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## CEO Stan Little: Southern Airways Continues to Prevail in the Midst of the Global Pandemic



Stan Little: Southern Airways/Mokulele Chairman and CEO

pring is finally here, and it seems that Americans across the country are ready to travel like we haven't done in over two years. It's been a long wait to get back out-and-about, and our airline is ready to take you where you want to go!

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have been gearing up for this re-launch for many months. Just in the last year, we've hired nearly 200 new pilots and acquired a dozen new planes. Two of those planes are 30-seat models which will be deployed to the Hawaiian Islands to accommodate our growing demand there. Three of them are KingAir Super 200's, designed for flights on our new Rocky Mountain routes.

You may have also seen that we've recently inked a deal to be the launch customer for Regent Seagliders in 2025—a new concept which will transform the way we travel along the coasts. (See page 18 in this issue of Cloud Nine for more

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details.) As always, Southern remains committed to our leadership role in the electrification of aviation.

Many airlines have made the news over the past several weeks for "meltdowns" and "schedule realignments" and general chaos. Thanks to our aggressive hiring and longstanding policy against furloughs, Southern/Mokulele has been able to avoid these issues plaguing our industry. Even with many of our team quarantining during the worst days of the Omicron outbreak, we've been able to run our full schedule. I want to personally thank all the members of the Southern/Mokulele family who continued to pull together to put you, our customer, as our highest priority each and every day.

Thanks for getting back out and traveling again—and thanks most of all for flying Southern Airways and Mokulele Airlines!

Onward and upward,

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Stan Little Chairman and CEO















PHOTOS: SAMANTHA BROWN'S "PLACES TO LOVE."

Read more about your favorite destinations

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## SPRING RENEWAL: RECONNECTING WITH NATURE

## Across the Regions

pringtime is the time of renewal. This period of restoration includes mental, spiritual and physical health. Lucky for us, spending some time outdoors taps into all three of those aspects. It is proven that spending time in nature is linked to cognitive benefits  $^{\prime}$  and improvements in mood, mental and emotional well-being. We have gathered the best places to reconnect with nature and renew ourselves throughout the regions.



## ■ NEW ENGLAND | Jetties Beach, Nantucket

Oftentimes, people feel reconnected with themselves and nature while visiting the beach. Jettie's Beach is a popular area in Nantucket to experience the ocean due to it's calm waters and serene setting. Jettie's Beach also provides kayaking and sailboat lessons to try a new experience.

### ■ NEW YORK | Mashomack Preserve

Located in Shelter Island, New York, Mashomack Preserve is an area to discover 11 miles of coastline, creeks and beautiful fields. Download a trail map to explore all the charm the area has to offer.

## ■ MID-ATLANTIC | Cheat Lake Park and Trail

1,730-acres man-made reservoir located about 10 miles east of downtown Morgantown, Cheat Lake Park will provide you opportunities to reconnect with nature through hiking, camping, fishing and swimming. Cheat Lake is also the perfect setting for water sports such as jet-skiing, boating and tubing. There is also a handicap accesabile 4.5-mile trail where you can enjoy the picturesque scenery through walking and biking.

### SOUTHERN | Table Rock State Park

Table Rock State Park is a 356-acre park located just 15 minutes outside of Branson, Missouri city center. The park features a marina, fishing, scuba diving, camping areas, trails for hiking and biking along with breathtaking scenery at every turn.

## THE ROCKIES | Rocky Mountain National Park

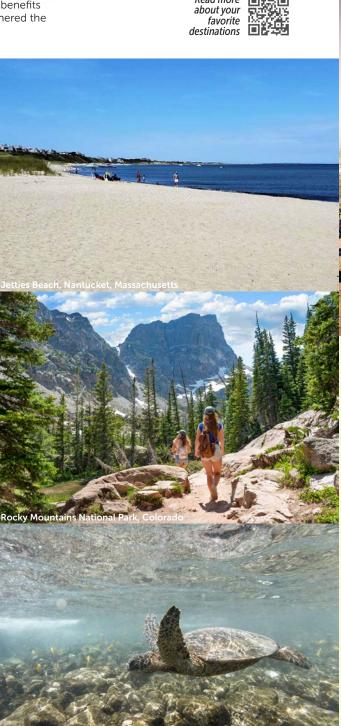
The Rocky Mountain National Park is known as the "Land of Extremes" and with good reason. It is 415 square miles of astonishing views. Inside this park, you can experience meadows, lakes, subalpine zones and more. The park includes over 300 miles of hiking trails and plenty of opportunities for wildlife viewing. You will also find beautiful areas for scenic drives, camping grounds, fishing areas, and horseback riding among other things.

## ■ CALIFORNIA | Runyon Canyon Park

Runyon Canyon Park is a 160-acre park located in Los Angeles that provides plenty of walking trails and great views of the city. It is an easy area to navigate and provides relieving bond with nature amongst the business of the city.

## HAWAI'I | Hanauma Bay

Located along the southeast coast of the Island of O'ahu, Hanauma Bay was declared a protected marine life conservation area and underwater park in 1967. Reconnect with nature through viewing marine life, serene waters and beautiful beach landscape



## SPRING RENEWAL: **MAKE IT**

s the temperatures warm and Mother Nature begins to breathe new life into the world around us, springtime naturally feels like the appropriate time to breathe new life Into ourselves. To renew our mind, body and soul as we are motivated by our surrounding environment. Here are some effective ways you can bring yourself a personal renewal this spring.

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## **EXERCISE** A fundamental one we bet you saw coming a mile away. Not only does exercise improve our physical bodies, but it also improves our mental and emotional wellbeing, even increasing our energy levels and alleviating depression & anxiety. EAT REAL FOOD

Another obvious one; however, the importance does not change. Eating clean food allows our bodies to obtain the vitamins and minerals they need to properly function. It not only benefits our physique but also the health of our organs (including our brain and heart), energy levels and assists in providing us with a stronger immune system.



