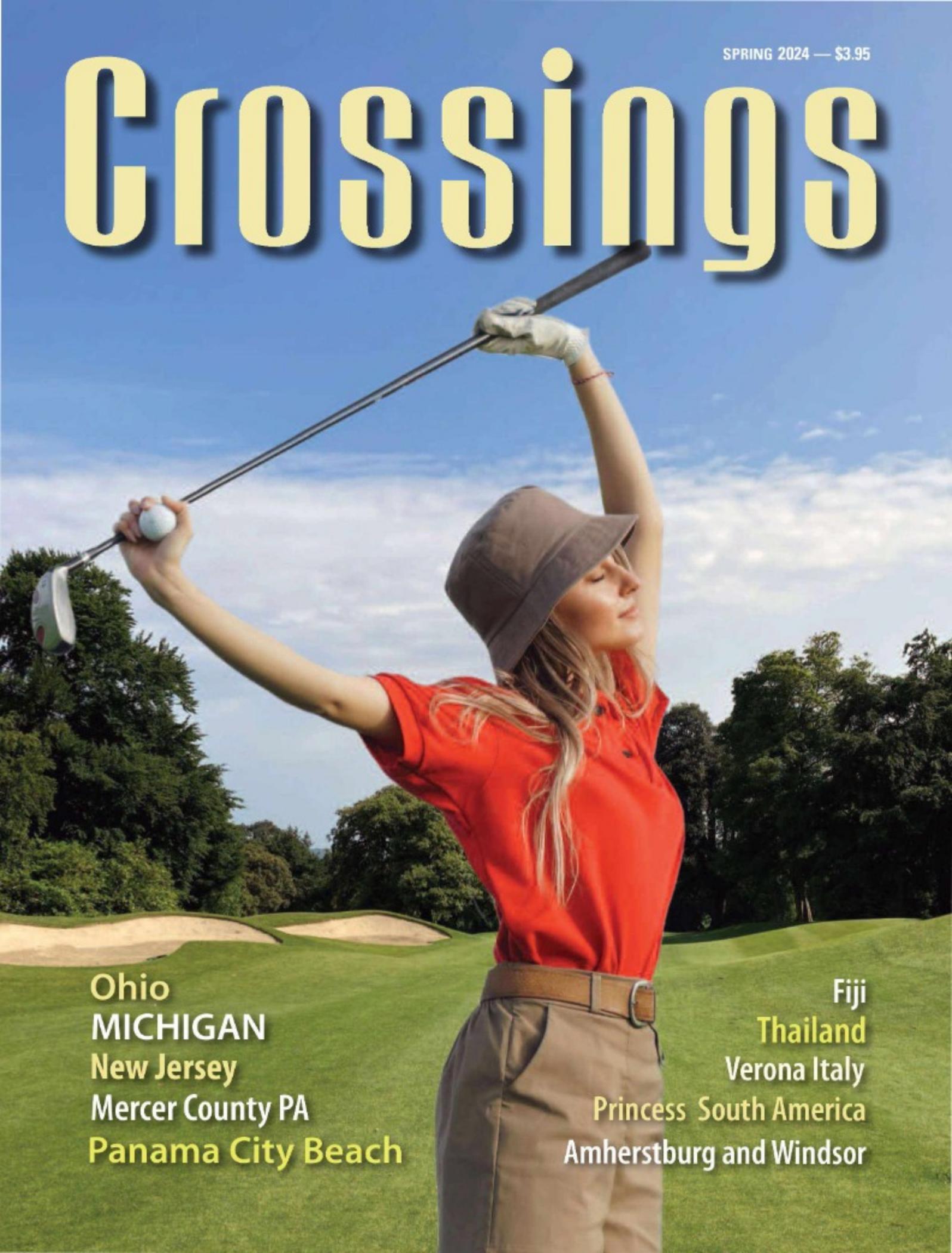


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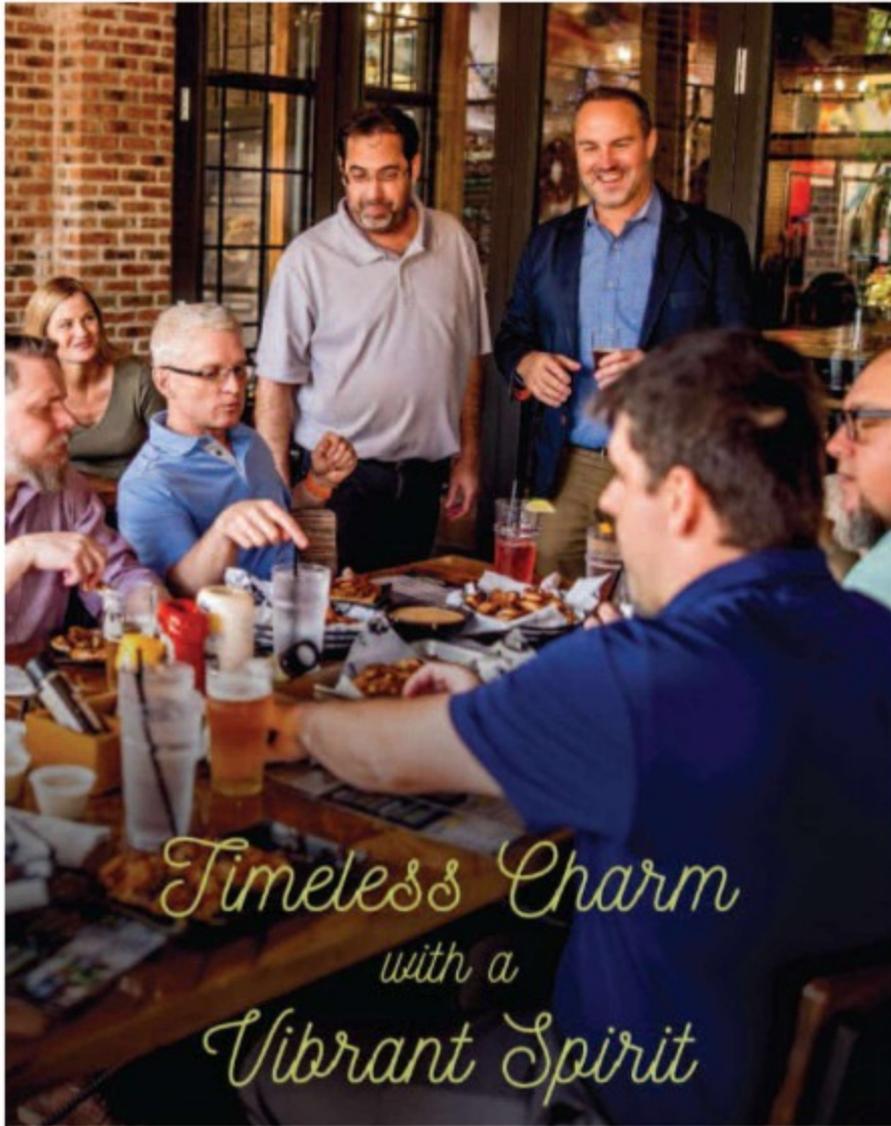
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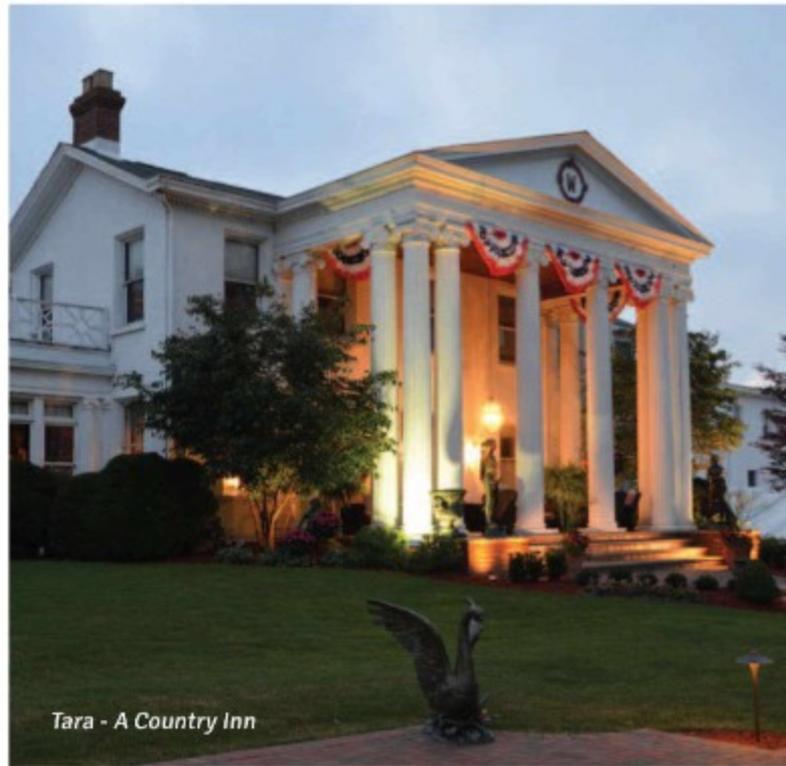
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Coyote Preserve Golf Club, Fenton

BY RENU SAGGAR

A Spring Thing in Flint & Genesee

The best time to be in Flint & Genesee is in the spring. Outdoor activities burst in the spring and summer with hiking, biking and of course golf! Flint & Genesee County is a hidden gem for golf lovers with visitors coming from all around the state and across the border to hit the links at the region's amazing courses.

