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YOUR AAA

Annual Cost to Own a Vehicle Soars

The average yearly cost to own and operate a new vehicle in 2022 is \$10,729, according to AAA's latest Your Driving Costs study. This marks a considerable increase from 2021 when the average yearly cost was \$9,666. Not surprisingly, fuel prices are the most significant factor pushing this year's average annual price tag.

"Consumers are paying more attention when purchasing a new vehicle since everything is more expensive right

now," said Greg Brannon, AAA's director of automotive engineering. "With the recent increase in fuel prices, more and more people want to know the true costs of owning a car beyond their monthly payment."

New Tool to Calculate Your **Driving Costs:**

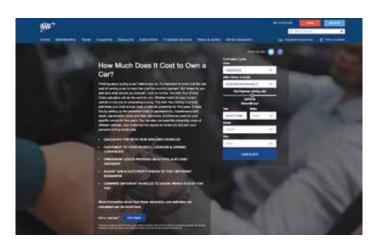
To help consumers determine the real cost of vehicle ownership, AAA has published its annual Your Driving Costs study since 1950. This annual analysis looks at the most popular vehicle models to calculate ownership costs across several areas, including depreciation, finance, fuel, insurance, license/registration/taxes and maintenance/repair/tires. These are then combined and averaged to determine the overall average cost to own and operate a vehicle.

New this year, AAA launched an online Your Driving Costs Calculator to provide an interactive and personalized breakdown for consumers. This online tool allows users to view comprehensive cost analyses of new and used vehicles to determine ownership costs that best align with their budget.

For comparison, the average yearly costs to own and operate various 2022 vehicle models, from least to greatest, include:

Small Sedan	\$8,184
Electric Vehicle	\$9,048
Subcompact SUV	\$9,246
Compact SUV	\$9,325
Hybrid Vehicle	\$9,691
Medium Sedan	\$10,351
Midsize Pickup	\$10,537
Medium SUV	\$11,305
½ Ton/Crew-Cab Pickup	\$12,932

To access this calculator, visit AAA.com/autorepair/drivingcosts.



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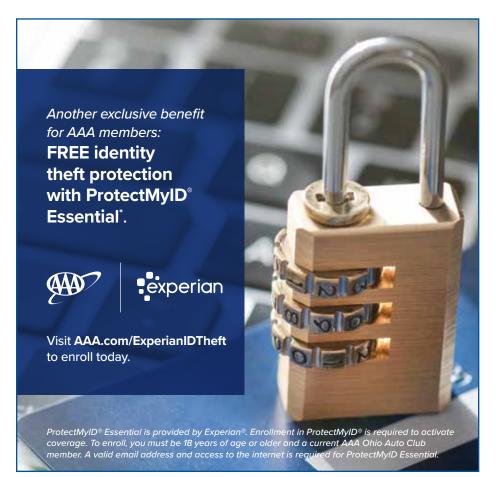
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you can purchase a AAA Gift Membership for as little as \$49. To purchase a Gift Membership go to AAA.com/gift.

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- Enjoy **free identity theft protection** with ProtectMyID. The Essential Plan is available to members at no cost. Upgraded Deluxe and Platinum plans also are available. To enroll, go to **AAA.com/IDTheft**.

These and many other AAA benefits await those on your holiday gift-giving list. This year, give them the gift of safety, security and peace of mind.



Sign up for Auto Pay

AAA members are encouraged to sign up for Auto Pay to automatically renew their membership year after year. In addition to providing convenience, Auto Pay benefits include:

- One-time \$5 off each enrolled household
- One extra emergency road service call

To enroll, call or visit your local AAA store, or visit **AAA.com/AutoPay**.

Five-Diamond **Employees Named**

AAA Ohio has announced its most recent recipients of the AAA Five Diamond Employee Award.





Kristen Zimmerman, digital marketing manager, was named Five Diamond Employee of the Month for August.



Scott Fogle, manager of the Dublin Car Care Plus facility, was named Five Diamond Employee of the Month for September.



Tariq Fort, travel agent in Westerville, was named Five Diamond Employee of the Month for October.

Did You Know?

AAA's footprint across North America has now surpassed 63 million members.

AAA World Travelers

Traveling in Sicily and the Amalfi Coast with a AAA group tour can be a very rewarding experience. Seeing Mount



Etna erupting was a special treat. The great food and gelato made the trip even better. It can be surprising to see modern cities and ancient ruins side by side. Good walking shoes are a must.

Marlene Bolea Canton, Ohio AAA member since 1979

Our last day on the land part of our trip. This was the highlight of our trip. Only 30% of tourists get to see Denali. A wonderful trip.





Watch for more member travel photos in upcoming issues of AAA Magazine.



Congratulations **AAA Winners**

Anniqua Cochran of Akron (right in photo on the left) and Kerry Dalton of Zanesville (left in photo on the right) each won a Yeti prize package worth \$2,500 after being entered into a drawing among those requesting an auto insurance quote from AAA.





