

THE VACATION RENTAL: TRAVEL BY DESIGN

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AS AGNES REPPLIER SAID, THE IMPULSE TO TRAVEL IS ONE OF THE HOPEFUL SYMPTOMS OF LIFE. WE FIND THIS IN A SERIES OF HIGHWAYS, MILE MARKERS, AND HORIZON LINES. WE BECOME LIFE'S JOURNEYMEN, COLLECTORS OF LITTLE VIGNETTES FORMED BY EXPLORING, SEEING, AND EXPERIENCING THINGS WE HAVEN'T BEFORE. AND EACH OF THESE COLLECTIONS IS UNIQUELY OURS. SO LET'S SHIFT OUR THINKING ABOUT HOW WE DO THIS. LET'S GET OUT OF THE PASSENGER SEAT AND BECOME ARCHITECTS OF OUR OWN PERSONALIZED TRAVEL EXPERIENCES.

To help construct a well-designed vacation, we've hit the road to bring you some of our favorite picks for modern rentals. Thanks to the convenience of technology, it's now easier than ever to access architecturally intriguing abodes right at your fingertips. But this isn't your average accommodation roundup. From Palm Springs to Tokyo, the difference is in the design details. Hawaiian luau in a posh pad? We've got you covered like the canopy. Colorado camping in a vintage Airstream? We'll get you there in style. Dreaming about a Wright? Now you can dream in one—or five, to be precise. Whether structurally significant, boasting interiors that intrigue, or just putting the "fun" in funky, these properties change the way we think about travel. So as summer starts to sizzle, let's design our inclination to experience global destinations individually together. After all, it's only through travel that we see our own lives a little better, a little clearer. Or, to paraphrase Proust, the real voyage of discovery consists not necessarily in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

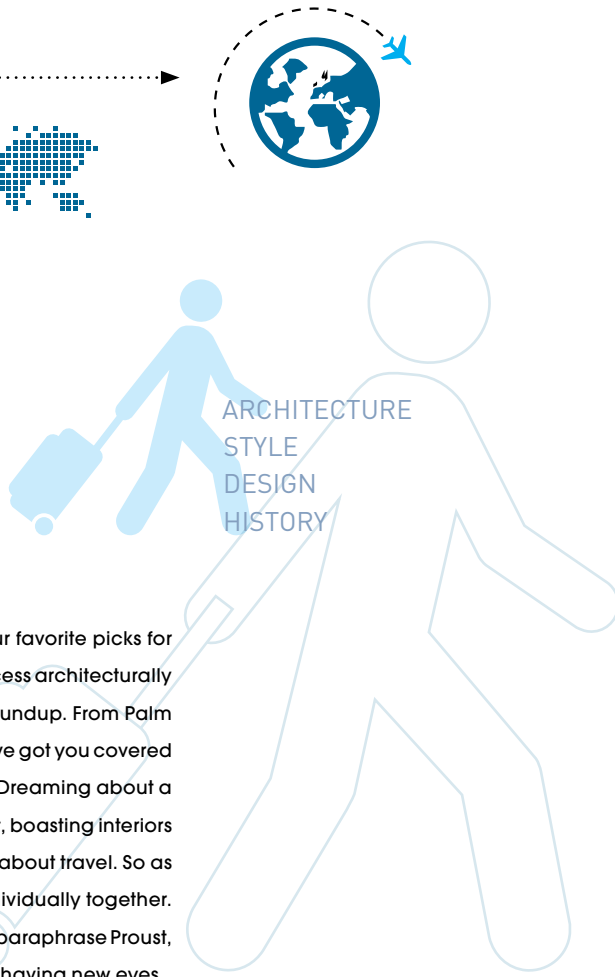
THINK ABOUT TRAVEL, DESIGNED. AND LET'S GO.

→ CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Far from a comprehensive curatorial compendium, we've scoured the digital terrain to help you find a shortcut to your own inspired interlude. Getting the itch to hit the road? Here are a few sites we used to help you get from here to there - **WHEREVER THERE IS.**

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| airbnb.com | stbartsblue.com | urlaubsarchitektur.de |
| living-architecture.co.uk | themodernhouse.net | vrbo.com |
| homeaway.com | roombergs.de | theloftlaspalmas.com |
| boutique-homes.com | bauhaus-dessau.de | tripping.com |
| roomorama.com | luxuryretreats.com | flipkey.com |

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USA

HONOLULU, HI HALE 'OHA'I



This private screen house, designed by San Francisco-based architect Craig Steely, floats among three spectacular monkeypod trees ('ohai in Hawaiian). South of Hilo on the Big Island, the screened living room overlooks the canopied gardens and connects to the 500-square-foot sun deck. Two king-size master bedrooms frame the morning birdsong in the kipuka (an island of land engulfed by lava flow); we like the suggestion to start your day with a warm outdoor shower, yoga on the lanai, and a walk to the beach.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 3,297 MILES • SOURCE: vrbo.com/666971

HONOLULU, HI SKY VILLA



Perched high above Honolulu, you'll find the mid-century Sky Villa, with stunning views of the city, the expanse of the Pacific, and electric sunsets. The view is the main attraction, and the layout reflects this—walls of windows open onto lush tropical gardens, terraces, and pool, and each room looks out on the garden or the city. Waikiki Beach, downtown shops, dining, and cultural opportunities are all just a few minutes' drive from the villa.