# SPEND TIME WITH YOUR MOTHER

Mother Nature that is. Spending some time outdoors has proven to relieve stress, strengthen immune systems, calm your mind and even restore your mental energy.



If you needed a sign, here it is. Pursuing our passions not only makes us happy but also gives us a sense of purpose which leads to increased confidence. Life is too short for you to not add value to the world by making your dreams a priority.

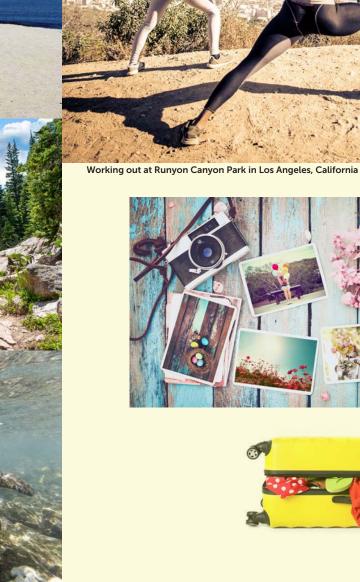
## PRIORITIZE YOURSELF

Maintaining a self-care routine is clinically proven to reduce anxiety and depression in addition to improving concentration, energy and happiness. Making yourself a priority allows you to bring the best version of yourself to your family, friends and work-life. Take time to connect with yourself doing the things that bring you joy and peace regularly..

## **TRAVEL**

Traveling affects all six types of self-care: emotional, practical, physical, mental, social and spiritual. With modern life as hectic as it is, we oftentimes miss the magic in life. Traveling provides us the opportunity to be submerged in new cultures, foods, social elements and experiences. Be sure to visit Southern Airways website to book your newest self-care encounter.









## Mid-Atlantic



## **GO UNDERCOVER AT** THE INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM IN DC

llow your inner spy to come out of hiding and dive into the interactive World of espionage at the International Spy Museum in Visconia, Spy Museum in world of espionage at the International Spy Museum in Washington DC. digitally and physically interactive activities spread throughout the museum.

## What can you expect to find?

The museum provides a variety of exhibits and experiences for you to indulge in that provide fun for all ages. Receive your cover identity and undercover mission in the Briefing Center before viewing an introduction video. Your progress with be tracked throughout the experience and you will be provided a debrief upon conclusion. While your mission unfolds, you will learn about the historical spies, gadget makers, engineers and scientists who have all influenced the ability of spies to steal secrets and gather intel as you walk through the "Stealing Secrets" gallery. Find out how all of this gathered intelligence is turned into practical information that can be applied in the "Making Sense of Secrets" gallery where featured exhibits include codes, analysis and the "Decision Room". Various other galleries within the International Spy Museum allow you to discover age-old techniques used to secretly influence our world society and learn how they essentially shaped the world we live in today.

## International Spy Museum

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Vintage Zippo lighters highlight the oil industry boom in Bradford

## **GETTING TO KNOW BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA**

radford is a small town nestled away in a valley 12 miles east of the Allegheny National Forest. It is widely known for its most famous Altegriery National Forest, it is widely allowed invention, the Zippo lighter. With a population of just under 9,000 Bradford provides a quiet, homelike atmosphere with subtle experiences for you to discover. What do we recommend to do in Bradford?

## ■ Zippo/Case Museum and Flagship Store

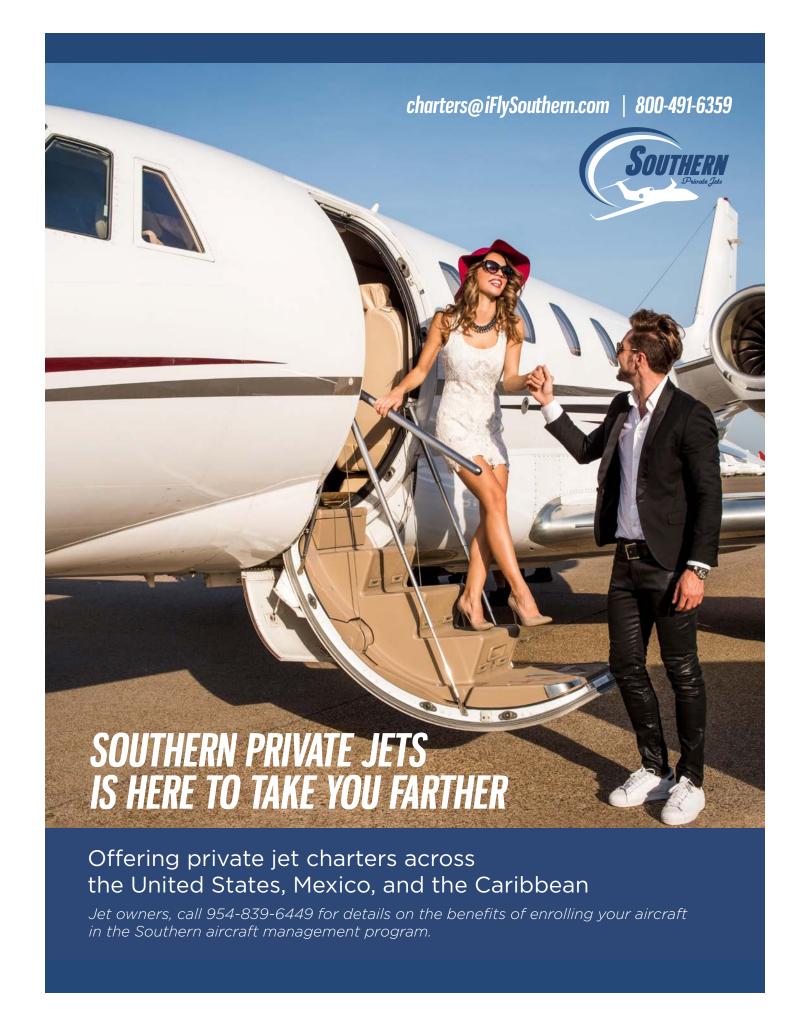
Fans and collectors from across the world flock to the Zippo/Case Museum annually to experience the history and high quality of these truly Americanmade icons. Tour the museum to experience various exhibits including a glimpse into the famous Zippo repair center. The CEO of Southern Airways Express, Stan Little, had the opportunity to sit down and interview the CEO of Zippo, to read the full discussion scan this QR code.