Editor's Note: Be sure to call ahead before heading out to enjoy these and other great Ohio events, as there could be cancellations or scheduling changes.

Through Dec. 31

Charley Harper Gift Shop At the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Columbus

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The Grange Insurance Audubon Center presents A Charley Harper 100th Birthday Year Celebration Exhibition (through Nov. 27) & Gift Shop charley harper (through Dec. 31)



featuring 80 framed pieces on display and for sale created by renowned American (Cincinnati-based) artist Charley Harper (1911-2007). Purchase a framed piece and receive a free Harper print while supplies last. The gift shop will remain open until Dec. 31 on Saturdays, Sundays, select weekdays and by special appointment. Harper merchandise is the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list. The shop will feature mugs, T-shirts, posters, puzzles, youth activity/sticker books, ornaments, coaster sets, stationery items and more.

The Ohio Holiday Lights Trail Showcases the Best Light Displays in Ohio

Visiting light displays during the holiday season is a beloved tradition for so many people. It's such an enjoyable way to spend time with family and friends while getting in the holiday spirit.

If visiting light displays is on your holiday to-do list, you might want to check out the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail, a curated list of the best light displays across the state.

Ohio. Find It Here., the state's tourism division, created the list in 2016 to make people aware of the incredible displays they might not otherwise have known about. Last year, the lights trail included 43 light displays, its largest since its inception. This year's list is expected to have at least that many and possibly more.

"The Ohio Holiday Lights Trail features the best of the best in Ohio," said Matt MacLaren, director of Ohio. Find It Here. "We want to make sure people discover amazing holiday light displays we have here in Ohio, from charming towns to our vibrant cities. No matter where you live, chances are you're not too far from a beautiful display."

You can download the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail map and plan your holiday travels around Ohio at Ohio.org.



Through March 5, 2023

"Wild Things Are Happening: The Art of Maurice Sendak" **Columbus Museum of Art** columbusmuseum.org

This is the first major retrospective of Maurice Sendak since his death in 2012, and the largest and most complete exhibition of one of the most celebrated and original artists of our time. The exhibition is comprised of more than 150 sketches, storyboards and paintings by Sendak, drawn from the collection of The Maurice Sendak Foundation. Highlights include original work for Sendak's most famous books: "Where the Wild Things Are," "In the Night Kitchen" and "Outside Over There." Sendak was influenced by writers ranging from William Shakespeare to Herman Melville.

Alongside landmark pictures for Sendak's own books will be examples of artwork he created for such celebrated publications as "The Bat-Poet" by Randall Jarrell, "A Hole is to Dig" by Ruth Krauss, the Little Bear Series by Else Holmelund Minarik and "Zlateh the Goat" by Isaac Bashevis Singer.

As Sendak said, "If there must be more to life, then it is surely what art provides."

Nov. 6 - Dec. 23

Gifts of the Craftsmen Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus ohiocraft.org

The annual Gifts of the Craftsmen holiday exhibition and sale will feature beautiful jewelry, functional pottery, art glass, wood cutting boards, whimsical puppets and animals, sparkling glass ornaments and more, by more than 125 fine-craft artists. Stop in and shop these unique one-of-a-kind items, ideal for fall and the holidays.

Nov. 11-13

A Yuletide Winter's Gathering **Downtown Tipp City** downtowntippcity.org

The perfect start to the holiday season awaits you in historic Downtown Tipp City where the shopkeepers warmly invite you to their open house. Don't miss the visit by Santa, strolling carolers, musicians and carriage rides. This is one of the best communities to visit before the holidays to shop for wonderfully unique gifts and collectibles.

Nov. 13

100th TWIG Bazaar Lausche Building, **Ohio Expo Center** nationwidechildrens.org/ twigbazaar

TWIG of Nationwide Children's Hospital will be sponsoring its 100th TWIG Bazaar on Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Attendees will be treated to unique handcrafted gifts and decorative items, a silent auction, raffles, Holiday Pantry and children's area featuring games, crafts and pictures with Santa. Event proceeds will benefit Nationwide Children's Hospital.

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Winterfair Cincinnati Nov. 25-27

Northern Kentucky Convention Center Covington, Kentucky Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winterfair Columbus Dec. 2-4

Multipurpose Building Ohio State Fairgrounds Fri. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



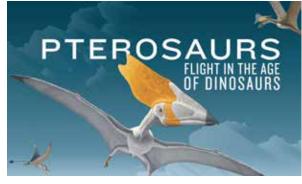
Dec. 31

Lima Symphony,
"Never Break the
Chains: The Music
of Fleetwood Mac"
Veterans Memorial Civic &
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The Lima Symphony welcomes Jeans n' Classics back to the stage for "Never Break the Chains – The Music of Fleetwood Mac." Hailed as one of the greatest pop groups of all time, Fleetwood Mac's iconic music combines piercing lyrics, smooth harmonies and high-energy rock and roll feel that continues to resonate with fans from every generation.

'Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs'
Lands at COSI

The Center of Science and Industry, voted "No. 1 Science Museum in the Country" by USA Today's 10Best, announced an exciting addition landing in the American Museum of Natural History Special Exhibition Gallery,



"Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs."

For as long as dinosaurs walked the Earth, flying animals called pterosaurs ruled the skies. They ranged from the size of a sparrow to that of a two-seater plane. As a close relative of dinosaurs, these extraordinary, winged reptiles are the focus of the intriguing exhibition.

The exhibition highlights research by scientists and leading paleontologists around the world and features fossil casts of rare pterosaurs from Italy, Germany, China, The United States, the United Kingdom and Brazil. It includes life-size models, captivating videos and interactive exhibits that immerse visitors in the mechanics of pterosaur flight, including a motion sensor-based interactive that allows those who visit to use their body to "pilot" two species of pterosaurs through virtual, prehistoric landscapes.

For more information about this exciting exhibition, visit COSI.org/Pterosaurs.



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CARS & DRIVING

Braking Bad: Automatic Emergency Braking Absent When You Need It Most

AAA research reveals AEB is better at spotting stationary vehicles, but speed poses challenges

New AAA test results reveal the latest generation of Automatic Emergency Braking systems cannot handle higher, realistic speeds nor can they detect moving vehicles in their path at intersections. This can put drivers at risk since most injuries and fatalities occur at higher speeds.

While these systems are designed to improve driver safety, AAA warns drivers not to rely on AEB to prevent collisions and encourages automakers to focus on better design and testing to address the most devastating crashes.

What is AEB?

AEB uses forward-facing cameras and other sensors to automatically tell the car to apply the brakes when a crash is imminent. The technology has reduced rear-end crashes at slower speeds and has been refined over the years with upgraded hardware and software.

Twenty automakers have committed to including AEB as standard equipment in their future vehicles, representing more than 99% of the U.S. automotive market. As these systems become more commonplace, it's essential to understand their ability to prevent or mitigate common collisions.

What AAA Tested

- Rear-end Crashes: Encountering a stationary vehicle at speeds of 30 and 40 mph (currently mandated testing speeds are 12 and 25 mph).
- Intersection Crashes: T-bone and unprotected left turn collisions - two of the deadliest crash scenarios at intersections

The Results

- At 30 mph, AEB prevented a rear-end collision for 17 of 20 test runs, or 85% of the time. For the test runs that resulted in a crash, the impact speed was reduced by 86%.
- But at 40 mph, AEB only prevented a rear-end crash in 6 of 20 test runs, or 30% of the time. For test runs that resulted in a crash, the impact speed was reduced by 62%.
- In both the T-bone and left turn in front of an oncoming vehicle tests, crashes occurred 100% of the time. AEB failed to alert the driver, slow the vehicle's speed and avoid the crash.

The results show that AEB performs well in lower-speed rear-end test scenarios, with either crash prevention or significant speed reduction. However, the systems tested were utterly ineffective in scenarios involving an intersection and at higher speeds.

"Automatic Emergency Braking does well at tackling the limited task it was designed to do. Unfortunately, that task was drawn up years ago and regulators' slow-speed crash standards haven't evolved," said Greg Brannon, director of AAA's automotive engineering and industry relations. "Testing requirements for this technology, or any vehicle safety system for that matter, must be updated to handle faster, more realistic speeds and scenarios with the greatest safety benefit for drivers"

What's Next

AAA strongly urges automakers and regulatory agencies to focus on system design and test protocols to better handle the types of crashes when injuries and fatalities commonly occur.

- Automakers must improve AEB systems to assist drivers in intersection-based crash scenarios.
- Drivers must recognize an AEB system's limitations and remain engaged when behind the wheel.

Methodology

AAA selected four vehicles for testing, choosing two of each driver monitoring design type, cameraequipped and input from the steering wheel. AAA does not rate vehicle performance. The vehicles were as follows:

- 2022 Chevrolet Equinox LT with "Chevy Safety Assist"
- 2022 Ford Explorer XLT with "Pre-Collision Assist with Automatic Emergency Braking"
- 2022 Honda CR-V Touring with "Honda Sensing"
- 2022 Toyota RAV4 LE with "Toyota Sensing"

The vehicles were procured directly from the manufacturer or specialty rental fleets. To ensure the proper functioning of the AEB system, all vehicles were serviced at dealerships.

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CHECK IN AT ONE OF OHIO'S SELECT REGISTRY PROPERTIES By Heather Taylor

elect Registry Distinguished Inns of North America is a collection of independently owned inns, bed and breakfasts and boutique hotels. Celebrating a milestone birthday of 50 years in 2022, the organization was established in 1972 by travel writer Norman T. Simpson. He was the recognized authority on country inns of his time and traveled the roads and wrote of the unique inns he visited in an annually published guidebook.

