

TripAdvisor Reveals America's Top Vacation Rental Hot Spots For 2011 Kissimmee, Florida Tops List of Most Popular U.S. Vacation Rental Destinations

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NEWTON, Mass., Feb. 24, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- [TripAdvisor®](#), the world's largest travel site*, today announced America's top [vacation rental](#) hot spots for 2011, based on TripAdvisor search data and site editors. These outstanding destinations offer a wealth of fun family activities and natural beauty, as well as plentiful vacation rental options for travelers looking to save money on their trips.

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Potential Vacation Rental Savings: \$750 for a weeklong trip (1).

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Offering year-round activities including skiing and snowboarding in the winter and hiking and fishing in the summer, this beautiful destination to the northeast of Los Angeles is perfect for travelers looking to explore the great outdoors.

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