### Allegheny National Forest

The Allegheny National Forest covers about 513,000-acres and provides recreational activities such as boating, fishing, camping and golfing. Enjoy scenic drives and trails during the warmer spring weather that brings everything to bloom.

### ■ Bradford Self-Guided Walking Tour

Use the Bradford Self-Guided Walking Tour map to uncover the history and secrets of this small town. The Bradford National Historic District features an eclectic mix of building styles from the 1800s and 1900s. Learn how businesses like Zippo, the American Refining Group and Penn Brad Oil have had an influence on creating the small town that Bradford is today. Don't forget the Tuna Valley Trail Association, Old City Hall and other locally famous stopping points.





## Hawaii

Giant protea thrives in the rich soil of Maui

## **PARADISE ON EARTH: DISCOVERING HĀNA HIGHWAY**

he Hāna Highway is not your average scenic drive. Stretching almost 65 miles from Kahului to the town of Hāna in East Maui, this road trip typically takes 2.5 hours to complete. It is abounding with winding, narrow roads and has over 59 bridges, 46 of which are only wide enough for one car at a time. There are approximately 620 curves that overlook breathtaking views, many of which do not have a guard rail. This isn't the only thing that makes it an unparalleled road trip, the remarkable stories it tells will make this journey unforgettable. The Hāna Highway is full of history and legends to discover, it is best to not hurry through and focus on only your destination. Soak in the journey that is the Hana Highway.

## **HISTORY**

The Hana Highway was not created overnight but over the course of years. What started as a footpath known as the King's Trail in the 14th century became modern road construction during the sugarcane boom of the 1800s. The roads, bridges and pathways that lead to our modern-day Hāna Highway were first built by prisoners while locals were hired to maintain these new roads. The Hāna Highway was officially paved in 1962 and today is used by locals to travel from one area to another on the island and also as a major tourist attraction for visitors looking for a historical, scenic and adventurous experience.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Huelo Lookout

Located between mile marker 4 and 5 on the Road to Hāna, you will find breathtaking views of East Maui and a quaint fruit stand filled with fresh produce for you to buy. Taste fresh Hawaiian fruit, smoothies and the locally famous acai bowls.

## Maui Garden of Eden

6 acres of lush vegetation and trails to explore, the Maui Garden of Eden is one of the best-known spots on the Hana Highway. It was one of the locations used for the first Jurassic Park movie and is a favorite stop among travelers. Visit the gift shop to discover locally made crafts and gifts to take home. The Maui Garden of Eden is located around mile marker 10.

## Upper Waikani Falls

Located just beyond mile marker 19, you will discover the Upper Waikani Falls, also known as Three Bears due to the three separate waterfalls, one of them being so small it is known as the baby. Hike the trails around for better views as you discover the lush jungle surrounding the falls. Cascading from 70 feet high into the Wailua Nui Stream, it is known as one of the most popular waterfalls in the Hawaiian Islands.



Unner Waikani Falls



Black volcanic rock create a massive blowhole





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favorite

ava rock Christian church built in 1856



Delicious acai bowl with fruit and granola



Maui Garden of Eden



Tropical fruit stand

## ■ Ke'anae Peninsula

An area rich in history and abundant in coastline views, the Ke'anae Peninsula is a must-stop. Wander the paved walkway as you gaze upon traditional Hawaiian plants and flowers. Discover historic buildings, including a church that was built in 1856 as well as shop at local stands where you can purchase fresh produce and local treasures.

## ■ Wai'ānapanapa State Park

Discover black sand beach, a blowhole, lava tubes, hiking and walking trails, cliff jumping and panoramic views at this popular stop. Take time to explore the area and all the experiences it has to offer. Cabins are available for overnight stays. Enjoy the glistening waters, lush landscape and unique scenery that can only be found at Wai'ānapanapa State Park.

## Kings Gardens Maui

Experience Hawaiian rainforests, ancient Hawaiian archeological sites, historical gardens and waterfall hikes while visiting Kings Gardens Maui. Only a certain number of visitors are allowed each day, you must make an appointment to experience Kings Gardens Maui.



## VICTORY FOR THE MOKULELE **SURF TEAM AT THE 2021 NSSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

he 2021 NSSA National Championships were held in Huntington Beach, California from November 16-23 during the 2021 season. Mokulele Airlines had several talented surfers present with two standouts: Kai Martin and Levi Young.

## Kai Martin

At the 2021 NSSA National Championships Kai brought home 4 trophies:

- 2nd place Open Mens
- 1st place Open Juniors
- 2nd place Explorer Mens
- 3rd place Explorer Juniors



## Levi Young

At the 2021 NSSA Championships Levi brought home 2 trophies:

- 1st place Explorer Mens
- 1st place Explorer Juniors



Mokulele is proud of all of its young surfers who represent us and the beautiful state of Hawai'i. We are excited to see what the surf team will achieve in the 2022 surfing season.