RATE: \$\$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 10 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 3,338 MILES
 SOURCE: homeaway.com

LA CONNER, WA GLASS CABIN



Tucked along the water's edge of Fidalgo Island, you'll find the innovative Glass Cabin's angles soaring among the pines. Combining organic softness with contemporary style, expansive ceilings and industrial steel beams frame the interior space. Pale timber floors and a central wood burning stove bring nature inside to mesh with the geometric and contemporary décor in the family room and open kitchen, and made us reimagine what a cabin in the woods can be.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,375 MILES
 SOURCE: boutique-homes.com



USA

LOS ANGELES, CA GUEST HOUSE



Hidden high in the Hollywood Hills, you'll find this new modern guest house bursting with beautiful views and striking the right balance of energy and privacy. High ceilings open the 400-square-foot studio, which has a cleanly tiled walk-in rain shower, and large sliding glass doors serving as a private entrance to a secluded patio overlooking the hillside of Hollywood Lake Park.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,016 MILES
SOURCE: roomorama.com, property #4267

LOS ANGELES, CA DOWNTOWN LOFT



This rental ought to be in movies—and probably has been in some you've seen! In central LA, this modern loft contains floor-to-ceiling windows across a 35-foot glass exterior, setting its open floor plan free of columns. Conceived by Daniel, Mann, Johnson, and Mendenhall (DMJM) and built to showcase the American Cement Company's headquarters in 1964, the 450 precast concrete latticed "X"s frame the ninth floor city views.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,016 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #4531430

USA

LOS ANGELES, CA TOPANGA HOUSE



Classic and funky come together in this mid-century mountain escape in Topanga Canyon, perched by the beaches of Malibu and Santa Monica. Expanding upon the original footprint, this open layout contains a living room fireplace, walls of windows, high ceilings, and bamboo flooring. Contemporary décor complements the mountain views, and two custom-built guest cottages also dot the property. With the freshwater pool, park-like garden, and separate outdoor kitchenette and dining areas, you may never go back inside.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,016 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

PORTLAND, OR ISLAND FARM



Far from barn living, this 300-square-foot cozy cottage is part of a modern farm on Sauvie Island, 10 minutes from downtown Portland, but is a world away in splendor. Adjacent to the owners' property, the casita provides privacy with panache—clean lines, natural light, and superior serenity. Largely a wildlife refuge, the island is home to more critters than two-legged compatriots. In the cottage, however, you'll find all the human essentials in the en-suite kitchenette, private bathroom, and queen bed. The outdoor shower is also a great way to wash off a summer day down on the farm. And with the offer to fry a farm fresh egg for breakfast on the table, you can't get much closer to the source for locavorism!

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,240 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #1850000

LOS ANGELES, CA MODERN MINIMALIST



Set in the hip Sunset Junction area of Silver Lake, this minimalist modern loft boasts hardwood floors, reclaimed hand-made furniture, flokati rugs, and a cute kitchenette breakfast bar. Take in the view of the city from the original 1950s steel tube vintage patio furniture on the shared space, and lounge in the lower terrace rock garden among the lemon, fig, and avocado trees (and yes, you can help yourself!).

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 3 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,016 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #79502

SAN FRANCISCO, CA NORTH BERNAL HOUSE



This combination of classic San Franciscan architecture and clean-lined comfort strikes the right balance: You're within a quick trip to the hip Mission district, but you can find peace with ease among the trees of North Bernal. The top floor unit has a remarkable city view, with a private back deck and a bedroom drenched in light, thanks to overhead skylights. Don't worry, you'll miss most of the fog as it rolls away from this sunny neighborhood.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,248 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #2919574

PIONEERTOWN, CA OFF-THE-GRID HOUSE



It's no stretch to see why the *Los Angeles Times* called this "one of the best houses of all time in Southern California." Set in the remote desert, this solar-powered, glass-walled wonder by architectural firm Taalman Koch is where you go to truly get away. The interlocking aluminum frame and polished concrete floors combine an industrial aesthetic with the surrounding desert, and the open plan allows the vintage, modern, and handmade décor to live together harmoniously.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 984 MILES
SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

AUSTIN, TX MID-CENTURY MODERN



Divided into two private residences by a sliding barn door, false wall, and commercial-grade soundproofing, this 2,600-square-foot home puts you close to the action. We love the sunken living room, floor-length mirrors, and the reading room with a mid-century day bed. And with a central location just minutes from downtown, you can get to SXSW in a snap—and in style.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 920 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #2315963



PALM SPRINGS



On the map for more than just its festival in February, Palm Springs is a world-renowned mecca for modern design all year round. From Frey to Meiselman, this desert hot spot is a veritable who's who of mid-century architecture. Thanks to a resurgence of investment into property, renovation, and preservation during the past decade, there are more stunning stay options than we have room to review. With rental options proliferating, you can now find your own little oasis for let among the celebrity-commissioned pads. So break out your shades; here are a few of our favorite Palm Springs road trip takes to top off your tank with some swank.