Today, Select Registry continues in the spirit of Simpson with more than 260 member properties throughout the United States, with eight Select Registry properties in Ohio. Ranging from locations in cities and rural towns to winery estates and a Scottish-inspired inn, each property has its own distinct character and has passed the most comprehensive quality inspection in the industry. Guests can be assured that when they "Stay Select," they will receive consistent quality and comfort at each property.

Continued on page 12

Here is a round-up of the eight Select Registry properties in Ohio:

GERVASI VINEYARD LUXURY SUITES

Gervasi Vineyard Luxury Suites is a Tuscan-inspired winery resort on a 55-acre estate in Canton. This is a oenophile's dream destination with a wine portfolio that boasts more than 30 varietals. In addition to producing award-winning wine, the property also offers distillery tours, tastings, 48 luxury suites, exceptional cuisine at three distinct restaurants and a coffeehouse/cocktail lounge.

GLENLAUREL, A SCOTTISH INN AND COTTAGES

Glenlaurel, A Scottish Inn and Cottages found on 140 acres of the rolling Hocking Hills, carries a Scottish theme throughout, including on the Scottish links golf course. This adult-only resort boasts luxurious accommodations (cottages, crofts, suites and rooms), six- and seven-course fine dining and private gorge/hiking trails.

GRANVILLE INN

Granville Inn dates back to 1924 and is owned by Denison University, one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges. Within walking distance of the quaint shops and sights of the town of Granville, its on-site restaurant is known for its chef-inspired menus, creative entrées and craft cocktails.

INN & SPA AT CEDAR FALLS

Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls is a natural haven, surrounded by Hocking Hills State Parks, mammoth rock formations, caves and waterfalls. With a variety of unique accommodation types, guests can choose from geodomes, charming cottages, Pacific-style yurts and Hocking Hills lodges.

















J PALEN HOUSE

J Palen House is just steps away from craft breweries in downtown Cleveland, making this property a beer lovers' paradise. Offering rooms and suites with two-person spa baths, fireplaces and private outdoor patios, it is a great option for those visiting Cleveland for a few days. Separate private residences include living space and kitchens for longer stays or to enjoy with friends or family.

MURPHIN RIDGE INN BED & BREAKFAST

Murphin Ridge Inn Bed & Breakfast is situated on 142 acres of rolling woodland and farmland with breathtaking vistas of the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. This property is the perfect getaway for relaxation amidst the Amish country of Ohio.

SEBRING MANSION INN & SPA

Sebring Mansion Inn & Spa is a historic inn, fondly known as the "maiden of the mansion," found in the village of Sebring in southwestern Mahoning County. Offering guests luxury lodging, breakfast and dinner with white-glove service and a full-service pub, this property has a rich history without compromising any of the modern amenities of today.