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## New England

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE BEST **SEAFOOD IN NANTUCKET**

antucket is a popular tourist destination where you will find some of the best seafood around. Located 30 miles off of Cape Cod, Nantucket provides the region with some of the freshest seafood in the area, and here are some of the locally famous places where you can try it for yourself!



## ■ Slip 14

A fish-focused menu coupled with fresh, handcrafted cocktails set against stunning water views is what you'll find at Slip 14. A favorite of locals and tourists alike, Slip 14 serves lunch and dinner with the options of indoor or outdoor dining.





### SeaGrille

SeaGrille has been a Nantucket staple for 30 years and with good reason! Known for their local and fresh regional seafood, you can expect a high-quality dining experience every time.





#### ■ The Charlie Noble

A nautical-themed pub that serves up classic New England seafood favorites, The Charlie Noble provides a full-service menu as well as a raw bar. Not only are they known for their delicious food, but also for their great service and harbor views.





## Sayle's Seafood

Sayle's Seafood is a retail fish store that also serves us quick, easyto-go meals. A wide variety menu that serves up everything from Nantucket Clam Chowder to Fried Cod dinner plates, they are known for their budget-friendly, delicious meals.





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about your favorite

## Cru

Cru is Nantucket's premier oyster bar. Opening in 2012, they have worked hard to exceed the community's expectations to earn their reputation as a culinary destination for locals and seasonal visitors.





### ■ Millie's

Millie's has been featured in the New York Times, The Boston Globe and even Town & Country—and with good reason. Millie's provide a true Nantucket experience with beautiful views, unique cocktails and a coast-to-coast food experience that features not only traditional New England seafood but also a selection of Baja-style seafood.



## The Rockies





## THE BEST DAY TRIPS FROM CHADRON

hadron might be a small city in Nebraska but its location offers big travel experiences for those who desire to take a road trip around the surrounding area. Close-by destinations offer great food, beautiful landscapes, and unique experiences.



**Dramatic Badlands National Park** 

## ■ Badlands National Park, South Dakota | 1.5 hrs

Known for its dramatic landscapes and diverse wildlife, Badlands National Park is a must-go for any nature lover. The park contains one of the world's richest fossil beds and is home to the Fossil Exhibit Trailhead, a self-guided, fully accessible boardwalk featuring fossil replicas and exhibits of extinct creatures that once lived in the area. The park spans 244,000-acres and contains a labyrinth of buttes, canyons, pinnacles, and spires. Drive the scenic 39-mile loop to discover breathtaking views and enjoy the picturesque overlooks.

#### ■ North Platte, Nebraska 3.5 hrs

North Platte is a small city located in central Nebraska known for being the home of Buffalo Bill and offering experiences for everyone to enjoy from the outdoor enthusiast to the history buff. Visit attractions like the Golden Spike Tower (an open-air and enclosed observation area for viewing the sprawling rail yard below), Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park, horseback riding, and other outdoor adventures. For the history and culture buff, you can experience a variety of museums and antique stores in addition to numerous historical sites and wineries & breweries.

## Scotts Bluff, Nebraska | 1.5 hrs

Scotts Bluff, Nebraska is located about an hour and a half south of Chadron. It is known as "Landmark Country" and with good reason. It is home to sites such as Chimney Rock and Scotts Bluff National Monument but there is more to Scotts Bluff than that. Notorious for fishing, hiking, scenery, and camping, it is a hub for any outdoor enthusiast. When you're not out exploring the great outdoors, you can discover amazing food in town as well as local experiences such as golfing and museums.

## THINGS TO DO IN DENVER THIS SPRING

s the weather warms up and things begin to bloom back to life, springtime in Denver is something that provides amazing experiences both indoors and outdoors. We have gathered our must-do activities for Spring Break in Denver, Colorado.

## Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Located 10 minutes Northeast of Downtown Denver, the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge is a 15,988-acre National Wildlife Refuge located on the grounds of the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal, a former United States Army chemical weapons manufacturing facility. Today, it houses more than 300 species of wildlife that visitors can glimpse during a guided tour.

#### Larimer Square

Denver's urban shopping district, known as Larimer Square, is an area where you will find boutiques, unique stores and small eateries that serve first-class food. Discover Comedy Works Downtown, named one of the top five comedy clubs in the country by USA Today for a night of drinks and laughter. If dancing and live music are what you're looking for, Larimer Square also offers an assortment of cocktail lounges, dance clubs and live music venues.



The Public Walking Tour features amazing murals

The Mile High City offers many self-guided walking tours in addition to long-day excursions to the Rocky Mountains. What type of tours will you discover?

- The Public Art Walking Tour features murals, sculptures and other forms of public art scattered throughout the city.
- Brewery Tours will give you a behind-the-scenes look at Denver's booming beer scene to include the world's largest single-site brewery in the world as well as specialty breweries.
- If tales of crime and history are your idea of a good time, take the Banjo Billy's Bus Tour. You will discover local history and trivia while relaxing in a recliner or saddle as the bus rolls through the heart of Denver.

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# SPRING BREAK: DESTINATIONS

## Across the Regions

## SOUTHERN | Destin, FL

If white sand beaches against crystal waters are more your idea of Spring Break then Destin is exactly what you're looking for. Destin offers beautiful beaches, great seaside food options and an amazing art scene. It's a small community feel with plenty to see and do.

## NEW YORK | Manhattan

For the city Spring Breaker, it doesn't get much better than Manhattan! Visit some of the world's most iconic sites, such as Times Square, the Statue of Liberty and Central Park. Spoil yourself with a diversity of cultural food at every turn, a trip to Little Italy or even take in a Broadway show.

## NEW ENGLAND | Providence, RI

Providence is popular year-round but the warmer weather that spring brings provides allows for activities such as trolley tours, relishing in those iconic waterfront views and strolling the "Mile of History" which is home to one of the largest collections of 18th and 19th-century architecture in the country. A blend of civic, educational, cultural and religious institutions that have historical significance.

