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'Mad Men' Travel Destinations

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If only we looked this put together for every flight.

As seen on TV! We've followed Don Draper for seven seasons as he's crisscrossed the globe, be it Italy or California or TWA flight. As the final episodes are, we're taking you back to the Golden Age of travel with a 'Mad Men'-inspired vacation guide for retro-style trips to cities Don visited.

The days of boarding a plane in a short suit or tailored dress, lighting a cigarette, and promptly being handed a drink by a smiling flight attendant in knee-high boots have gone the way of the zeppelin—unless you're Bobby Draper. This cultural paradise (free of air sickness bags and cheesy airport lounges makes it tempting to yearn for a time when people treated the inside of an airplane with as much respect as a church. But as devastatingly pretty as the show makes the 1960s look seem the road tripod, there's one thing about the present day that Bugsler Travelers should be thankful for: they're travel in much more accessible times than Don and his kin.

"Commercial air travel was a very exclusive means of transportation that most people couldn't afford," says Michael J. Allen, associate professor of history at Northwestern University, who taught a class called "Consumerism and Social Change in Mad Men America, 1960–1980." "And it really would have been oriented largely around work, as it is in Don's life."

Cheers to no longer needing an air-man salary to travel—but you can still experience the romance of midcentury getaways. We'll show you how! Like a secretary in the typing pool, we've created your itinerary for these Mad Men vacation destinations before the final seven episodes air starting April 5.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Megan and Don's Honeymoon

Episode: "The Doorway" Season 6: What beach jones didn't envy Megan Draper as she called "Mahalo!" from under a floppy hat while exchanging an empty tropical cocktail for a full one? We'll take the Oahu honeymoon at the Royal Hawaiian, the bonsai tan, and the Pucci-style bikini, thanks.

As depicted in the show, in Don's day Hawaii was a military hub for personnel passing through during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam—but with a romantic twist. "Military personnel's wives could fly to Hawaii, oftentimes at reduced prices to visit their loved ones," professor Allen says. It was a popular destination that many Americans wouldn't have been able to afford to go to otherwise. It was evocative of both Asia and Polynesia, but it was a very American/western spot, so it had the best of both worlds. It was English-speaking, American-dominated, but had certain cultural trappings associated with Asia.

Stay:The Royal Hawaiian—if you're saving for, like, the resort still exists! You'll need a rock-solid savings plan—or a Draper like wallet—to wedge it into your vacation budget, but the authenticity could be worth it to hardcore fans (from $370). The show was shot at the hotel, dubbed the "Pink Palace of the Pacific", the newly married Drapers shared the chic-chic King Kamehameha Suite. You might remember the gorgeous ocean view that slowly came into focus as Megan stepped onto the balcony in a billowing caftan. Order an old-fashioned à la Don at the beachside Mai Tai Bar. It's not the most original drink in the world, but it's prepared with the Coconut Lane, but the Scotch Mai Tai is the hotel's original recipe, connected with fresh-squeezed orange and pineapple juices. Red sugar to dice out coals at a Roger Sterling clip? Nope. Maui Market Wave offers perfect beach snacks, ocean views, and an updated twist on retro orange Slice dessert at the price (from $12).

Eat: The life trend was huge in midcentury America, and dining at La Marianna 70s Bar and Restaurant, with its cabin chairs, glass globes, and artfully opened cocktails, is the closest you can get to partaking in the fad without a time machine. Opened in 1951, the space displays bricks like tiles and tables from pioneering tiki bars like Don the Beachcomber. Sip a potent zombie and try the ahi poke puka (entrées from $12).

Do: You could solemnly read Dante's Inferno on Waikiki Beach, but the Royal Hawaiian's Mai'olina lasts is still a big draw. Each Monday, the hotel puts on a luau that comes complete with seven lavish feast stations (including one for pig-carving) and a line-show not unlike the one the Drapers watched. Yes, there is hula dancing—and an open bar ($77 per person).

Detroit, Michigan: Playground for GM Execs

Episodes: "Time Affluence" and "In Care Of" Including S. Season 6: Detroit is much more than the place where Ken Cosgrove gets his ass shot out and Peter Campbell weasels a brand-new Chevy into a towering pass-Off sign. Near out of bankruptcy, the city has experienced a nosedive in downtown crime and a hoodie renaissance, thanks to restaurants like local ingredient-driven Slows Barbecued and Slows Bar B Q. The American public is catching on too: Searches for Detroit hotels were up 29 percent last year, according to Hotels.com. Before you mingle with the new hipster entrepreneurs, appreciate the people who built the city.

Stay:The Big Beaver, Detroit. That's right, you can attend the St. Regis! Even better, it's near the Art Deco-style Fisher Building, an impossible-to-miss feature of the Detroit skyline, across the street from the old Cadillac headquarters (from $170 per night). Or go your fiscal fancy to the past at the Corktown Place Detroit Downtown Greektown, formerly the year and six seven Fortnightly Hotel (a.k.a. The Fortnight, the height of hotel luxury when it was built in 1965 (from $140 per night). You can still take the elevator up to the 25th floor for a cocktail and a long look at the Detroit River at the city's rooftop restaurant The Top (entrées from $12).

Eat: Expect a crowd for a slice or dip-to-order pizza from shrimp cocktail at the London Chophouse, once the gathering spot for Mike Ilitches, Henry Ford II, and the auto magnates of the 1950s and '60s. It's been restored to match its history with such care you can practically see Roger Sterling sipping scotch in the corner (entrées from $28). Take a seat at the wraparound coveted booth No. 1. "Those guys would fight over booth No. 1. The first guy to get it," says Michael O'Callaghan, a veteran area presenter of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Or grab a "ground round" hamburger topped with Velveeta or the tonier system at Hilton's Bar, where Lee Iacocca and other execs used to convene—William Clay Ford Jr. still stops by from $5.50.

Do: Marvel at the four-wheeled beauties at the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum (from $12). Don bought a navy 1962 Cadillac Coupe de Ville at Ringer's Lincoln-Mercury after seeing the 10,000-square-foot museum's collection of autos and memorabilia; you'll understand why.

Palm Springs, California: Don Meets a Group of Mysterious Jet-Setters

Episode: "The Jet Set," Season 6: Have you ever been shown, overexcited, with dressed-(like that Don hung out with in Palm Springs)? The '50s-'60s* is one way to describe them. "That kind of relaxa is common in New from the 1960s, and it's often supposed to represent a kind of cosmopolitan elite that has a sort of leisure time and, I think, is actually more liberal," Allen says. "It's designed for an American audience that wants bed to suggest that there's some sort of world out there that's different from the commonplace humdrum of American society." Good thing you don't have to be a Don Draper-approved heroine to experience Palm Springs now. Vegas Starting acquires rates in the corner entries from $189. Stay at the Ace Hotel, a cowled tools