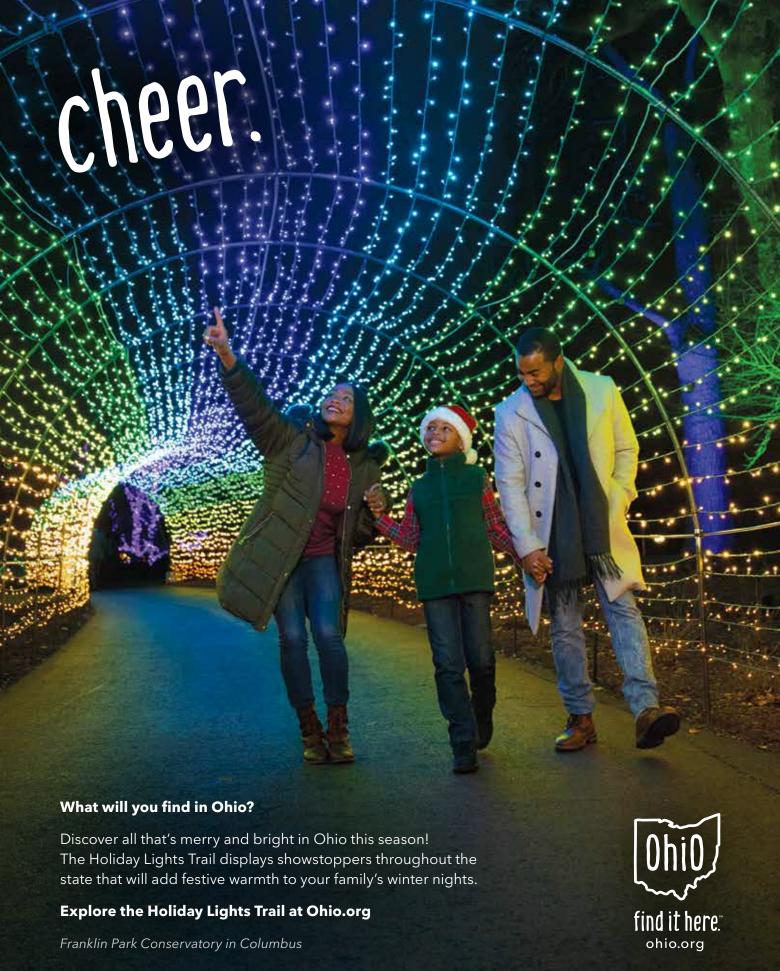
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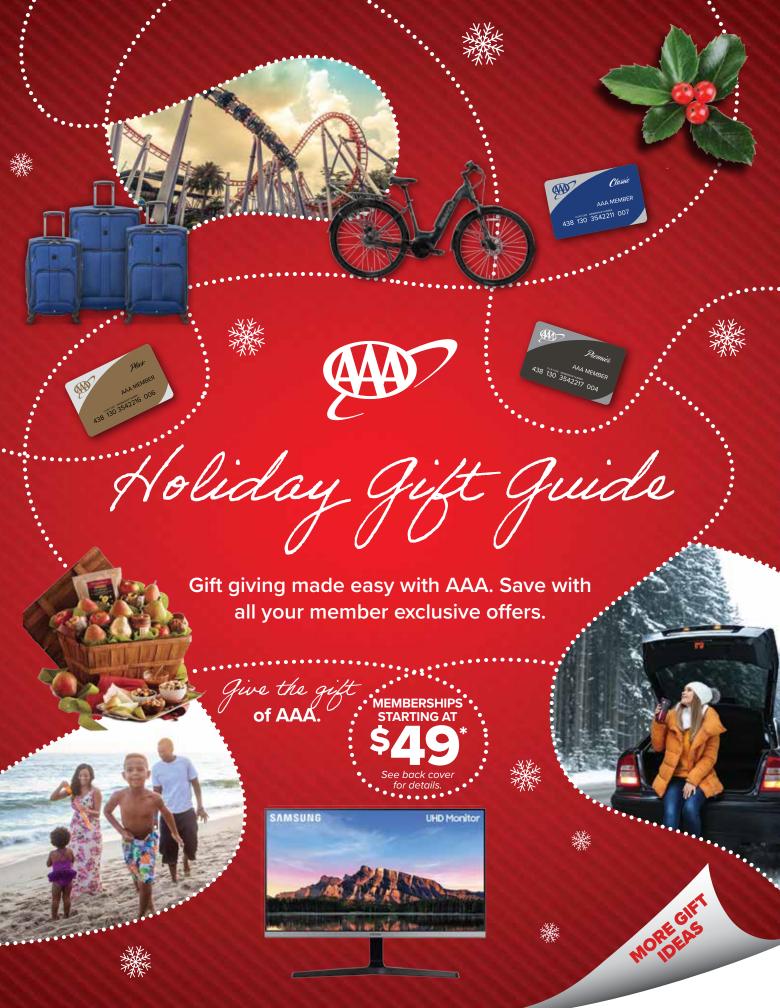
The Welsh Hills Inn is a boutique inn located in the heart of the historic, New England-like Village of Granville's idyllic Welsh Hills equestrian countryside. Spacious, beautifully appointed guestrooms, expansive veranda and a variety of activities on-site include bocce ball court, shooting and target ranges and outdoor table tennis, just to name a few.

To learn more about these properties or Select Registry, visit www.SelectRegistry.com.

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Heather Taylor is the director of marketing for Select Registry.







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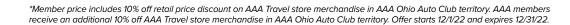
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you are looking to get out, and possibly get active, there's no better place to do that than in Wyoming. Fishing, skiing, mountain climbing, hiking and whitewater rafting are among the activities you can partake in at the entrance to the Grand Teton National Park. But you also can experience nature as the Grand Tetons tower above and you are less than two hours by car from Yellowstone National Park, considered the first national park in the world. AAA even offers Yellowstone and Grand Teton Audio Driving Tours to hit all the highlights and not miss a thing, all at your own pace.

Located between the Gros Ventre Mountain Range and the Teton Mountain Range, Jackson Hole is a valley about 48 miles long and between 8 and 15 miles wide. With plenty of lodging options, restaurants, shopping choices and the largest commercial airport in Wyoming, it makes it the perfect place to set up camp for your adventures, much like the settlers and pioneers of the Old West.

Believed to be the youngest of the Rocky Mountains, Grand Teton rises to 13,775 feet, making it the secondhighest peak in Wyoming. The national park operates year-round with plenty of activities, including bird watching and other wildlife viewings, fishing and horseback riding. The park also offers backcountry camping and, during certain times of the year, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Up the road to the north, more nature awaits at Yellowstone. Whether it's waiting for the next eruption of Old Faithful or grabbing a gander at the wildlife wandering the park, make sure you plan to make the most of your trip. Yellowstone has nine lodges and 12 campgrounds within the park, as well as plenty of restaurants.

As you enter Yellowstone, you will see the beauty that has been thrilling visitors for more than 150 years. Approximately half the geysers in the world are located in Yellowstone, as well as fumaroles and bubbling mud pots. But the star of the park is Old Faithful, so named



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because officials can predict the next eruption of the cone geyser within 10 minutes. There will be plenty of time to explore the area, see an eruption of Old Faithful and check out the geyser basin before returning to West Yellowstone.