PGA Golf has been a fixture in Genesee County dating back to 1958 with the *Buick Open*, the retired PGA Tour golf tournament. These days, the *Ally Challenge Presented by McLaren* is a favorite on PGA Champions Tour. It's held each August at the renowned *Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club* in Grand Blanc – the same site as the old Buick Open. This family-friendly event allows spectators to see some of their favorite golf legends, along with community concerts, concessions and spectator events. Grab a Pro-Am ticket, day or weekend pass for the main event or even an all-access clubhouse pass. Learn more at TheAllyChallenge.com.

For recreational golfers, there are over

20 courses in or near Genesee County. Players can choose from a variety of easily accessible golf courses and unique lodging options to build a customized, affordable package that fits their needs. With Genesee County conveniently located at the intersection of I-69, I-75 and US-23 and home to Bishop International Airport, it's easy to get to this amazing golf destination.

Some of our more notable courses include Captain's Club at Woodfield (Grand Blanc), Coyote Preserve Golf Club (Fenton), Fenton Farms Golf Club and Sugarbush Club (Davison), each offering differing levels of difficulty. *Explore Flint & Genesee* – the region's convention and visitors' bureau – is happy to assist golfers in putting together unique, discounted packages for any travel budget.

Sports lovers can get the "Ted Lasso" experience in Flint rooting for the *Flint City Bucks* – the most decorated USL League Two team in the county. The team plays at Kettering University's historic *Atwood Stadium*, an 11,000-seat stadium dating back to 1929. The stadium has seen

history, include a speech from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936, Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, Jr., and R&B group "Ready for the World" filling the stadium in 1986. Today, you can see the Flint City Bucks play starting in May.

For other activities in the area, Flint & Genesee offers an array of outdoor recreation. During spring and summer, bicycling and hiking are great ways to enjoy nature and get some exercise. Flint & Genesee offers several terrific and scenic trails for walking and biking, including Creasey Bicentennial Park Trail (Grand Blanc), Black Creek Trail (Davison Township), Genesee Valley Trail (Flint Township) Flint River Trail (Flint) Riverview Trail (Flushing) and the George Atkin Jr. Recreational Trail (Clio).

As for indoor activities, Flint & Genesee is home to several escape rooms including *Spymaker Escape Rooms* in Flint and *Michigan Escape Games* in Davison. *Spymaker Axe Throwing*, also located in Flint, is a wonderful place to throw off some steam and have some fun. In Grand Blanc, *Rollhaven Skate & Fun* center is a fun place to take the kids and burn off some energy with skating, laser tag and an arcade. Finally, *Defy Flint* is an amazing experience with over 15,000 feet of interconnected trampolines featuring extreme dodgeball, trapeze, launch pads, foam pits, dunk zones and a battle beam.

There are plenty of shopping and dining options in Flint & Genesee. In downtown Flint, you can shop for uniquely sourced finds at *SHIFT Flint*, browse your favorite music at *Jack's Record Stache* or find an array of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) authors at *Comma Bookstore & Social Hub*. After shopping, grab a drink and dinner at local favorites like *Soggy Bottom Bar* or Flint's very own *Tenacity Brewing*, which serves in house brews alongside *Vehicle City Tacos* in the spring and summer and Detroit-style pizza in the winter.

In the southernmost part of the county, *Fenton* offers good options for shopping and dining. The downtown shopping district, known locally as *Dibbleville*, has plenty of places to browse. *Yesterday's Treasures* has a wide variety of antique finds including furniture, artwork and jewelry. *Seasons on Main* is a fun shop to find a gift for a friend and *Luna's* in Fenton has vintage-inspired clothing, home décor and gifts.

For dining options, Fenton has two newer restaurants, *The Vault Downtown* and the *Tavern Kitchen and Bar*. Both serve higher-end American style food and upscale drinks. Long-standing favorites in Fenton include the *Union Joint's* restaurant *Fenton Fire Hall*, known for its award-winning Mac & Cheese and *The Laundry*, which recently celebrated 25 years in Fenton.

Over to the west in *Flushing*, you'll find a family-friendly community boasting dining, shopping and fun activities. Notable shops include *Main Street Treasures* located downtown selling Michigan Made produce and goods or *Just Julie's* selling hand-painted garments with beautiful designs. For dining options, check out *Kathy's 126* located downtown or *Sorrentos*

Food & Spirits, a local fan favorite!

In the east side of the county sits Grand Blanc, a fantastic spot for dining and fun. Grand Blanc has great restaurants including *Da Edoardo*, which is an upscale Italian restaurant, the *Grafted Root Eatery*, boasting real, simple, fresh food. Ethnic eateries include *Taboon Middle Eastern Restaurant* and *Bangkok Peppers*, featuring traditional Thai food. In the spring and summer, the city host the *Grand Blanc Farmers Market* on Sundays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. and on the first Friday of the month, they host the *First Friday Food Truck Festival*, from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

North of Flint, the little town of *Montrose* is known for its small-town amenities such as the *Montrose Historical & Telephone Pioneer Museum* or the local *Montrose Pub*. In August it becomes the place to be with its annual *Blueberry Festival*. Now in its 53rd year, the local festival focuses on all things blueberries, with a *Blueberry Super Parade*, marketplace, traditional blueberry pancake breakfast, craft beer and wine tasting, a car show, entertainment tents and a royal tea party. It's a hometown festival you won't want to miss.