## MID-ATLANTIC | Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh offers plenty of experiences for the Spring Break season. Famous for its museums, scenic parks, notable restaurants and plenty of attractions. Visit places like Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Three Rivers Heritage Trail and the locally famous Duquesne Incline.

## THE ROCKIES | Denver, CO

The Mile High City provides many outdoor adventures during the warmer spring months. Try out some kayaking at Confluence Park, explore Denver's Botanical Gardens to discover a 24-acre oasis in the middle of the city or bike some of the 85 miles worth of bike trails that will take you throughout the city.

## CALIFORNIA | Imperial

California has a lot to offer, from great beaches and world-class food to glamourous experiences but Imperial, California offers the unique experience of some of the world's best sand dunes. Camp out under the desert stars at night and ride rented dune buggies during the day through the open desert for an experience you won't soon forget.

## HAWAI'I | Hilo, 'Akaka Falls State Park

'Akaka Falls State Park provides a lush landscape filled with wild orchids, bamboo groves and ferns as you take a short half-mile hike up to see two stunning waterfalls. Discover the 100-foot Kahuna Falls as you make your way to the breathtaking 442-foot 'Akaka falls.









## EXPERIENCE EASTER DINNER

## Across the Regions

ere is a collection of some of the most popular recipes you will find on the Easter dinner table throughout the Southern Airways Express regions.



## ■ HAWAI'I

Try out Taste of Aloha's Lilikoi Mustard Glazed Ham featuring a mild spicy flavor that provides a sweet and fruity finish.

## **CALIFORNIA**

For a west coast flavor-packed side dish, try the Los Angeles Time's Asparagus with Egg and Anchovies. With lighter flavors of hard-boiled eggs, shallots and lemon juice, California flavor isn't far away.

#### ■ THE ROCKIES

Once named Colorado's most popular Easter recipe, the Farmer's Casserole has a breakfast vibe to it featuring hashbrowns, Monterey Jack cheese and cooked ham.

## ■ NEW ENGLAND

Try New England Today's Confetti Scalloped Potatoes as a side dish this Easter holiday. Loaded with shredded potatoes, onion, cheeses and cream of mushroom soup.

## NEW YORK

Could anything be more classic than The Food Charlatan's Classic New York Cheesecake? A rich, creamy and smooth dessert that provides the opportunity for endless toppings.

## **■ MID-ATLANTIC**

Pennsylvania's most popular Easter dessert? The Peanut Butter Brownie Trifle showcases beloved flavors such as chocolate, peanut butter and vanilla.

## SOUTHERN

Few things are more Southern than Pimento cheese and Garden and Gun's Pimento Cheese Biscuit recipe will bring the South straight to your dinner table.



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## PLACES LIKE ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA OR LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY ARE WONDERFUL B-SIDE CITIES TO EXPERIENCE. YOU WILL FEEL MORE LIKE A LOCAL AND NOT BE SO OVERWHELMED.

that if you keep at something you'll get there. It's not always overnight and it's not always obvious where "there" is but you keep working towards a goal or dream and you will succeed.

C9: You eventually caught a break to audition for the Travel Channel and you almost missed your audition—what happened? **SB:** Well, I missed my first audition completely after I failed to make a connecting flight. Fortunately, it was rescheduled for the following week. My initial flight was delayed and as a result, I was running late for my connecting flight. I ran as fast as I could but I missed the final boarding call by about 10 minutes. The flight attendant felt sorry for me and allowed me to sprint out onto the tarmac where I was stopped by a dispatcher. After breaking down and explaining how I was waiting on tables for 8 years and this was my dream job, the dispatcher said only the pilot could make the decision. This all lead to me standing in front of this plane, under its nose, with arms opened wide velling, "PLEASE" toward the captain. He decided to let me on the plane, I made my audition and secured the job. That moment of absolute courage, no fear, just being determined to be on that plane. I never knew that boldness existed in me and now I am very thankful it did.

#### C9: What advice do you have for those who are pursuing a dream?

SB: If it doesn't come naturally, then it's not for you. That is a lie. You have to work hard, very hard, everyone does. Understand that sometimes failure is part of the process. I felt inadequate

have to learn to let go and take the School of Hard Knocks life gives us. Grow a tougher skin and just go for it.

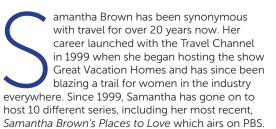
## **C9:** What is your recommended Spring travel destinations?

**SB:** Under the radar cities are always wonderful. Most people leave the city during high travel seasons so you have the place a little more to yourself. You will often find free events, greater restaurant availability and discover more budget-friendly accommodations for the weekends.

B-side cities are the way to go. I call them B-side because like old school records, the A-side is popular and overplayed but the B-side is a little more undiscovered. These cities are not as well known but offer plenty of experiences. Places like Asheville, North Carolina or Louisville, Kentucky are wonderful B-side cities to experience. You will feel more like a local and not be so overwhelmed.

#### C9: You have been to over 250 cities in 62 countries throughout your career, creating over 160 hours of programming time. I have to know, what areas of the world would you love to spend more time in?

SB: It's funny, you would think the more we travel the smaller the world becomes but it's actually quite opposite—the world gets bigger! I think I would like to discover the aurora borealis, or Northern Lights, from Alaska, Iceland or Finland. Latin America, Morocco and Egypt would also be wonderful places to spend time discovering.



