

# HAUTES VACANCES™

BOUTIQUE GAY TRAVEL

## NYC & FIRE ISLAND (ASCENSION) - AUG 2010



## WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF HAUTES VACANCES

Welcome to the Hautes Vacances "Ultimate Summer Experience": Explore New York City before heading to the famous gay summer hang out of Fire Island for Ascension Party and a couple days of relaxation. The Experience consists of 4 Days in New York City (optional) and 7 Days on Fire Island including 3 days of VIP partying: You will attend all exclusive parties during Ascension weekend with your VIP All-Access Pass, most of which include catering and drinks. As with every Hautes Vacances Experience, you will have an experienced Concierge on your side who knows the ins and outs of New York City, it's party scene and of course all the action on Fire Island.

During your "Hautes Vacances", you will be staying in an amazing house with a great pool and beautiful interior. The house has been featured in Architectural Digest and each bedroom will have it's own private en-suite bathroom for ultimate luxury. The Hautes Vacances Concierge will be taking care of breakfast every morning and will also take care of your shopping / dinner on request. Hautes Vacances is the only gay travel company offering trips to Fire Island and is Ascension's official travel sponsor. Hurry, our 2009 trip was extremely popular and we already have a lot of enquiries for 2010.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AMAZING TRIP - NUMBERS ARE LIMITED**



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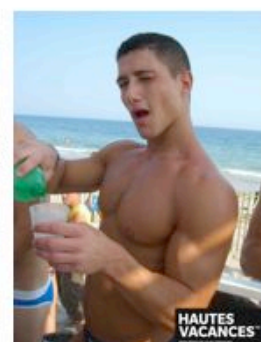
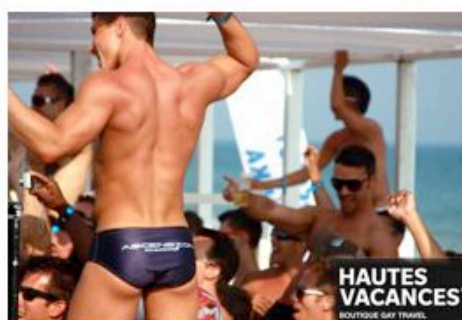
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### About Ascension Party:

The 2010 Ascension weekend is sure to be legendary with 15 exciting events scheduled over the 3-day weekend. In 2009, Kelly Rowland performed live at Ascension with Tony Moran on the turntables and Corey Craig DJing for the VIP Party... and 2010 is expected to be the biggest and best Ascension yet!

Ascension is a world-class day time beach party organized in part by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force & the Fund in the Sun Foundation. Not only is Ascension a blast for everyone on Fire Island, but it raises funds for worthy charitable causes. What could be better than miles of sun-drenched sand, a cool ocean breeze and scintillating music uniting a beautiful party crowd of international caliber?



### About Fire Island:

Fire Island Pines, often referred to as The Pines, is a unique summer getaway with beautiful beaches, amazing nightlife, and a unique, almost all-gay male community. It is located on Fire Island, a barrier island on the southern side of Long Island.

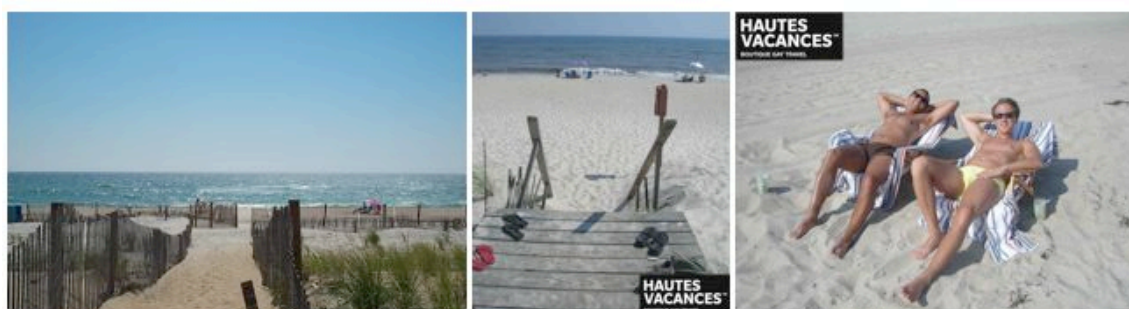
The careful integration of land and architecture has bequeathed a community that is modern, spacious and esthetically pleasing. The Pines was discovered by leaders in fashion, design, photography and the arts and rapidly became established as the center of island chic, taste and elegance...