The summer is festival season in Flint & Genesee. The area has several long-

standing festivals throughout July and August. For music lovers, *Flint Alley Fest* overtakes downtown Flint with live bands in Buckham and Brush alleys and vendors throughout. Those who love EDM will love *Flint Drop Fest* in early August in downtown Flint. Local and regional jazz acts take over Riverbank Park during *Flint Jazz Festival*, presented by Greater Flints Arts Council. Finally, the summer is capped off with the *HAP Crim Festival of Races*, a long-standing 10-mile race through Flint that features runners from around the world.

Other amazing events in Flint & Genesee include the *Tattoo City Tattoo Convention*, held at the Dort Financial Center in August each year. Tattoo artists from around the country gather to show off their talents along with other fun contests such as a beard and mustache competition and *Ms. Tattoo City*.

Another fun convention hosted at the Dort Financial Center is *Really Cool Comic Con*, Michigan's largest summer comic con featuring comics, toys, anime, video games, artists, celebrity guests, cosplay and more! 📖

For more information, please visit Explore-FlintandGenesee.org.



Atlas Valley Golf Club in Grand Blanc



Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa

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Viewed as one of the finest golf destinations in the Midwest, the Resort is home to Jack Nicklaus' *The Bear*, Gary Player's *The Wolverine* and William Newcomb's *Spruce Run*.

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Crystal Mountain

Two captivating courses: *Mountain Ridge* and *Betsie Valley*, both earning a prestigious 4-star rating from Golf Digest Magazine. Mountain Ridge has been home to the Michigan PGA Women's Open for more than 20 years. The recently renovated Betsie Valley will accommodate golfers of any skill level. Before your round, head to the *Golf Learning Center* which is designed to improve your game. It is equipped with a 10-acre practice facility, complete with a driving range, putting/chipping greens and practice bunker. After your game enjoy the award-winning *Crystal Spa*, named one of the Top

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Traverse Bay, you know this is going to be a remarkable golf experience. Traverse City is one of America's leading golf resort areas. It was awarded the #12 spot in Golf Digest's list of the World's Top 50 Golf Destinations and named "America's Summer Golf Capital" by Golf Magazine.

Golfers call it the "Divine 9" — Nine exceptional courses at three world-class resorts tucked in the northwest corner of Michigan.

Massive dunes and moraines left behind some 8,000 years ago by retreating ice sheets give this area its distinctive landscape of long hills, narrow valleys and iridescent lakes. Some of the nation's most talented architects have put the finishing touches on that breathtaking natural setting with some ground breaking designs. These courses have been designed by the top names in the game — Jack Nicklaus, Jerry Matthews and Gary Player. They of-

fer a harmonious blend of scenic beauty, diverse course layouts and a golf culture that celebrates the sport.



Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

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A Ga Ming Golf Resort

Four award-winning courses with views of both Lake Michigan and the famous Torch Lake. The *Sundance* was recently named as Michigan's Course of the Year, while amazing golf experiences await at *Antrim Dells*, *The Torch*, and the *Charlevoix Country Club*. After your game, there's so much to explore in the quaint communities of Elk Rapids, Bellaire and Charlevoix.

Beyond golf, a myriad of enjoyable experiences await you in Traverse City. Take in the awe-inspiring vistas at *Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore*, acclaimed as the most beautiful place in America by *Good Morning America*. Indulge in the exquisite flavors of award-winning wines from nearly 50 wineries along the *Traverse Wine Coast*. Peruse unique shops filled with treasures you won't find elsewhere. Uncover your next "favorite restaurant," with delectable farm-to-table dishes. Traverse City promises a diverse and memorable golf experience. 🏌️

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Spring is in the Air in Marquette

Located on Michigan's Upper Peninsula where the clear waters of Lake Superior lap the shoreline, Marquette County harbors a community that embraces its natural landscape. Characterized by a varied terrain, from rushing waterfalls and rock formations to scenic vistas and green forests, Marquette County is the ideal setting for outdoor adventure this spring. The dynamic outdoor destination offers an array of activities distinctive to the region, including hiking, biking, golfing, kayaking and so much more!

Each spring, Marquette County transforms with the season. From warmer temperatures to the annual snowmelt and greening of the forests, there is no better time to get outside and explore the breathtaking terrain of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As the urban counterpart to outdoor adventures, Marquette's historic downtown features a thriving culinary and brewery scene with countless options for visitors to indulge after a day of exploring.