I had the opportunity to interview Samantha

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C9: You've talked about having a fear of failure throughout your pursuit of

SB: It was more when I was in the performing arts time of my life. I decided to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in fine Arts from Syracuse University after which I

moved to New York City to chase my dream of performing on stage. This ulti-

mately lead to me waiting on tables for 8 years and growing frustrated asking

myself "What happened?", "Why did I think I could do this?" and having a very

specific memory of being behind one of the restaurants I worked at, outside

looking at the sky thinking "Why did I do this?". I felt like I was selling myself and

my life short. Growing beyond our comfort zone is always scary because we

are afraid to fail. I have always been a late bloomer, I was never the star or stand

out but there were bigger things coming. Throughout this process, I learned

discovering your career, can you further explain this to me and how you

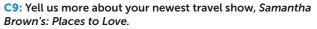
have managed to overcome this fear?





to host the first show I did, I had never done that before, but it was a learning process and experience. Sometimes I would watch myself and cringe.

C9: You became a travel show host with the Travel Channel during a time when men dominated that space. What advice do you have for females in a male dominant career industry? SB: Work hard. Push through your fear and doubts. If you really want it, you have to trust yourself and the process and not submit to the idea of "I can't" or keeping failure in the back of your mind. As women, we often have a more negative approach. If we can't be perfect we sometimes are discouraged. Men fail all the time, they do it well and then they learn from it. We



SB: Yes, it is a show where we explore the emotional heart of travel and the people who change, challenge and strengthen a destination. It is all about seeking out little-known places where brand new travel experiences are being created. We are getting ready to launch our 5th season where we visit Asheville, North Carolina, Colorado Springs, Colorado, San Antonio, Texas and several other domestic locations.

You can watch all of the previous seasons of Samantha Brown's: Places to Love as well as the upcoming 5th season on PBS.

Read more about your favorite



everywhere. Since 1999, Samantha has gone on to host 10 different series, including her most recent,

recently where we discussed the path that carried her journey to where she is now.

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## California



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# D LOS ANGELES TOURS AND EXCURSIONS TO TAKE THIS SPRING

xploring the Los Angeles area can seem like an overwhelming experience. With more than 500 square miles to discover and endless escapades to be had, consider taking a laidback, stress-free guided tour rather than dealing with crowds and congested traffic on your own. Los Angeles hosts tours that will take you on a variety of adventures no matter what your interests. Here are 9 of our bucket list tours and excursions to be had in the City of Angels.



## 1 | BIKES AND HIKES

## Hollywood Sign Hike

The Hollywood Sign Hike has been voted #1 in LA tours and we can see why! This 4-mile hike will take you up to the world-renowned Hollywood Sign and provide panoramic views of all of Los Angeles. Your guide will provide you with local history, suggest the best photo opportunity spots along the way and provide local tips for your Los Angeles vacation while you make the journey to the classic Hollywood Sign.

## **2 | HOLLYWOOD CITY TOURS**

## The Original Hollywood Tour

Discover Hollywood, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills on this open-air bus ride. This tour will take you to some of the most well-known spots in LA such as The Walk of Fame, the two-mile-long Rodeo Drive, the musically famous Whiskey A-Go-Go, celebrity homes and various filming locations just to name a few.

## 3 | BIKES AND HIKES LA

## LA in a Day Bike Tour

This bike tour is rated one of the best bike tours in the Los Angeles area and with good reason. Enjoy the beautiful weather on a bicycle as this tour takes you to some of LA's top highlights including celebrity homes, Santa Monica Pier, Muscle Beach and in addition to many other iconic places. The tour distance is 32 miles and takes approximately 6 hours to complete.

## 4 | SECRET FOOD TOURS

## Los Angeles—Downtown

Experience the taste and culture of Los Angeles through its local cuisine on this 3-hour food tour! Each culinary stop has a local history, locally created dish or unique story that represents the society of LA. Don't forget to upgrade to include the special drinks package to try out the regional beer and wine.





## 5 | TMZ CELEBRITY TOUR

You never know who you will see while taking the TMZ Celebrity Tour! Ride the TMZ bus through Hollywood, Beverly Hills and the Sunset Strip while your driver entertains you with all of the latest gossip, Hollywood secrets and helps you discover the best places to visit for your chance at mingling with the hottest celebs during your LA stay.

## **6** | **DEADLY DEPARTED TOURS**

## **Tragical History Tour**

This tour was tailor-made for fans of history, murder and true crime. Travel to infamous locations throughout the Los Angeles area that are known for celebrity deaths, forgotten tragedies and locations of last known whereabouts. Some celebrity tales included in this tour? Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and the notorious Black Dahlia.

## 7 | ULTIMATE HOLLYWOOD TOURS

## **Celebrity Home Tour**

This tour has been rated the #1 Celebrity Home Tour in all of LA. Enjoy riding around in a luxury van as your guide takes you to some of the most well-known celebrity homes. Your guide will tell you stories of local legends and stop for plenty of photo opportunities at places such as The Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese Theater and the Sunset Strip. But what about those celebrity homes? Visit the homes of Jennifer Aniston, Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars and so many more!

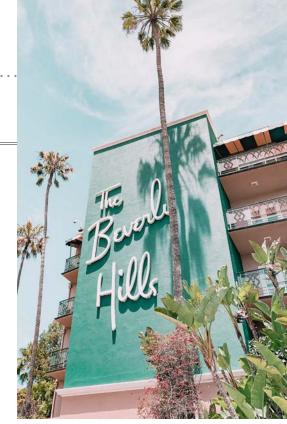
## 8 | SIDEWALK FOOD TOURS OF LOS ANGELES

## **West Hollywood Food Tour**

The West Hollywood Food Tour will whisk you away on a 2.5-hour journey filled with 6 different tasting locations. Get to know LA through carefully chosen establishments that offer you a true taste of Los Angeles. Notable stops include an award-winning taqueria, traditional Thai food from one of LA's oldest Thai restaurants and a pizza shop that brings the best of New York and California together.

