

Monograms Redefines Staycations With 2011 North American Packages

With an amazing list of North American vacations, independent travel brand Monograms is giving travelers more reason to stay close to home in 2011. Travelers can book Monograms vacations with Liberty Travel.

In recent years, the term "staycation" has been used to describe vacationers who stick close to home when they use their vacation time. It's estimated that more than 70% of Americans do not own a passport, and therefore cannot travel internationally. But it might be those who do own a passport who are missing out—stretching almost 3,000 miles from coast to coast, the United States is a vast landscape that's filled with unique and incredible travel experiences.

This fact is certainly not lost on Monograms, one of the world's leading names in independent vacation packages, and part of the Globus family of brands, an award-winning, travel industry leader with more than 80 years of international travel expertise. Monograms has unveiled their 2011 catalogue of North American vacations that offer Americans a chance to enjoy the country they call home as a couple, family, on a girls' getaway or traveling solo.

Five completely new options are being added to Monogram's more than 35 North American vacations. Travelers who enjoy the outdoors—or who have an interest in the diverse, majestic beauty of North America—will be particularly enticed, with vacations such as "Best of Alaska," "Alaska Adventure," "Sea to Sky, Vancouver and Whistler", and "Heart of the Great Lakes."

Monograms vacations are similar to the escorted journeys Globus specializes in, though travelers who book a Monograms vacation will be traveling independently with their companions (versus traveling with a group and a guide as they would on an escorted tour). Packages are pre-planned, saving travelers a lot of time in terms of logistics, and are highly customizable. A sampling of the North American activities that Monograms suggests include biking the Golden Gate Bridge, Halibut fishing in Homer Alaska, "flightseeing" tour over the Pemberton Ice Cap in Whistler, and rafting down Snake River in Jackson, CO.

Monograms also offers travelers access to on-site Local Hosts, who answer questions, arrange excursions and offer suggestions for ways to enjoy time in their destinations. For the first time in 2011, Monograms is offering access to Local Hosts on North American vacations.

Interested travelers can learn more about North American vacations with Monograms by contacting their Liberty Travel Vacation Expert directly, or by

calling 1.877.LIBERTY. Travelers can also visit any of Liberty Travel's 160 convenient store locations (a list of stores is available at libertytravel.com) to request a Monograms brochure.

For any travelers who want to book a trip abroad, Liberty Travel Vacation Experts can also assist with obtaining travel documents, including passports.

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