With over 150 miles of singletrack trails, Marquette County has gained national acclaim as a premier biking destination. For those who prefer a more leisurely ride, paved paths offer an ideal space for cycling, walking or jogging.

The *Iron Ore Heritage Trail* is just one great paved option that was built with all rider styles and skills in mind so bikers of all ages and levels can enjoy.

For those who want to further explore Marquette's outdoor adventures and unbelievable views, hikers can check out some of the area's trails that feature scenic outlooks like *Thomas Rock*. In addition to the well-kept trails in the area, there are numerous natural waterfalls to explore, including *Yellow Dog Falls*, *Big Pup Creek* and *Warner Falls*.

With 83 miles of Lake Superior shoreline and even more freshwater lakes and swimming holes, guests can savor these unique waterways as temperatures start to warm up. Visitors can kayak around the *Greenwood Reservoir*, fish on the lower harbor or paddleboard in Marquette Bay. After a day on the water, visitors can head over to the *Marquette Harbor Lighthouse*, Marquette's oldest structure for photographs amidst one of the area's most picturesque backgrounds.

Golfers looking to hit the links will delight in a range of courses, each set against a stunning natural backdrop. *Marquette Golf Club* is Upper Michigan's award-winning, 36-hole facility featuring two courses – *Greywalls* and *Heritage*. With exceptional views of Lake Superior,

tumbling greens and dramatic elevation changes, *Greywalls* is an incredible showcase of the beauty of the surrounding area.

After a day well spent in nature, Marquette's charming downtown filled with local breweries, restaurants and shopping, offers the perfect locale to unwind and trade stories of adventure. Spanning 1,872 square miles, Marquette County is comprised of many small communities showcasing the very best of the Upper Peninsula including *Ishpeming*, *Negaunee*, *Harvey*, *Gwinn* and *Michigamme Township*, in addition to downtown Marquette. Marquette County also has a unique and extensive local brewery scene, including fan-favorites like *Barrel + Beam* and *Ore Dock Brewing Co.* With a variety of coffee shops, food trucks and restaurants offering everything from fine dining, local seafood, authentic ethnic cuisine and more, there are endless options to find favorite cuisine at Marquette County's delicious local eateries.

In addition to being an outdoor-lovers paradise, Marquette County offers a wide array of cultural offerings to be enjoyed. Experiences include shows at the *Marquette Symphony Orchestra* and *Lake Superior Theatre*, browsing local galleries featuring a vast number of artists, public installations, engaging museums like the *Marquette Maritime Museum* and *U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame* and much more.

Springtime in Marquette also offers exciting events that showcase the unique flavor of the area. Celebrate the local culinary scene with restaurant week in March and the thawing and awakening of the frozen Lake Superior grounds during the annual *Angry Bear Festival* in April. Modeled after some of Europe's great beer festivals, the *Angry Bear Festival* takes over Spring Street in the heart of downtown Marquette with three live music stages, a feast of food trucks, an arsenal of barrel-aged beer, games and much more.

From hotel and motel lodging to quaint inns, Marquette County offers a selection of accommodations. With options to stay in historic downtown Marquette or amidst nature, the possibilities are endless this spring. For more information visit travelmarquette.com. 🏡

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Spring warm up in Coldwater Country

Conveniently located along the US-12 Heritage Route, halfway between Detroit and Chicago, discover the charming communities of Michigan's Coldwater Country. A haven for relaxation, and home to 100+ lakes, the area is also an unexpected gem for golfers seeking a unique destination. Home to nearly two dozen golf courses, including several one-of-a-kind experiences. Tee off on an island, along the lakeside or on a nature preserve.

Coldwater Country boasts an impressive array of golf courses that cater to diverse preferences and skill levels. One standout destination is the Coldwater Golf Course, an 18-hole championship course that touts the combination of design and nature. The rolling fairways and bunkers present a challenge for seasoned golfers, while the scenic views of the surrounding countryside make every swing a memorable one. The *Coldwater Golf Course* is also home to one of the area's premier dining experiences, *Bill's Grill House*.

For those seeking a more relaxed atmosphere, the *Bella Vista Golf Course* offers a family-friendly environment without compromising on quality. This 9-hole

course is perfect for golfers of all ages, making it an ideal spot for a leisurely afternoon round or a fun family outing.

For a challenging but fair course head to *Iyopawa Island Golf Course*. This well-maintained 9-hole course, surrounded by water, looks easy but with the tree-lined fairways and smaller greens it can be a challenge to control the ball.

Coldwater Country also offers a variety of activities beyond the greens. Take advantage of the opportunity to escape and relax on the water. Travel from one lake to another in the area through the chain of lakes. Coldwater Country is home to not only one chain of lakes but two – *North Chain of Lakes* and *South Chain of Lakes*. Boat, kayak and pontoon rentals are available on both chains and many boat launches are accessible throughout the area lakes. Try to catch the limit while reeling in the big one. Bluegill, perch, pike and walleye are among the catch.