## 9 UNIVERSAL STUDIOS STUDIO TOUR

Chances are if you're visiting the Los Angeles area you might be a bit of a movie buff interested in the behind-the-scenes action of Hollywood. If this is you, then you can't afford to miss the classic Universal Studios Studio Tour. One of the most popular attractions in the area, you will get to go backstage to a real working movie studio and discover the secrets of Hollywood film. Visit 13 studio blocks of historic studio lots while learning about set design, seeing some of the most iconic sets that have ever been on television and learning little-known facts and trivia as your guide leads you into the depths of Universal Studios.









## RWAYS Announcement

# Southern Airways Express Continues to Lead the Way in Sustainability with Purchase of 20 REGENT Seagliders





REGENT's Seaglider will float, foil and fly

Founders Billy Thalheimer and Mike Klinker

outhern Airways Express is continuing to pioneer the sustainability front of air travel through a commercial agreement with REGENT, the venture-backed aerospace company bringing the groundbreaking fully-electric seaglider into the world of aviation. Together, these forward-thinking companies will bring 20 REGENT seagliders to Southern Airways Express customers with an initial focus in its New York/New England and Southeastern U.S. markets, including Boston, Nantucket, Palm Beach and Miami.

The REGENT seaglider is an all-electric flying vessel that combines the speed, comfort and navigation systems of an aircraft with the convenience, maneuverability and affordability of a boat. Regulated and certified by maritime authorities, the seaglider will transport commercial passengers and critical cargo up to 180 miles at nearly 180 mph with existing battery technology.

Leveraging existing dock infrastructure, REGENT's seaglider will FLOAT, FOIL, and FLY. From the dock and while in the nowake zone, the vehicle will float on its hull. Upon reaching 20 mph, it will rise up on its retractable hydrofoil. Hydrofoils offer significant wave tolerance and enhanced passenger comfort as the vehicle leaves the crowded city harbor at speeds between 20-40mph. Upon reaching open water, the vehicle smoothly transitions onto its wing, retracts the foil, and accelerates to a comfortable 180-mph cruise speed—all while staying within 100 feet of the water's surface.

We sat down with the CEOs of both REGENT, Billy Thalheimer, and Southern Airways Express, Stan Little, to discuss this merger and what it means for flyers.

## Billy Thalheimer | CEO of REGENT

How did the doors of opportunity open between REGENT and Southern Airways? "Stan and our Director of Business Development, Adam Triolo, met at an event in Vegas where they hit it off immediately. We were both looking at similar ecosystems for similar seaglider operations that Stan was already operating in. As a result, it has been one of our fastest-growing business partnerships due to our goals being so aligned and Stan just saw the vision right away."

When can we anticipate Southern Airways customers to fly on the seagliders? "First commercial flights are planned for Q4 of 2025."

In the meantime, what can we expect to see as this merger unfolds? "We are currently testing a quarter-scale prototype. We will be bringing this to Tampa soon to really demonstrate our operations. The unique thing about a seaglider opposed to predecessor vehicles of this type, WIG (Wing-in-Ground-Effect), is a seaglider has a hydrofoil meaning our operations or float, foil and fly. Nobody has done this before and we will show that this can be done safely and effectively with this quarter-scale model. It will be an unmanned prototype to show the proof of concept from there we will progress into a full-scale prototype that will have humans in it by the end of 2023 and that will certainly display the safety and reliability to carry human operators and passengers. We will learn everything we can from these flights and work our findings back into the product design to ensure aircraft levels of safety are met before bringing that first 12 passenger vehicle that will be carrying commercial passengers to market by 2025."

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**Stan Little** | CEO of Southern Airways Express

How does the addition of the REGENT Seaglider planes to Southern Airway's fleet make Southern Airways more sustainable than other airlines? "We've been working on green initiatives here at Southern almost since

our inception—and especially for the past five years. The addition of the Seagliders is but one facet of a multi-pronged approach at our company. Over the remainder of this decade, we'll be: (1) retro-fitting our existing Caravan fleet with electric and hybrid-electric motors, so that even 20-year-old airplanes will be flying with brand-new, green propulsion; (2) buying new, not yet available airframes straight from the factory which run only on environmentally-friendly fuels; (3) looking beyond 2030 for propulsion from hydrogen fuel cells; and (4) adding the Regent Seagliders to our fleet. No one else in the commuter industry is taking such a holistic approach."

What is the main motivation for adding REGENT Seagliders as a form of service to your customers? "Innovation is the key to remaining at the top of any industry, and Southern/Mokulele is committed to being the most innovative commuter airline in the United States. We've always said that we plan to be the first airline to put paying passengers on an electric/hybrid-electric airplane. With the announcement of our being the launch customer of Regent Seagliders, we've secured our first-mover position in that field, as well."

What are you most excited about as Southern Airways enters into this commercial agreement with REGENT to add Seagliders to your fleet of aircraft? "People just aren't going to believe how quickly technology changes the landscape of short-haul travel along the coasts, and that's exciting to me. This will be one of those transformational changes, like when we all canceled our landline phones for wireless. The diesel-powered ferryboat will quickly become a relic of the past when people can travel in quiet comfort on an environmentally-friendly electric seaglider."