Visit the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center to learn about Yellowstone's top two predators, the grizzly bear and grey wolf. Want a chance to see these predators? As the sun begins to set, even if you have been active all day, keep your eyes open because this is the best time to see the fauna. Elk, bison, moose, wolves and bears all have been known to make an appearance.

If you are planning on visiting both national parks, you might consider purchasing a National Parks Service Annual Pass. A tour also is an excellent option for getting the most out of the time you have in this scenic destination.

You don't need a passport or take a 12-hour flight to go on a wildlife safari. In fact, on a AAA tour, you will see predators in their natural habitat. On the Yellowstone Wildlife Safari, professional guides who have a formal education in wildlife biology lead smaller groups through Yellowstone National Park.

Known as The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. the Upper Falls and Lower Falls are where the Yellowstone River carved a 1,200-foot deep and 4,000-foot wide canyon. Down below, in scenic

Hayden Valley, keep an eye out for large herds of buffalo and other wildlife.

As you leave Yellowstone and enter Grand Teton National Park on your return to Jackson, you will see the Tetons, Jackson Lake and Snake River from Oxbow Bend and the Snake River Overlook.

And since you're there, don't forget to explore the town of Jackson, Wyoming, home to plenty of art galleries, shops, attractions and restaurants. A Scenic Float Trip down the Snake River will showcase the beauty of Grand Teton National Park. You also should visit Jackson Lake Lodge, named a National Historic Landmark because of its architecture.

As your journey comes to a close, besides the souvenirs and photos you took, you will take home memories of an adventure of a lifetime - all without having your passport stamped.

John T. Garcia is the managing editor of AAA Magazine.



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INSIDE THE ROYAL **EDINBURGH MILITARY** TATTOO

By Amanda Snively



A look at Scotland's capital city and largest, best-selling event.

Every year, travelers flock to Edinburgh, Scotland, to soak in the cultural and historical significance of this beautiful city. While Edinburgh on its own is on many a bucket list, every year thousands plan to enhance their Scotland experience by visiting during The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, held at Edinburgh Castle. The event is world-renowned for its music, dance and grand displays, and guests can expect a global showcase unlike any other.

Starting as a humble event, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has come a long way to be the world-famous exhibition we know today. Beginning in 1949, the event started as a musical drama piece titled "Something About a Solider" held in Edinburgh's Princes Street Gardens. Because of the success of the production, the following year Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Andrew Murray, asked that a military show be created for the International Festival with the new name, "Edinburgh Tattoo."

Now dubbed The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the event brings guests from all over the world, with more than 8,000 in attendance on the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade every night of the event. The Tattoo has sold out for 22 consecutive seasons (except for 2020 and 2021).

The 2022 Tattoo was a highly anticipated year after a two-year hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tracy Tester of West Sussex, United Kingdom, visited Edinburgh and attended the Tattoo with her husband. "It was mesmerizing – the whole show, the bands, costumes, performers, music, everything. I loved the Scottish Highland Dance Group," she said. "They were fantastic."

When asked about travel tips and tricks, Tester had plenty of advice. "Wrap up. It's all seating outside and a lot of people take a blanket with them," she said. "We were lucky it didn't rain." The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is known to have never been canceled because of weather, despite inclement circumstances – so be prepared.

Tester also talked about the efficiencies of the event. While having to gueue, the event production is about

getting everyone in and out of the event as quickly and safely as possible and accommodating thousands of eager spectators daily. The efficiencies put in place are an especially high priority during the Saturday evening events, which include an incredible fireworks display that Tester and her husband observed. The event and fireworks last around 90 minutes.

Tester mentioned that guests could expect plenty of food and drink stalls and, much to everyone's relief, bathrooms as well.

She also recommended plenty of other things to do outside of the spectacular event. Tester enjoyed the city of Edinburgh, citing the beauty and uniqueness of the architecture and the charms of Princes Street with its many cafes, shops and pubs serving excellent food.

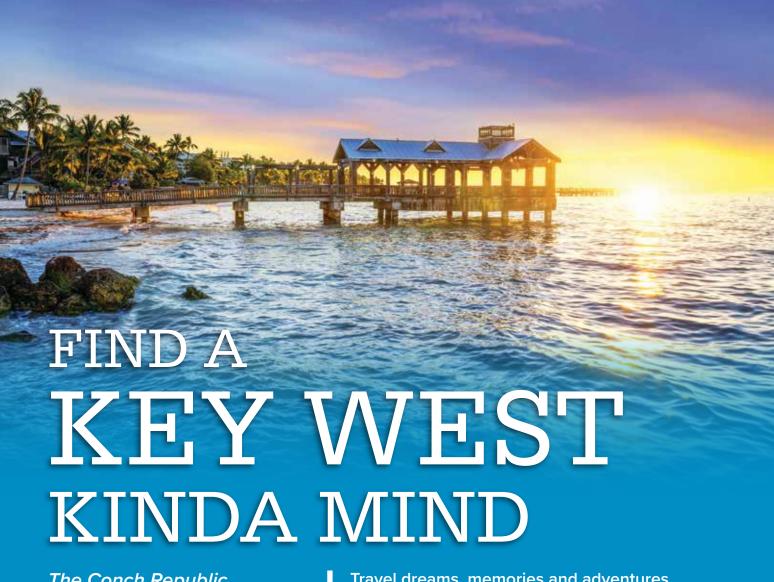
She advised while visiting during the Tattoo to book all tours well in advance or risk missing out. Tours of the Edinburgh Castle or Edinburgh Dungeons are sure to help you get your fill of Scottish history. Tester found herself under the Royal Mile to get a view of how Scots lived before the Royal Mile was built atop it. One of her favorite experiences was enjoying a traditional cream tea aboard the Royal Britannia, which was once Queen Elizabeth II's ship.