A fun afternoon for kids, and kids at heart, can be found at the *Adventure Zone*. From go-carts to mini golf, laser tag, a virtual reality lounge and redemption arcade, along with tasty treats everyone will have fun. Enjoy nature with a visit to the *Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary*. Ob-

serve amazing animals and their tropical habitat during guided tours and animal interactions. Walk through the swamp and feed the alligators or just watch them bask and swim at this reptile paradise.

Shop 'til you drop at the many unique boutiques and shops throughout the area. Browse local antiques, enjoy homemade baked goods, one-of-a-kind accents, and jewelry. Coldwater Country is also home to *Allen*, Michigan's Antique Capital, with the largest concentration of antique dealers in the Midwest. The area is home to five stately antique malls including the *Allen Antique Barn*, boasting two floors of more than 25,000 square feet of treasures.

For a magic experience head to *Colon* to learn the secrets of magic and how to entertain a crowd using magic. Home to magic manufacturing and shops, countless activities and events, it's no wonder they call *Colon* the *Magic Capital of the World*.

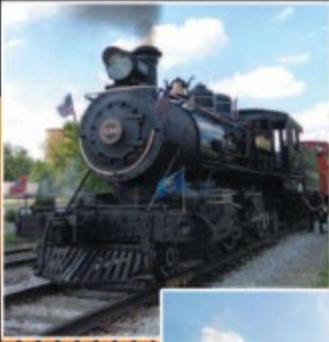
The beautiful architecture of the *Tibbits Opera House* makes it a treat to visit no matter the season. *Tibbits* offers a diverse selection of arts and entertainment throughout the year. Or make your way to Coldwater Country's 1,000 car, twin screen drive-in movie theater, the *Capri Drive-In*. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, the family owned and operated *Capri Drive-In* offers a unique and nostalgic, All-American drive-in experience.

Grab a bite to eat at one of Coldwater Country's locally owned diners, restaurants or pubs. Enjoy the flavors, local scene and hospitality of the area's many destination restaurants. At the end of your fun-filled day, and exciting night on the town, check into one of the many hotels to rest and relax. The hotels are just minutes from all the excitement and attractions.

Coldwater Country also knows how to celebrate! Make sure to plan your getaway around the fun festivals and hometown events including the culinary grilling competition the *Magic City Grill Fest*, car shows, the annual *Strawberry Festival* and more! 🍷

For more information on these and many other things to see and do, visit Coldwater-Country.com or download the *Coldwater app*.

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Groesbeck Golf Course

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No Green Jacket Required in Michigan

Springtime in Michigan is an amazing place to get in tune with nature, indulge in diverse dining or take part in a packed lineup of festivals and events. From blooming flowers and longer days to countless rounds of golf, bike rides, leisurely walks and more! Spring in Michigan means something special to everyone.

Greater Lansing

Warmer weather signals that it's time to get the golf clubs out of storage and get ready to hit the links! If you're looking for a great golf without breaking the bank, then look no further than Lansing, Michigan, a region with exceptional courses with multiple layouts and challenging holes. When you choose Lansing for your next golf getaway you can count on an abundance of affordable golf options that are closer than you think.

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Houghton Lakes - Roscommon County

Roscommon County in Michigan's northern lower peninsula, is where you will be delighted with the natural beauty, lakes, outdoor recreation and spectacular sunrises and sunsets. Well known as the home of *Houghton Lake*, Michigan's largest inland lake *Higgins Lake* is considered one of the most beautiful lakes in the world and *Lake St. Helen*, known for its abundant fishing opportunities.

Pack Your Golf Clubs

"April showers bring May flowers," and spring in Roscommon County also brings the green, green grass on area golf courses!

Enjoy the view of nearby Houghton Lake as you play 18 holes of moderately priced true championship golf at *The Quest Golf Club*. Designed by PGA Tour Professional Ken Green, The Quest feels expansive with generous rolling terrain. Quest was recently acquired by the owners of the nearby *The Dream* and *The Nightmare* golf courses, who have been in the golf business since the early 1970s. They plan to make The Quest more enjoyable and player friendly with bunker renovations, removal of trees and a clubhouse remodel. Discounted rates will be offered to groups playing all three courses and you can reserve your tee times on their website, questgolfcourse.com.

One of the top golf resorts in the Midwest, *Forest Dunes* in Roscommon, is home to two of the nation's top ranked public golf courses. Designed by golf legend Tom Weiskopf, Forest Dunes features white sand bunkers, mature pines, towering dunes and a unique 19th hole that plays uphill and across water. The Tom Doak designed *Loop* is a unique reversible course with the par 70 Red route, played counter-clockwise one day,

and the Black route, played clockwise the next.