PALM SPRINGS, CA CAMP 1959



Built in 1959 by the celebrated Jack Meiselman, Camp 1959 is an anchor in the surrounding neighborhood community of mid-century marvels. Known for uniting indoor and outdoor space, this funky open-plan spread deftly maneuvers between the two, whether you're noshing in a nook or having a nightcap on the outdoor bar by the fire pit. Modeled as a modern desert outpost, the feeling of a 1950s camping experience comes alive with deep, rich accents and the manicured landscape, and a great option for guests to explore where happy trails can lead. Catch a few rays by the cerulean blue pool, or the free "Buzz" shuttle from the nearby Riviera Hotel. Whatever your Palm Springs style, Camp 1959 brings the great indoors out.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 10 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,025 MILES • SOURCE: [airbnb.com, property #5280443](#)

PALM SPRINGS

PALM SPRINGS, CA ALEXANDER



Comfortable and stylish, this classic Alexander house combines a mix of vintage décor, contemporary colorful art, laminate wood floors, and modern accents. The expansive great room—with dramatic ceilings and glass walls—brightens the space, while the retro dining table seats up to eight for entertaining evenings. Our favorite part is the outdoor space—masonry and corrugated fencing provide a serene setting to slip into the saltwater pool or just take in the view.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,025 MILES
SOURCE: [vrbo.com/397505](#)

PALM SPRINGS, CA BERG SANDPIPER



Carefully remodeled to remain true to legendary architect William Krisel's architectural integrity, this mid-century rental is one of our favorite stays. Inside and outside blend through exposed concrete block walls, clerestory windows, and high ceilings, while the Caesarstone counters and state-of-the-art kitchen amenities cook up some great experiences. It's no wonder this posh pad was featured on the 2013 Modernism Week Home Tour. Keep it in mind for your next stay.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,025 MILES
SOURCE: [airbnb.com, property #2011765](#)

PALM SPRINGS, CA ALBERT FREY HOUSE



Constructed in 1946 by renowned architect Albert Frey, this 1,800-square-foot, open layout home boasts floor-to-ceiling walls of glass windows to brighten the living spaces with natural light and provide views of beautiful mountain vistas. Furnishings are a combination of vintage mid-century Danish teak as well as 21st century modern classics from DWR, Herman Miller, and Knoll. Bold colorful accents contrast with clean white walls and tile floors throughout. And we love the outdoor space—the five-person jetted spa and natural gas stainless steel grill translate into lots of lounging under the sun and stars. Surrounded by the desert gardens, saltwater pool, and cocktails by the fire, these are the kind of amaranthine amenities we'll never tire of.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 7
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,025 MILES
SOURCE: [airbnb.com, property #1291539](#)

PALM SPRINGS, CA BERKUS MODERN



We love that Barry A. Berkus' 1960 work is the winner of the PCBC Award for Best Renovated/Restored Project and the recipient of the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation Grant—and that you can rent it! The striking exteriors with concrete block construction and the distinctive folded roof design retain the original proportions and design integrity. And the vintage furnishings keep things both comfy and classic. Here's your opportunity to lounge outdoors by a legendary piece of modern history.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 758 MILES
SOURCE: [boutique-homes.com](#)

PALM SPRINGS, CA DESERT DREAM



Nothing is quite as quintessentially Palm Springs as an Alexander house—and this understated exercise in cool is a great way to experience one. Built in 1959, the home's massive glass walls open out onto a saltwater pool and landscaped outdoor space. Bathrooms are adorned in corresponding mosaic tiles, and the quartz island is the center of the chic, clean kitchen.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 788 MILES
SOURCE: [airbnb.com, property #4950273](#)



USA

YOSEMITE, CA A-FRAME CABIN



Surrounded by meadows and swimming holes in a remote part of the Sierra National Forest is this gorgeous A-Frame to rent. A circular stair connects the main floor to a lofted bedroom, and you'll be able to relax in an Eames under a tatami roof. Yosemite, you, and great design—that gets an A+ in our book.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,194 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

SAN DIEGO, CA ENDLESS VISTAS



Vaulted ceilings and windows that stretch from floor to ceiling are why we love this airy open space—not to mention two fireplaces, colorful palette play, and high-tech integrations throughout. Oh, and there's a private chef available on-site to craft culinary concoctions. With these vistas and amenities, it's easy to see why we'd like this vacation to be endless.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 14 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,077 MILES • SOURCE: luxuryretreats.com

USA

MARFA, TX EL COSMICO



More a round-up of creative lodging for creative folks, El Cosmico is a collection of uniquely updated vintage trailers from the '50s that strike the right balance of craft and kitsch. Eight vintage trailers (with monikers such as "Vegabond," "Imperial Mansion," and "Little Pinky") are restored with marine-varnished birch interior, which come stocked with provisions. Also on the grounds are safari and scout tents, Sioux-style teepees, a Mongolian yurt, and tent campsites. Make sure to take a snooze in the hammock grove, and don't pass up the chance to soak in a Dutch tub—a wood fired hot tub available to rent.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: VARIES • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 776 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

