

DaVita Kidney Care Shares Top Holiday Destinations For Dialysis Patients

Las Vegas, Orlando, Houston top the list of destinations for dialysis friendly travel

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DENVER, Nov. 19, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [DaVita Kidney Care](#), a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE: DVA) and a leading provider of kidney care services, today announced the top 10 U.S. travel holiday destinations for dialysis patients.

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Winter is coming, and with it comes holiday travel plans to warmer climates. For dialysis patients, that means the extra step of planning their travel around life-sustaining dialysis treatment.

The following are the top destination spots for traveling dialysis patients, according to patient travel requests managed by DaVita Kidney Care's Guest Services team.

1. Las Vegas
2. Orlando
3. Houston
4. San Antonio
5. New Orleans
6. Atlanta
7. San Diego
8. Los Angeles
9. Charlotte
10. Phoenix

The Guest Services Specialists at DaVita Kidney Care are trained to serve traveling patients and regularly assist thousands of patients in scheduling dialysis treatments to fit their travel schedules. This service is available to all dialysis patients - regardless of provider - at no cost.

"Some patients think that when they start dialysis they can no longer travel, but that doesn't necessarily have to be the case," said Dan Martella, senior director of Guest Services at DaVita Kidney Care. "We believe dialysis patients should be able to enjoy their holidays and life events without adding the undue stress of scheduling treatments. Supporting them in this venture is one aspect of our goal to improve patients' quality of life."

DaVita Kidney Care provides travel assistance to dialysis patients across the country. This service includes finding a center near their travel destination that has an opening to fit the patient's schedule and helping to ensure the new center is prepared to welcome the visiting dialysis patient.

DaVita Kidney Care offers dialysis options to fit the various needs and lifestyles of patients. Modality options include traditional in-center dialysis, where patients are treated three times a week for three to four hours a session, as well as peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis, both of which can be done from the comfort of a home or, in some circumstances, a hotel room.

In 2014, the Guest Services team has helped more than 50,000 people plan their dialysis treatments in vacation spots, not only in the U.S. but also abroad.

DaVita Kidney Care has more than 2,100 centers nationwide. To locate a center near a vacation destination, use the "[Find a Dialysis Center](#)" tool on DaVita.com.

For dialysis-related travel assistance, patients can contact a DaVita Guest Services specialist at 1-800-244-0680 or visit [DaVita.com/travel](#) for more information.

About DaVita Kidney Care

DaVita Kidney Care is a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500(r) company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. A leading provider of dialysis services in the United States, DaVita Kidney Care treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita Kidney Care strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of September 30, 2014, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,152 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 170,000 patients. The company also operated 87 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. DaVita Kidney Care supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit [DaVita.com](#).

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