Traveling to Scotland and attending The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an experience unlike any other, which is a sentiment Tester happily agrees with. "It is a great experience, and I would happily go again."

Amanda Snively is AAA Ohio's travel marketing manager.



Interested in attending the 2023 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo? Scan the QR code to join Journey Manager Eric Wertz for his Best of Ireland and Scotland tour.



The Conch Republic never fails to entertain its visitors.

By Curtis Scott

Travel dreams, memories and adventures are plentiful in Key West, Florida. This amazing destination, with all of its beautiful sunsets, can help you clear and reset your mind. Key West is a treasure chest full of rewards for every walk of life.





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West, often referred to by locals as the Conch Republic, was once run by pirates, treasure hunters and wreckers, those who made a living salvaging cargo from nearby shipwrecks. To this day, Key West takes great pride in its buccaneer feeling, which makes it a wonderful place to vacation.

There are several ways to get there. If you prefer the great American road trip, drive the beautiful three hours from Miami south on U.S. 1, also known as The Overseas Highway. Or you can fly straight into Key West (birthplace of Pan American Airways in 1927).

This tiny place has its own unique vibe. It stems from its rich and exciting history and its incredible location. Key West is truly a laid-back place with so many days of sunshine, several tropical beaches and its carefree lifestyle. It also is known for its tropical breezes every day, keeping you refreshed as you explore the island.

Key West is a destination that is active day and night. Put on a pair of comfortable footwear and hit the streets. The best way to see historic "Old Town" Key West is by foot, moped or bicycle. I prefer walking because parking is hard to find and expensive. By walking, I can take my time strolling the streets and reading all the historic signs. It also gives me time to refuel and try local delights.

Some of my favorites are frozen key lime cheesecake slices dipped in chocolate from Mattheessen's Homemade, street-side fresh fried conch from The Conch





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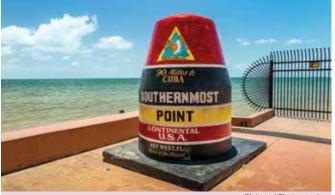
Shack and even local fried Hogfish sliders on amazing Cuban bread at Hogfish Bar & Grill.

While walking around Key West you will notice the colorful gingerbread mansions mixed among the smaller, typical homes covered in tin roofs. The most recognized gingerbread houses on the island are the "Little White House," the former home of U.S. President Harry Truman; and Ernest Hemingway's famous "Cat Mansion."

One of my favorite places for more Key West history is the iconic Key West Shipwreck Museum. Here you can relive the wrecker life that made Key West one of the wealthiest places in America during the 1800s.

Visitors also should take time to adventure to north Key West to explore, only via kayak launch, the Indian Key Historic State Park, a place with few ruins but a ton of abundant history. Seafaring adventures also await you. You will not be disappointed with the southernmost point offerings for thrilling and exciting ocean fun. Sailing, motor boating, scuba diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, beach time and even floating bars all transport visitors to the modern way of paradise life.

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TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME VISITORS:

- Remember to pack comfortable shoes.
- Get up early and explore, because Key West starts at sunrise.
- Enjoy the evening celebrations on historic Duval Street.
- Enjoy local bites: brunch with a chicken and waffle charcuterie board at 610 Green Street, late night bite at Mr. Z's and dinner at Stone Crab and the Flaming Buoy Filet Co.

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The "Old Town" has even more of a tropical laid-back vacation vibe during the day and at night as crowds of people pop in and out of restaurants, bars, shops and festivities.

One of Key West's top attractions, however, is the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square, where a festival erupts every night.

Key West has plenty of diverse places to rest your head at night, from resort-style hotels to small inns and quest houses.

However you decide to do Key West, the Conch Republic is a well-rounded vacation destination for the whole family or a quick fun-packed getaway for a couple or group of friends. Key West is all about its history, culture and its people. The Key West saying is #onehumanfamily.

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Today, AAA continues to champion the interests of motorists at all levels of government. We campaign for well-maintained roads and actively work to help keep taxation of motorists at a reasonable level.

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On a state level, the Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs was formed as a legal entity many years ago to facilitate collaboration and business partnerships between the independent clubs in Ohio and to serve our members' common interests.