ATLANTA, GA MODERN LOFT STUDIO



Who hasn't wanted to live in a treehouse? Perched up among the hardwoods, communing with the canopy has never been easier than in this Atlanta minimalist hideaway. With seemingly more windows than walls, big doors, and natural light everywhere, you'll feel right at home in this natural nest. And the in-floor bathroom heating keeps the glass tile toasty on toes when it's cold.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,402 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #217338

NASHVILLE, TN 60S CAMPER + BATH HOUSE



Hide out in style in a renovated 1962 Shasta camper and adjacent bath house. With a cozy kitchen, full bed, and electric stove, you'll have enough amenities to outfit your stay in the trailer refurbished with white wood and windows all around. The bathhouse consists of old heart pine floors and a deep clawfoot tub, with an outdoor shower tucked between the structures.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,158 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #1830458

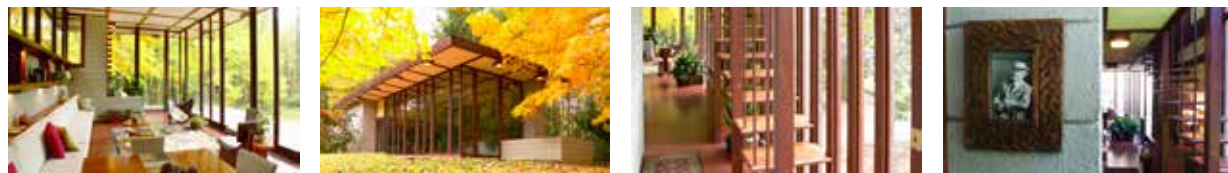


FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT



We're familiar with Fallingwater. We've heard tales of Taliesin. But if you think you'll never be able to experience a Wright firsthand, that's where you're wrong. Thanks to preservation efforts and tech proliferation, you're now able to rent your own little piece of the Prairie School progenitor's legacy. To help you out, we've picked a few of our favorite spaces of geometric clarity from across the country that are just a click away. So go ahead—find your own inspiration within a legendary crossroad of design and nature. Destination: Usonia. Population: you.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OH **PENFIELD HOUSE**



Nestled in 30 wooded acres of Lake County, Ohio, you'll find one of Wright's nine Buckeye State Usonian structures. Completed in 1955, the Willoughby Hills, Ohio residence sits next to a lot said to be the site for Wright's final (unbuilt) residential project, the plans of which were literally left on his drawing board when he passed away. The bottleneck entry of the completed Penfield House explodes out into a panoramic view framed by floor-to-ceiling windows, while the floating staircase, supported by ceiling beams, effortlessly descends between stories. True to form, the clean lines created by red-stained wood and ochre walls continue the architect's hallmark of understated interplay with the natural setting of tall timbers. Unusual for the architect, however, were the extended heights to accommodate the 6-foot-8-inch tall Louis Penfield, who contracted the project. When asked if he could design a house for someone of that stature, Wright paused, then responded, "Yes, but we'll have to design a machine to tip you sideways first." Whatever your elevation, we think the Penfield House has all the Wright stuff.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,351 MILES • SOURCE: penfieldhouse.com

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN **PALMER HOUSE**



Photogenic from every angle, this late-era Wright was commissioned in 1950. Trees seem to encircle every room, and the cantilevered overhang complements geometric playfulness—there are no 90-degree corners to be found. The nearby Teahouse and Wright-designed furniture also dot the space and add to the ambiance of a truly legendary rental opportunity.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,228 MILES • SOURCE: flwpalmerhouse.com

BERLIN, WISCONSIN **PETERSON HOUSE**



A serene Wisconsin lakeside stay, this concentrated cabin packs a lot into its teeny 880 square feet. The soaring roof frames the idyllic views to the west and south, and the grand chimney rises more than two stories. Narrow bedroom windows provide the right wash of light while maintaining privacy, and the living room boasts the only decorative element: plywood pine trees set into a narrow row of windows. The one-bedroom hideout comes with a pull-out couch, and reservations fill up quickly.

**RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,042 MILES
SOURCE: sethpeterson.org**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS **EMIL HOUSE**



Built in 1915 in Chicago's East Rogers Park neighborhood, the Emil Bach house brings modernity to the home of the Magnificent Mile. Geometrically cubic, the property is a cornerstone of his Prairie school design period and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Cozy up to the tiered brick fireplace or lounge in the second-floor study trundle bed. With this prime real estate across the street from Lake Michigan, it's easy to make this Wright your own sweet home for a night.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,004 MILES
SOURCE: emilbachhouse.com**

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA **ELAM HOUSE**



With stonework reminiscent of Fallingwater and inspired by Taliesin, the Elam house in Austin, Minnesota, is one of the largest of the Usonian houses designed by Wright. Built in 1948, one of the property's most striking elements is the cantilevered balcony, jutting out 10 feet and abutting the massive glass living room walls. Three floor-to-ceiling fireplaces turn up the heat across two separate living rooms. And make sure to take a peek at the Webster Electric Teletalk early intercom system.

**RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 838 MILES
SOURCE: theelamhouse.com**



USA

ELDRED, NY FLOATING FARMHOUSE



Step into history in this 1820 manor home upgraded to modern chic. Two-story glass walls the kitchen, with polished concrete and steel finishes, minimalist interiors, and a cantilevered porch that seems to float on the water's surface. French doors open onto a yawning covered porch, while cast-iron beds, and wavy, glass windows are found in all the sleeping quarters, where you can drift away to the nearby waterfall's soothing cadence.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 13 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,743 MILES • SOURCE: homeaway.com, property #p377014

MANHATTAN, NY EAST VILLAGE



Color pops in this fun and funky East Village abode. Bright splashes of electric blues, pinks, and red mix in a vibrant palette that accentuate the stainless steel appliances, cut glass washroom, and minimalist master quarters. Think of it less as a penthouse and more of a box of crayons to color in your own NYC adventure.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,777 MILES
SOURCE: homeaway.com, property #p1136067**

BROOKLYN, NY BOERUM HILL



Parquet isn't just for courts in this Brooklyn hideout. The glossy finish found throughout fits well under high ceilings in this open planned pad with panache. We like the modern kitchen, rustic wooden furniture, and quirky curios. It's definitely a respite of calm in the bustle of the Big Apple.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,783 MILES
SOURCE: vrbo.com/1175323ha**

CAPE COD, MA BREUER HOUSE



Panoramic bay views are yours for the taking in this property by renowned Cape architect Marcel Breuer. Floor-to-ceiling windows throughout capture a stunning sight of the water, accessible by a short walk down to a private beach. When every room has this kind of view, it's not hard to see why this marvel is listed as an architecturally significant house by the Town of Wellfleet.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 8
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,021 MILES
SOURCE: vrbo.com/445060**

USA

MIAMI, FL SAN MARCO MODERN



Luxury comes in many forms, but this waterfront villa on Miami's Venetian Islands might take the ceviche. If the expansive terrace or infinity pool don't convince you, just take the elevator to the rooftop sitting area for a birds-eye view. Double-height ceilings, an open floor plan, and minimalist furnishings are offset by splashes of color and texture. Orange pendant lights and sculptures accent the palette throughout, not to be outdone by the sparkling blue of the 60-foot private waterfront access. Now this is luxury—for rent.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 8 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,064 MILES • SOURCE: luxuryretreats.com

ST. JOHN, CARIBBEAN CASA MARE



Contemporary Caribbean—it's a style we'd like to see more. Thanks to this new villa in Chocolate Hole on St. John, the template is set by the secluded sun deck, pristine pool, and soaring living area windows which bring the outside in. Whip up some poolside snacks in the cool kitchen or just snooze in the sun. This private paradise has the right recipe for relaxation.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 8 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,810 MILES
SOURCE: homeaway.com, property #p3237801**

ST. BARTS, CARIBBEAN VILLA BALI



When you're in St. Bart's, it's all about the outside, and Villa Bali echoes the expanse of the tropics with its open floor plan, walls, and windows. Design and decor reflect a mix of dark, exotic woods and a fresh, clean palette facing the pool's impressive view. Serve specialties from the al fresco kitchen, and cap off the night from the exterior bar.

**RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,925 MILES
SOURCE: stbartsblue.com**

MIAMI BEACH, FL SOBE MODERN

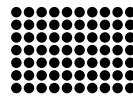


Contemporary mid-century updates to this classic Art Deco South Beach building result in a clean, crisp 400-square-foot space. Rinse off from the beach (just three blocks away) in the marble spa shower, while the gourmet modern kitchen heats up culinary creations as much as the nearby nightlife. Life's a beach, sometimes.

**RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 2
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,067 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #2380494**



COLORADO



Getting away doesn't have to mean hopping time zones—or states, for that matter! With so much aesthetic splendor in our own backyards, there's a bevy of bountiful rental properties available right here in Colorado. So if inspired design close to home is what you're looking for in a getaway, we encourage you to look around—and at a few of our favorite posh spots here in the Centennial State. Grab your weekender and let's go afar, near.

BOULDER, CO BARRETT HOUSE



Ever wanted to stay in a Charles Haertling-designed home? You're in luck with the Barrett House rental in Boulder. Fashioned for artist Clotilde Barrett in 1971, this angular intersection features many of the nature-inspired geometric modern influences found in Haertling's oeuvre. The result is both funky and functional—grab a gimlet at the retro cocktail bar, or toast your toes by the cozy cast-iron potbelly fireplace. And if you find the flicks don't fit your fancy in the Bose-outfitted theater room, just step outside to lose yourself in the 800,000 acre Roosevelt National Forest abutting the property. With three bedrooms and three bathrooms, this mountainside manor is one of our go-tos for a group stay just a drive away.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 29 MILES • SOURCE: evolvevacationrental.com/263720

COLORADO

DENVER, CO BLACKSMITH SHOP



Originally belonging to a Swedish blacksmith, this remarkable remodel by Design Platform forges ahead completely free of drywall, consisting entirely of existing brick, lumber, and birch veneer. The tall ceilings created a natural fit for a sleeping loft, and original Marvel brand kitchen cabinets bring the 1950s feel fully to life. Handmade decorative lath wall panels cover gaps in the brick wall, which used to house swinging barn doors (now outfitted as sliding privacy screens).