The *Lake AuSable Lodge* is located just 35 yards from the first tee at Forest Dunes course and steps away from the clubhouse. The Adirondack themed lodge features northern hardwoods, cedar shake siding and native stone on the exterior.

Festival Season is for the Birds

Although it winters in the Bahamas, one of the largest and rarest warblers, the *Kirtland's Warbler*, breeds in the young jack pine forests of northern Michigan. Once endangered, habitat management programs have allowed the population to increase.

These, and other wildlife species, are celebrated at the annual *Kirtland's Warbler Festival* held the first weekend in June in Roscommon. There will be field trips to see and hear the Kirtland's Warbler, along with vendors and presentations.

Held in conjunction with the festival is Roscommon's *Summer Fest*, where visitors will enjoy a classic car show, cornhole tournament and food trucks. The quaint downtown offers many unique shops offering local artists' wares, Michigan made beers and wines and a variety of other goods.

Geocaching

Looking for other ways to get out and enjoy nature in Roscommon County? Come participate in the world's largest treasure hunt — geocaching.

The *ORB GeoTour* is a custom tour set up by the Houghton Lake Area and West Branch Visitor Bureaus. The 30 caches are placed to showcase some of the area's best locations. By finding at least 28 of the caches and recording them in the passport, geocachers can receive a collectable, trackable geocoin designed especially for this tour.



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The Park Place Hotel & Conference Center

Nestled in the heart of Traverse City, Michigan, the *Park Place Hotel & Conference Center* is where elegance meets the great outdoors. With its prime location in the heart of downtown, this historic hotel offers guests an ideal base to explore the region's natural beauty and lively cultural and culinary scene.

Guests can refresh body and mind in one of the 140 classically decorated rooms, each with its own stunning view of Traverse City, Boardman Lake or Grand Traverse Bay.

The Park Place Hotel offers a variety of luxurious and thoughtfully appointed accommodations, from cozy rooms to spacious suites. Each space is adorned with tasteful decor and modern amenities. Guests enjoy plush bedding and in-room comforts like flat-screen televisions, complimentary Wi-Fi and mini-refrigerators. The attention to detail in every room creates an ambiance of comfort and relaxation. Guests can refresh body and mind in the new indoor pool facility, complete with whirlpool and splash pad. An in-house fitness center is fully equipped with state-of-the-art exercise equipment.

Park Place Hotel & Conference Center has meeting spaces that can accommodate events of all sizes, from a board meeting of 10, to a conference for 450. Many of the spaces include breathtaking views of the city and Grand Traverse Bay. The conference center was part of more than \$9 million in recent renovations.

See Traverse City and Grand Traverse Bay like never before from the 10th floor *Beacon Lounge*. Along with sweeping views of Traverse City and Grand Traverse Bay, savor a full selection of

cocktails, beer, wine and small plates. Unwind with a signature cocktail or enjoy live entertainment on select evenings. Salute the sunsets over the bay.

Minerva's, the on-site restaurant, is known for its warm ambiance, delectable cuisine and the upscale, premium casual surroundings. A staple in the Traverse City restaurant landscape, *Minerva's* tantalizes the taste buds with an array of dishes crafted from locally sourced ingredients. *Minerva's* also features an excellent breakfast and lunch selection or join them on weekends for a very happy Happy Hour.

Beyond its elegant accommodations and outstanding dining, the Park Place Hotel plays an integral role in enhancing the charm of Traverse City. Its central location makes it easy to explore the city's many attractions. Stroll the historic downtown area, visit the vibrant shops, art galleries, restaurants and boutiques or simply bask in the local culture.



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Grand Haven

The Grand Haven Area is the perfect beach town destination! Located on the shores of Lake Michigan with long stretches of beautiful soft sand beaches, two towering lighthouses and an extensive boardwalk that connects the downtown to the waterfront. Grand Haven Area beaches have long been recognized as some of the best in the country, offering plenty of public access points with amenities to make your day at the beach even more enjoyable. Come see why this destination is a favorite amongst travelers year after year.

While visiting you can enjoy rides around town on the local trolley, shopping in the historic downtown district, visiting area art galleries or even a day out on the water charter fishing for salmon, lake trout or steelhead.

While in town be sure to catch a stunning sunset — they are best viewed from the beach. In fact, some of the most fantastic sunsets happen behind the silhouette of the lighthouse and pier. Another “must do” summer time activity is to make your way to the waterfront stadium to take in a performance of the world’s largest musical fountain of its kind. This evening attraction has been entertaining visitors since 1962. The *Musical Fountain* is an enchanting spectacle of water and lights creatively synchronized to a wide variety of well-known musical selections. Each 20-25 minute show is free and plays nightly at dark from Memorial Day through Labor Day, as well as Fridays and Saturdays in May and September.