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In addition to the tranquility of the nature and the picturesque beaches with miles of sun-drenched sand, the Pines is a hot spot for nightlife and events. In recent years, the Pines has undergone a resurgence of youthful energy and has revitalized its status as a premier gay event destination with the huge dance parties of Ascension and Bay Dance. It is home to several bars, restaurants, nightclubs, and hot private parties. Nightly tea dances bring New York's best DJs to play, and Pavilion Nightclub brings world-famous DJs to rock the Pines on weekends. Each year thousands visit Fire Island to frolic on the playground of the suntan set to see if all the things they've heard are really true. And they are.



### About New York City

As you already know and as Madonna says, there is no other place like New York. This is especially true for the gay nightlife. We from Hautes Vacances will make sure that you will discover New York City from the right angle and visit the right places. We will organize exclusive shopping sprees and will make sure you will catch the best of New York's nightlife. You will definitely enjoy your stay in the city before heading to Fire Island for an unforgettable summer party time.



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12 – 19 August 2010

Ascension Party Weekend Fire Island

Welcome to The Pines on Fire Island – your gay summer wonderland. You will definitely enjoy yourself – promised!

Starting Thursday, the Ascension weekend program begins and you will be able to enjoy all Ascension parties as a Hautes Vacances VIP guest with your All Access Pass. On Friday, there traditionally is a private VIP party (open bar for VIP ticket holders like you) followed by shows and the legendary underwear party. Saturday, the Pool Party takes place and is followed by shows and parties in the Pines nightclubs... But don't party too hard on the first two days as everyone is waiting for Sunday, the day of the Ascension Party. You will have VIP access and open bar at Ascension party as well as optional VIP cabana access. At night you will have VIP line access to the "Afterglow" party.

On Fire Island you will be staying in the luxurious Hautes Vacances Villa which has been featured in Architectural Digest (secured between 12 AUG and 19 AUG – you may decide to stay fewer days). It has a stylish pool and each bedroom has an en-suite bedroom. This luxurious Pines house is only moments away from the beach. Enjoy the Hautes Vacances concierge service with breakfast and dinner service. If our house is already booked out, we will arrange for you to stay at the Madison Hotel, Hautes Vacances' partner hotel on Fire Island and the Island's most stylish retreat.

08 – 12 August 2010

OPTIONAL STAY IN NYC

The New York leg is an option you may book in addition to the Fire Island Ascension Party week.

Arrival in New York City is on 08 August 2010. You will be staying in the Meatpacking District at the 'ultra hip' Standard hotel (see pictures below) or another nearby hotel of your choice.

While in NYC, the world is your Oyster. Explore the city on our own with the support of your concierge or join activities Hautes Vacances has carefully selected for its VIP clients, from special gallery tours, to exclusive shopping appointments to VIP access to New York's 'IN' clubs and restaurants. Our VIP activities in New York are not comparable to any other travel offerings – and certainly not the typical tourist A to Z's. Get to experience New York as if you were a resident with access to the best events, clubs and restaurants...



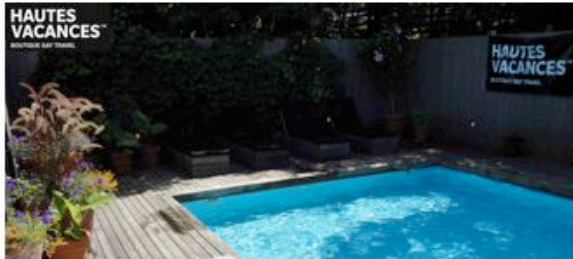
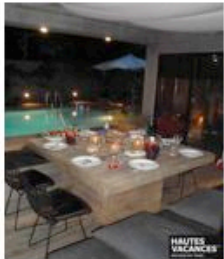
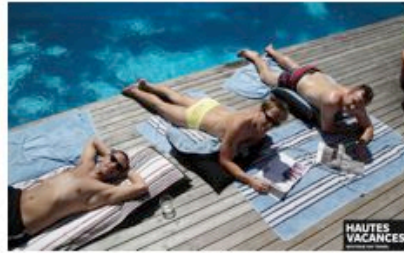
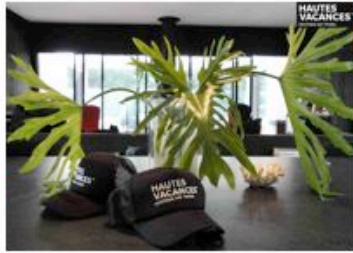
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## PICTURES OF THE HAUTES VACANCES HOUSE