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 13 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 0 MILES • SOURCE: homeaway.com, property #p377014

DENVER, CO SUNLIT LOHI DUPLEX



Carefully renovated to update the original 1888 single-family house into a duplex, the end product of this local luxury loft blends old and new in a style that honors both. The 2,400-square-foot open plan features high ceilings and tall windows that soak the modern kitchen, front sitting room, and master bedroom in our 300 days of sunshine. Radiant heat in the winter and a swamp cooler in the summer keep the poured concrete floors throughout temperately cool year round. And feel free to bring Fido—for a small fee, the built-in kennel on the main floor connects to a separate outdoor dog run to accommodate your furry four-legged friend.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 0 MILES • SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #5905071

DENVER, CO OPEN LOFT SPACE



Looking to reinvent your idea of a staycation? The previous permutations for this storied Barnum loft space include serving as a church, Masonic temple, and Mexican restaurant. Featured on HGTV and Apartment Therapy, we love the huge polymer soffit, eclectic decor, and salvaged baubles. From tickling the ivories on the upright piano or going for the high score on the skee-ball machine, fun never goes out of style.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 0 MILES • SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #68255



INTERNATIONAL



When it comes to modern vacation design, there's a great big world out there! For the global jet-setter, sleek and chic travel options are far more than we could fit in a few pages, but here's a handful of options that jumped out of our browser and into our international itineraries. From the birthplace of Bauhaus to a sanctuary of serenity in Tokyo, we think you'll love these modern locations rife with style. Pack your passport—and we'll see you on the other side of customs!

SUFFOLK, ENGLAND THE DUNE HOUSE



Created by renowned Norwegian firm Jarmund/Vignæs Architects, this seafront sanctuary is set among the rolling dunes of Suffolk. The orange steel alloy roof houses a timber-lined bedroom and bathroom in each of its four peaks, while the lower level living area, kitchen, and terrace are anchored into the dunes with concrete, glass, and aluminum. Walk directly out onto the beach through the corner sliding doors, which give the second story the impression of floating above the landscape. Thanks to the panoramic punctuation, we'd love to stay for one more cup of tea.

RATE: \$\$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 9 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 4,692 MILES • SOURCE: living-architecture.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL

TODOS SANTOS, MEXICO MI CASA



Understated elegance is found throughout Mi Casa—be it the clean, straight lines or bold, alternating color blocked walls that set a clearly modern tone. The 70-foot lap pool is just one of the highlights of the walled outdoor desert garden, filled with cacti, aloë vera, and other flora. Inside, soaring ceilings, an inviting fireplace, and a blend of modern and Moroccan décor keep us coming back for more. Oh, and unobstructed views of the Sierra Laguna mountains and Pacific Ocean don't hurt, either.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 6 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 1,611 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA SLIDING HOUSE



Think outside of the box with this striking Nova Scotian stunner. Designed by renowned architect Brian Mackay-Lyons, the geometric lines and industrial materials meld with the warmth of polished poplar hardwood and windows calibrated to complement the view and progression of light throughout the day. Constructed in 2008, the house is frozen in perpetual declination along an eight-degree slope along the Canadian hillside. We love the minimalism meeting meticulousness, and the organic sleek chic the entire experience elicits.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 2,671 MILES
SOURCE: boutique-homes.com



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SYRACUSE, ITALY MONCADA APARTMENT



Refurbished by Italian architect Francesco Moncada in 2009, this cozy turn-of-the-century Sicilian apartment spreads across three levels in the city center. An iron stair connects the second level kitchen and concrete-floored living space to the top level bed, bath, and terrace, where we imagine dining al fresco and sipping a local cappuccino.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 5,913 MILES • SOURCE: themodernhouse.net

BERLIN, GERMANY NIEMEYER HOUSE



Designed by the acclaimed Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer for the International Building Exhibition in 1957, the period optimism is palpable in the V-shaped pillars, reclaimed original furniture, and fitted wardrobe. Combined with a carefully updated open plan and select modern amenities, we like the feeling of stepping back in time while still keeping a foot in the present.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 4 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 5,072 MILES
SOURCE: roombergs.de

REYKJAVIKUR, ICELAND SECLUDED BEACH HOME



Built in 2010, this idyllic Icelandic seaside interlude charmed us with its rustic affluence, open living plan, and vegetative roof. And if you tire of the glass-walled living space or smart sustainable architectural elements, you could always take in the spectacularly clear Northern Lights or Glymur, the highest waterfall in Iceland. With a design and location like this, we can't a-fjord to pass up this pad.