More recently AAA has been speaking out on impaired and distracted driving, demanding stronger seatbelt legislation across the country and lobbying for Move Over laws in all 50 states. Sadly, last year more than 60 emergency responders, including tow providers, lost their lives at the roadside and hundreds more were injured while tending to disabled vehicles.

Much of this work is supported by proprietary research conducted by AAA automotive experts and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Since its founding in 1947, the AAA Foundation has funded several hundred projects to discover the causes of traffic crashes, prevent them and minimize injuries when they do occur.

Forward looking, AAA is actively exploring the future of transportation. Here at OAC we are heavily involved in Technology Takes the Wheel, an educational initiative launched in partnership with The Ohio State University, Smart Columbus, Drive Ohio, Columbus State Community College and the Transportation Research Center. The innovative work underway by this group is exciting and I encourage you to watch past recorded seminars at AAA.com/TTTW and learn about the shared insights of next-generation transportation technology, including electric vehicles, delivery drones and smarter highways. AAA's resilience, acceptance and adaptation to these new technologies will ensure our continued relevance in the transportation industry.

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Ohio Heads Into Peak Time for Deer-related Crashes

AAA, The Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources want to remind motorists of the increase in deer-related traffic crashes this time of year.

Since 2017, statistics from the Ohio State Highway Patrol show there were 101,912 deer-related crashes on Ohio's roadways. While 95% of deer-related crashes only resulted in property damage, 29 crashes resulted in fatal injuries to motorists, with 31 killed. Additionally, 47% of these crashes occurred in October, November and December

"While the fall season is one that many Ohioans look forward to, drivers should also prepare themselves for the annual increase in deer activity that begins around the same time," said Gov. Mike DeWine. "During this time of year, it's important to be extra diligent behind the wheel at all hours of the day, but especially at dawn and dusk."

"When you keep your full focus on the roadway, you are more likely to be able to spot deer and slow down without swerving," said Col. Charles A. Jones, OSHP superintendent. "If you happen to strike a deer, move yourself to a safe place if you're able to do so, turn on your hazard lights and report the crash."

"As motorists have likely noticed, deer are very visible and active in the fall." ODNR wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker said. "If you see one deer, be on the lookout for others nearby. Deer rarely run alone."

COST OF DEER-VEHICLE COLLISIONS:

Colliding with a deer is not only dangerous, but it's also increasingly costly. Recent data estimates the average insurance claim for a deer-vehicle collision in Ohio is nearly \$5,000. Vehicle sensors found on newer vehicles continue to increase repair costs. AAA found these new safety systems can double repair bills for minor collisions.

"In the event of an accident, it's important to have adequate insurance for financial protection," Ohio Department of Insurance Director Judith L. French said. "Now is the time for Ohioans to contact their insurance agents to complete an insurance review."



AAA and the Ohio Department of Insurance remind drivers that the optional comprehensive coverage (also known as "other than collision" coverage) portion of an auto insurance policy often is used to pay for deer-vehicle damage repair. Collision or liability-only policies do not cover the damage.

"While we can't predict the actions of deer and other animals on the road, you can help prevent a crash or reduce the damage from an animal-related collision," said Paige Scott, Insurance operations director for AAA Ohio Auto Club.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HIT A DEER:

- Following the collision, call the police.
- Avoid making contact with the deer/animal. A frightened and wounded animal can be dangerous and pose a threat when approached or might further injure itself.
- Activate the vehicle's hazard lights whether it's light or dark outside.
- If possible, move the vehicle to a safe location out of the roadway and wait for help to arrive.
- Drivers should contact their insurance agent or company representative as quickly as possible to report any vehicle damage.

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AAA experts share their views on AAA today

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I'm proud to work for such an iconic brand and am amazed at the work our people perform day in and day out. With winter knocking on Ohio's door, I'd like to take a few minutes to remind you of some important safety and vehicle maintenance tips.

A little known yet startling statistic is that an average of 24 emergency responders including tow providers are struck and killed by vehicles while working at the roadside each year meaning someone in this line of work is killed, on average, every other week. Safety at the roadside is no small task and we take it seriously. The key to positively impacting this trend lies in giving these men and women room to work at the roadside. Please – when you see responders at the roadside – **Move Over** and Slow Down!

When it comes to requesting roadside assistance, we offer several options for our members. Our traditional call center at 800-AAA-HELP (800-222-4357) remains our members' top choice in times of need of help, but many members choose our digital roadside request option either through our AAA app or at AAA.com. These options are quick and easy and allow us to pinpoint our members' location through location services.

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Brian Pratt Executive Vice President. Automotive Services. AAA Ohio Auto Club

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As a final reminder, get your car ready for winter. Proper and routine maintenance of your vehicle will help stave off winter's ability to inconvenience you with car trouble. Our Car Care Plus and Approved Auto Repair locations can help you by ensuring your vehicle's tires, batteries, wiper blades and fluids are in good condition and ready for whatever winter throws at us.



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