesses.
3. **Talk To The Locals** - Find out where to go and eat from the locals themselves. Ask concierges, taxi drivers, waiters and bartenders for their recommendations. Or search **ShowAround** to hire locals to give you a personalized tour of their city. Instead of a bus tour, opt to take a walking tour or **culinary excursion**, often led by residents. For example, **Vancouver, Canada**, offers a variety ways to see the city, from brewery tours to sunset dining cruises. Maximize your touring time, even if you only have a few hours to explore. Learn the local customs before your trip and be ready with some key phrases if you're traveling someplace that speaks a different language. Also, don't be afraid to take public transportation, which is often faster, cheaper and an easy way to get around.
4. **Go During Off-Season** - **Off-season travel** is a great way to enjoy a destination at a more relaxed pace and sometimes even have an attraction all to yourself. Every destination is different. For **Oahu, Hawaii**, peak season runs from December to April and then July to August. So book during May, June and September and enjoy fewer crowds in **Honolulu** while still luxuriating in beautiful weather.