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## PRICE

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### FIRE ISLAND AND ASCENSION VIP EXPERIENCE: TRANSFER FROM NYC, HOUSE, BREAKFAST, VIP ALL ACCESS PASS & CONCIERGE

Description	Travel Details	US\$ per person <sup>(1)</sup>
Accommodation & Concierge	7 nights on FIRE ISLAND in luxury house. VIP-All-Access-Pass for the Ascension Party WE (open bar at VIP Party, Pool Party and Ascension Party), Breakfast, Concierge Service, Shopping and Dinner Service upon request. Luxury transport from NYC and back including ferry rides and luggage transportation. Hautes Vacances VIP Travel Kit. Pool, cleaning and towel/sheet service at the house.	
SHARED/COUPLE	Per person	\$3,450
QUEEN (SINGLE)	Per person	\$6,150
HOTEL ACCOM.	To be arranged if house is fully booked	POA
VIP Cabana	VIP Cabana access at Ascension party	POA

(1) Final prices to be confirmed with each individual client

### NEW YORK CITY VIP EXPERIENCE: HOTEL & CONCIERGE SERVICE

Description	Travel Details	US\$ per person <sup>(1)</sup>
Accommodation & Concierge	4 nights accommodation in the Meatpacking District, Concierge Service and group activities (VIP arrangements, Restaurants, nightclubs).	
SHARED/COUPLE	Per person	POA, depending on hotel
QUEEN (SINGLE)	Per person	POA, depending on hotel

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For every booking, final prices are to be confirmed between Hautes Vacances and each individual customer and are subject to currency exchange rate fluctuations and the final number of travelers for each trip. Hautes Vacances highly recommends to take out travel insurance. Exclusions: Flights not included in itinerary, airport transfer unless stated, visas, departure taxes not already included in the ticket price, government or fuel surcharges introduced after the booking, travel insurance, meals unless included in itinerary, entertainment, drinks, medical expenses, personal purchases and tips.

### Reservations, Deposits and Payments

Reservations may be made via e-mail to [info@hautescvacances.com](mailto:info@hautescvacances.com) or via your preferred travel agent. A 30% per person deposit is required to confirm services. Full payment is due no later than 90 days prior to departure. Payments may be made by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Paypal or bank transfer. Payment in full is required at the time of booking for reservations made less than 90 days prior to departure.

### Cancellations and Refunds

All cancellations and refund requests must be made in writing via e-mail to [info@hautescvacances.com](mailto:info@hautescvacances.com). Deposits are refundable less an A\$500 per person administrative fee until 90 days prior to your scheduled departure. A change of trip date or destination will be treated as a cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. Refunds of payments will only be honored if requested 90 days before departure. Penalties and fees imposed by our travel industry suppliers may be additional and, if imposed, will be deducted from the above refunds, if any. No refunds will be made after commencement of your travel, whether for early termination, voluntary absence, or for any unused services. Please allow 8 weeks for administration of refunds. All disputes and claims regarding services shall first be resolved by way of negotiation and mutual understanding.

### Insurance

It is essential that you take out a comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover you before, during and after your experience. Acceptance of your booking is conditional on adequate insurance being arranged. We will not be responsible for any costs incurred by you or any member of your party before, during or after your experience as a consequence of inappropriate or insufficient travel insurance being purchased. We are happy to advise you on travel insurance policies.

### Passports and Visas

All travelers traveling outside of their home country must be in possession of a passport valid for 6 months from their date of arrival in any foreign country. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to secure a valid passport with sufficient blank pages for immigration and visa stamps.

### Information on our webpage and in our brochures

Whilst we make every effort to ensure that the information on our website and in our brochures are accurate and not misleading, it is often published many months before your experience takes place and may be subject to change. We reserve the right to make changes to the website and brochures with any information it contains at any time. Where material changes are made to website and brochure content after your experience has been booked, every effort will be made to inform of such changes prior to travel.

### Limits on Hautes Vacances responsibility

Your trip will be arranged by Hautes Vacances acting only as agents for the hotels, airlines and other suppliers of services included in your trip, their owners, employees and contractors. Hautes Vacances does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip. Instead, it arranges lodging accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, visa provision, ground handling and other services from our supplier associates who are listed in your itinerary and other materials. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Hautes Vacances cannot be liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity, their employees or agents or of any third party. By the acceptance of your trip, you agree to the foregoing and also agree that neither Hautes Vacances nor any of its affiliates, officers, employees or agents, shall be or become liable for any loss, injury or damage to person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services provided resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, thefts, pilferage, loss or damage to baggage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, financial defaults of service providers, delays or cancellations in schedules, or from any other causes beyond the control of Hautes Vacances including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any independent third party who is to or does supply goods or services for your trip, or for any loss or damage resulting from insufficient or improperly issued passports, visas or other documents, and that neither Hautes Vacances nor any of its agents shall be or become liable for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by you as a result of any of the foregoing causes.