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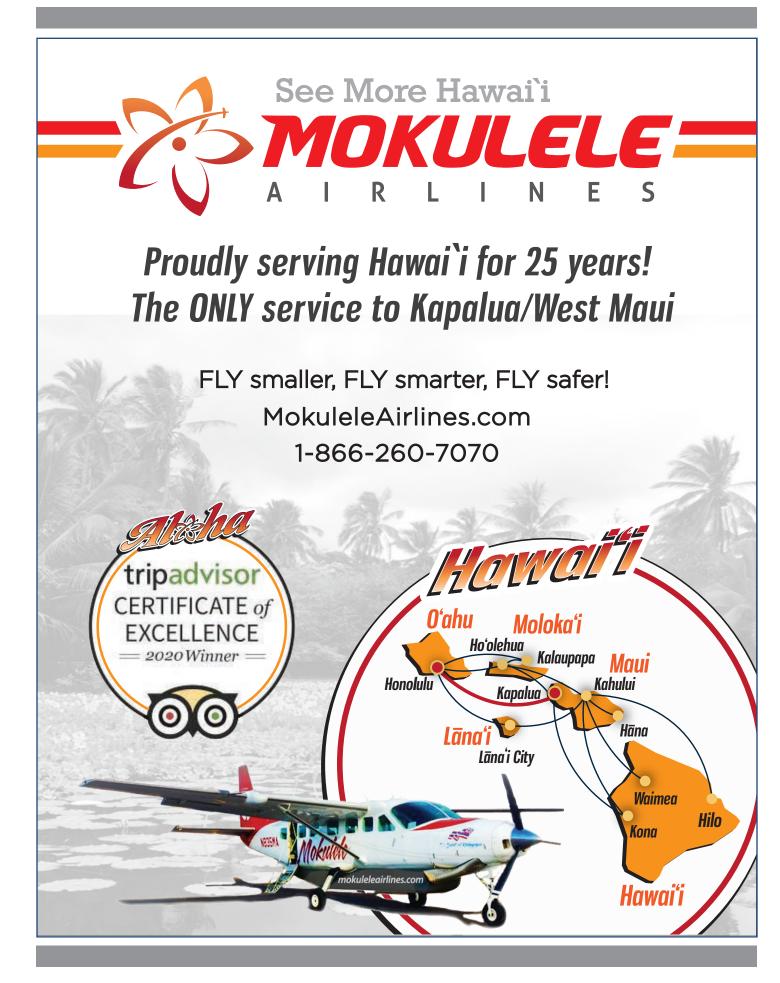
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## **BASEBALL, GANGSTERS** AND OTHER REASONS TO VISIT **HOT SPRINGS. ARKANSAS**

Baseball, gangsters, horse racing, bathhouses and that's just the beginning! If you didn't already think of Hot Springs, Arkansas as an exciting destination it will surely be on your itinerary now!

If you haven't heard or been to Hot Springs, Arkansas...we humbly ask: Why Not?! Hot Springs is located in the Ouachita Mountains and is set among several natural hot springs for which the city derives its name.

The center of Hot Springs is the oldest federal reserve in the United States, today preserved as Hot Springs National Park. The hot spring water has been popularly believed for centuries to possess healing properties according to several Native American tribes.

Steeped in history and home to folks like Babe Ruth, Al Capone, former President Bill Clinton and a Triple Crown winner, you can see why Hot Springs is more than just its infamous Bathhouse Row.

## Home of Spring Training

In 1886, Chicago White Stockings' President Albert Spalding, the founder of A.G. Spalding, and player/manager Cap Anson introduced the concept of players having training and fitness before the start of the regular season, this move gave credit to Hot Springs being called the "birthplace of spring training baseball".

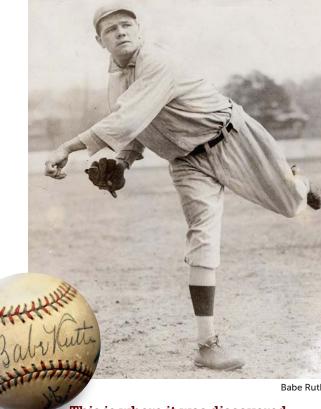
This is where it was discovered that Babe Ruth could hit. St. Patrick's Day, 1918, is nicknamed the "Day that changed Baseball Forever." The pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, Babe Ruth, hit a rumored 573-foot home run into the Arkansas Alligator Farm and Petting Zoo that altered the course of baseball history. In the opening exhibition game against Brooklyn at Whittington Park, Ruth (coming off a 24-13) was a last-minute replacement at first base and the rest, as they say, was history as he hit two home runs that day.

Over 100 players that have spent time training in Hot Springs are now in the Hall of Fame, including Hank Aaron, Jackie Robinson, Honus Wagner and Mickey Mantle.

Today, as part of the Hot Springs Baseball Historic Trail, there are 26 green plaques and markers posted throughout Hot Springs that identify key people and locations, with an app available to provide live details (see our website for more information)

## Gangster Life

Illegal gambling became firmly established in Hot Springs during the decades following the Civil War, with two factions, the Flynns and the Dorans, fighting one another throughout the 1880s for control of the town. In 1905, the oldest bar in Hot Springs opened known as the Ohio Club. the Ohio Club has been a stop-off place for many a celebrity. Al Capone, Bugsy Siegal, Bugs Moran, Lucky Luciano—just to name a few of the gangsters. Because of all the gambling that went on in Hot Springs, many headliner talents were brought to Hot Springs. In 1915 Al Jolson performed at the Ohio Club and in the mid-'30s even saw Mae West perform. If you are looking to live like a gangster, try the Arlington Hotel. Al Capone, whose favorite room was 443, had the whole floor for his staff and bodyguards.



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Al Capone





The Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park



Drawing drinking water from a natural spring



One of many hot springs located throughout the area

## Back To Nature

Hot Springs might be most famous for its Bathhouse Row but there are also hot springs to draw drinking water from, swim in and the city is surrounded by eleven lakes (if you include a reservoir lake, then there are 12 total), around 30 miles of trails, 9 golf courses, and over 500 miles of scenic road to drive and explore.

No matter what you love, Hot Springs, Arkansas has it! For Southern Airways flights in and out of HOT visit the Southern Airways website (iflysouthern.com). For more info on Hot Springs visit our website at CloudNineMagazine.com.



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