RATE: \$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 3,596 MILES
SOURCE: airbnb.com, property #356602



LONDON, ENGLAND BETHNAL GREEN

Modified into a multi-level space by Studiomama in 2012, this former carpenter's workshop has got the posh factor down pat. The attention to detail is apparent, as the original footprint is preserved in the ground floor living space, second level lounge, bed, wet room, and the uppermost "mini-house" setup. Bespoke furniture throughout and a custom kitchen place this East End space on our favorites list.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 5
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 4,683 MILES
SOURCE: themodernhouse.net

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SUFFOLK, ENGLAND THE BALANCING BARN



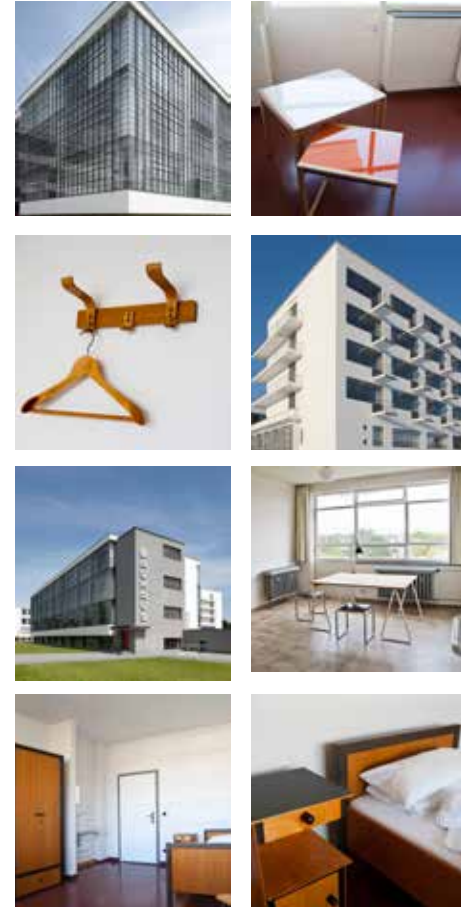
Part optical illusion, part engineering marvel, the Balancing Barn by Dutch architects MVRDV is a one-of-a-kind English excursion. At its midpoint, the house starts to cantilever over the descending slope, a balancing act made possible by the rigid structure of the building. The result is 50 percent of the barn "floating" and giving a wide view over the Suffolk landscape, adjacent lake, and surrounding garden. A series of four double bedrooms follow, each with separate bathrooms. In the middle of the house, the bedroom sequence is interrupted by a hidden staircase providing access to the garden beneath. In the far, cantilevered end of the barn, a large living space is created. Dutch design office Studio Makkink & Bey adroitly adorn the interior with a combination of local and leading contemporary artisans. Throughout all the rooms, full-height sliding windows, roof lights, and a glass floor give wonderful views and access into the garden and surrounding landscape, allowing visitors the opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of nature.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 8 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 4,709 MILES • SOURCE: living-architecture.co.uk



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DESSAU, GERMANY  BAUHAUS



At the intersection of design, art, and culture, you'll find Germany's Bauhaus—yes, that Bauhaus, one of the most significant contributors to the 20th century style. And thanks to the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation's efforts, you can now "sleep like a Bauhausler" in the legendary living quarters. Completed in 1926, the Studio Building's 28 flats were let to junior masters and promising students including Herbert Bayer, Erich Consemüller, and the Albers (Josef and Anni), among other classic contributors. In order to inspire a future cadre of design enthusiasts, rooms for rent are reconstructed with original objects and furniture, with personalization to former tenants' tastes. When you can stay inside the same walls as timeless visionaries, there is no better way to ignite your own revolutionary inspiration.

RATE: \$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 1-2
DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 5,071 MILES
SOURCE: bauhaus-dessau.de

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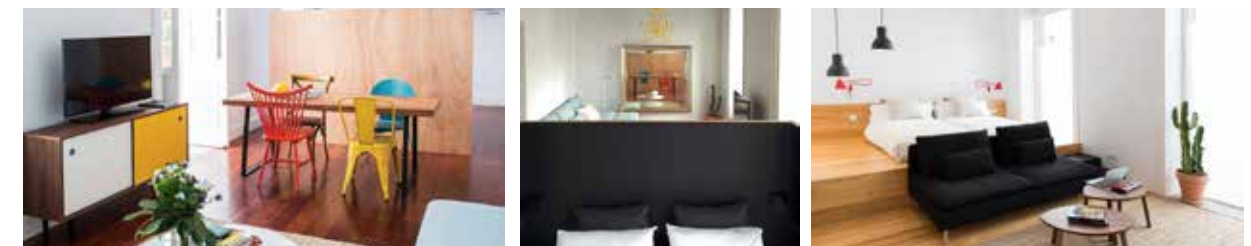
TOKYO, JAPAN  MITA HOME



Designed by YJP Architects, Mita House is a minimalist haven inspired by Japanese show-houses in Tokyo. Large windows, neutral colors, and natural light expand and enhance the interior spaces, while wood paneling is used to offset the concrete's coldness. With shopping, dining, and expansive views of the Tokyo skyline all within walking distance, we know where we're staying on our next trip to the Land of the Rising Sun.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 7 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 5,795 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com

LAS PALMAS, SPAIN  MODERN LOFT



In the Canary Islands off the coast of Morocco, you'll find three unique lofts available to rent for either siestas or celebrations—or both. Located in the city's historic and cultural center, you're not far from the Museo Néstor, dedicated to the Canarian modernist painter, Néstor Martín-Fernández de la Torre. We like the multi-storied options opening up the minimally furnished Mediterranean feel of exposed rafters and historic blend of Spanish and Saharan aesthetics.