### Amendment and cancellation by us

Amendment: It is occasionally necessary for us to make changes to booked arrangements as described above. In exceptional circumstances, we may have to change your experience arrangements after your booking has been confirmed. If the change is minor, we will do our best to notify you in advance of departure but we are not obliged to do so and no compensation will be payable. If the change is material (including, but not limited to, a change of flight time by more than 12 hours, change of experience destination or change of accommodation to one with a lower official rating), we



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will notify you as soon as practically possible and offer you the choice of (i) accepting alternative arrangements; (ii) arranging an alternative experience with us; or (iii) cancelling your experience.

**Amendments during the experience:** If we are unable to provide a significant proportion of your experience whilst you are away, suitable alternative arrangements will be made for you at no extra cost or, you will be given the option to return to your point of departure (subject to flight/transport availability) and given a pro-rata/proportionate refund for any part of the experience not received. This does not apply to minor changes in your accommodation, itinerary or transportation arrangements.

**Cancellation:** Whilst we hope we will never have to cancel your experience, this is very occasionally necessary and we reserve the right to do so. We will do our best to offer alternative arrangements of a comparable or better standard with any appropriate refund, or will give you a full and prompt refund of the experience price.

**Force Majeure:** Compensation will not be payable in any cases where an amendment, change or cancellation is due to an unusual or unforeseeable event or circumstance beyond our reasonable control ('Force Majeure'). Such events include, but are not limited to, war, threat of war, riot, civil disturbance or strife, terrorist activity (actual or threatened), industrial disputes, technical or maintenance problems with transport, machinery or equipment, power failure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, drought, adverse weather conditions, levels of water in rivers, acts of god, closure of airports, changes of schedules or operational decisions of transport providers.

**Travel delays:** We have included in some of our experiences the services of major international airlines and whilst these airlines' flights are rarely subject to lengthy delays, there are occasions when such delays do occur. We cannot accept responsibility for such events and do not provide for meals, overnight accommodation or any other costs resulting from such delays.

**Prices:** All advertised prices or prices quoted by our staff before booking confirmation are for guidance only and may be subject to change prior to the booking being confirmed. We reserve the right to increase (surcharge) the price of your experience after your booking has been made. Such price increases will be limited to those resulting from increases in transportation costs (including fuel and airfares), dues, taxes (including VAT), fees chargeable for services (including landing taxes and embarkation and disembarkation and security fees at airports), Government action or exchange rate variation.

**Flights:** Where a flight is changed, delayed or cancelled or you are denied boarding of an aircraft for any other reason which would provide entitlement to compensation, you are obliged to claim compensation from the relevant carrier. We are not an air carrier and will have no liability to you in relation to the above Regulation.

### **If you have a complaint**

If you have any complaint or problem whilst away, you must inform us, our representatives or the relevant supplier as soon as possible to give us the maximum opportunity to rectify it. Any unresolved complaints must be notified to us in writing within 15 days of your return. If you do not notify your complaint at the earliest opportunity and/or formalise your complaint in writing within 15 days of your return, our ability to investigate your complaint will be affected and your right to compensation may be reduced or lost. Any incident of illness or injury arising from an incident connected with your experience should be brought to the attention of the local supplier immediately.

### **Special requests**

Whilst we will endeavour to comply with any special requests we receive (for such things as specific airline seating, dietary requirements or specific rooms), we are unable to guarantee compliance with such requests or that it is possible for us to comply with those requests. We will pass any special requests to the relevant supplier but will not be liable for any loss suffered in the event of such requests not being met.

### **Event tickets**

Cancellation or curtailment of a major event or sporting fixture is an unusual occurrence and we accept no responsibility to refund or compensate where changes to an event are made for reasons beyond our control. Every effort will be made to offer alternative arrangements and in the unlikely event of cancellation any refund obtained will be passed on to you.

### **Documentation**

Your tickets, hotel vouchers and information regarding your experience will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

### **Privacy Statement**

Hautes Vacances may collect personal information from you when signing up for our newsletter, purchasing a package, sending an e-mail or calling into our offices. Hautes Vacances does not share, sell, or divulge any personal information you provide to any other company or organization. Hautes Vacances may use your information to contact you with items related to your travel or other news or information that may be of interest to you.