RATE: \$\$\$ • HOUSE: SLEEPS 7 • DISTANCE FROM DENVER: 4,982 MILES • SOURCE: boutique-homes.com



HIT THE ROAD



STREAMLINING STYLE

WHAT MAKES A CLASSIC? WHEN IT COMES TO CAMPING, FEW COMPANIES CAN COMPARE TO AIRSTREAM. ESTABLISHED AS A STANDARD-BEARER FOR A GENERATION OF LUXURY SOJOURNING, THE POLISHED PODS REMAIN AS RIVETING AS—AND NOW MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN—EVER. THAT'S WHAT WE CALL CAMPING, CLASSICALLY.



SILVER BULLETS—not just for light beers and lycanthropes, the Airstream trailer barreling down the interstate is an iconic image of Americana. Thanks to a Colorado company's rental option, that experience isn't relegated to outright ownership. "Many people don't realize you can rent them," said Bill Ward, founder of Living Airstream. "They're perceived as top-of-the-line luxury items, but they are actually very accessible." Additional locations for the fast-growing enterprise include California (four), North Carolina, and Arizona.

The cult status surrounding Airstream is due in large part to the publicity work of Airstream Inc.'s founder Wally Byam, who once took the trailer on a fabled trek from Cape Town to Cairo. Continent-crossing isn't necessary to enjoy the experience, though. In addition to trailers, Living Airstream provides tow vehicle rental options for closer getaways. Don't feel like driving? You can also get a fully-stocked trailer delivered to your preferred vacation location (multi-colored owl lights and Kiss the Cook apron not included).

Iconic brands have broad staying power with emotional attachment, and it's no different with these anodized land zeppelins. "A lot of people had an Airstream, or had family with one," said Ward. "Many people of different ages are seeing it as a cool way to travel and want to have that experience for themselves, firsthand." With interest in the trailer spanning generations, it's only fitting that the inventory would match; from the preserved vintage 1962 Silver Streak Sabre to the contemporarily outfitted 2011 Airstream International, renters can pick their own take on this classic.

Set off on your own Airstream adventure with rental information at: livingairstream.com

A DROP IN THE BUCKET LIST

THE TEARDROP TRAILER HAS A NO-FRILLS HISTORIC REPUTATION. YET A RESURGENCE OF INTEREST IN THE PINT-SIZED PULL-ALONGS ALSO MEANS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BESPOKE OUTFITTING. THANKS TO A COLORADO COZY CAMPER CRAFTER, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MANY TEARDROPS.

IMAGINE a vintage postcard of Yosemite National Park from 1951. Now imagine snapping the same scene with your smartphone. This convergence of classic and contemporary wanderlust was the inspiration for Grand Junction-based Britton Purser, founder of caravan maker Vintage Overland. According to Purser, the hand-built trailers are meant to be a lifestyle extension, where camping complements the outdoor experience instead of being a terminal point itself. "How can we capture the spirit of the landscape? We think it's by adding to what you're already doing—mountain biking, kayaking, or just enjoying nature—in a unique way, as well," Purser said.

Not just your typical teardrop, these totes are totally towable. At 500 to 600 pounds, they're as much a home at home behind a MINI as a mountain-climbing SUV. And with modern amenities such as solar panels and memory-foam mattresses, minimal and convenient definitely can coexist comfortably in vintage style. What

makes the caravans stand out, however, is the intensely focused design element that Purser puts into each of the three available models. Drawing on his diverse background in fashion, motorcycles, and cabinetry, it should be no surprise that the birch interior panels fit together cleanly, like a piece of Danish furniture.

This intensive, intentional craftsmanship is the result of Purser's perceiving each caravan as a piece of sculpture—also investing in where they're going and the experience of each owner. Like a vintage picture superimposed over a modern backdrop, the rambler's desire to grab some gear and go nowhere is timeless. Or as Purser suggests, "Go out and play, get a good night's sleep, then go out and play again."

Get your own at : vintageoverland.com



ABOVE: The non-corrosive clear anodized aluminum exterior is hammer-formed on each individual trailer, with many hours spent on the door alone to make it interesting from every angle. **BELOW:** Britton and Ami Purser design the handmade birch interiors to resemble Danish furniture and integrate modern amenities like efficient lighting and audio. The result, as Britton said, is "a little luxury, a little different."



Images: Roman Tafoya