Recreational boating, biking and relaxing on the beach makes the Grand Haven Area a popular destination. Bring along, or

rent a kayak and experience quaint bayous, with scenic views of Eastmanville Bayou, Hemlock Crossing and Mill Point Park. The tranquil settings will help you forget about the stresses of life. And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for wildlife like bald eagles! If you plan to venture out on Lake Michigan be sure to book a scenic charter boat trip in advance.

The Grand Haven area has over 100 miles of bike trails. The *Lakeshore Trail* is a 20-mile bike trail between downtown Grand Haven and Holland, Michigan. Along the way you can stop at Rosy Mound Natural Area, Kirk Park and Sandy Point Beach House.

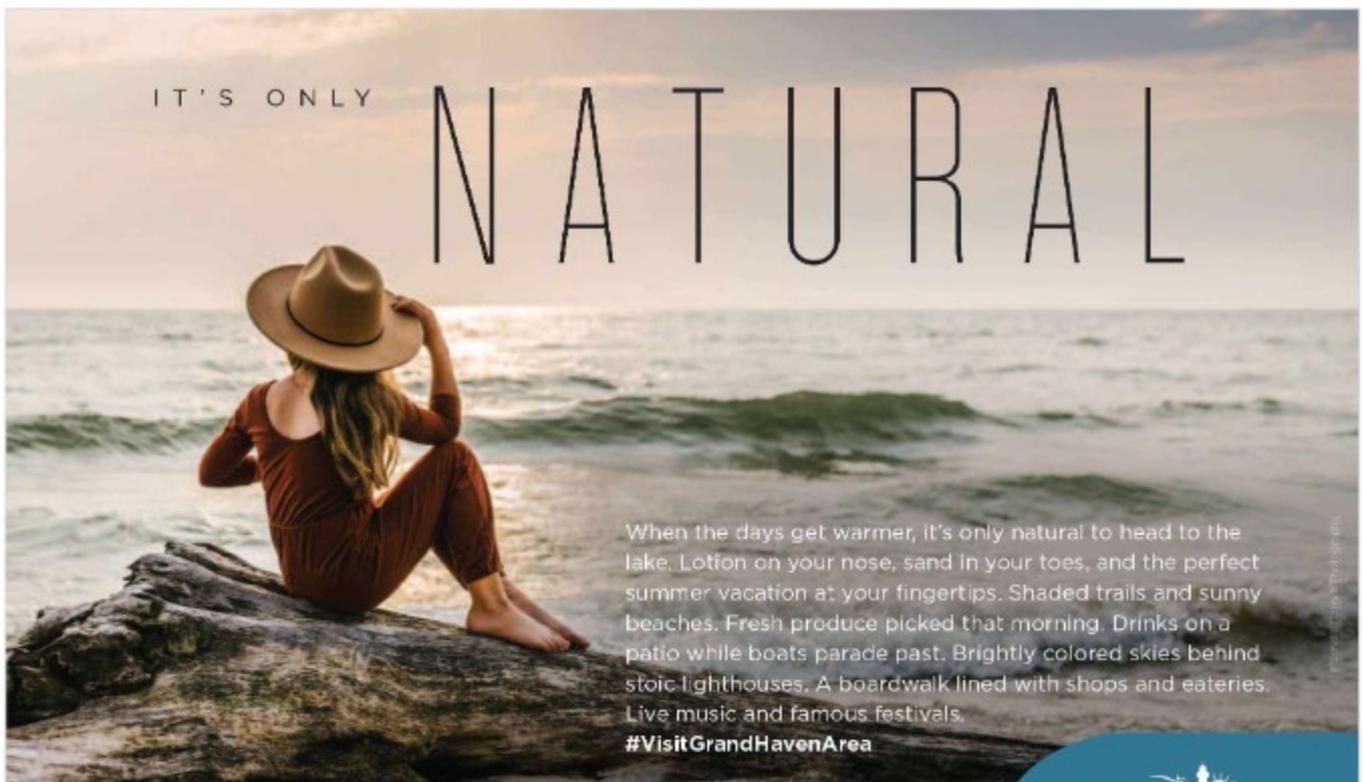
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The Sloan Museum of Discovery

Mazes & Brain Games is a temporary interactive traveling exhibit for multi-generations of families to enjoy together. The exhibit winds its way over 5,000 square feet with 60+ puzzling experiences that inspire exploration and ingenuity. Visitors will test their perceptions through the maze of illusions, become a "webmaster" by climbing through an intricate web of ropes without getting tangled in the Web Maze and get lost in a network of color in the Color Maze, among many other experiences.

Running through May 19, 2024, in the *FUN Gallery* exhibition hall, Mazes & Brain Games blends education and physical activity. The versatility in this exhibit medium makes for a unique learning tool for both children and adults. Entry tickets to the Mazes & Brain Games special traveling exhibit is just \$5, plus general admission to Sloan which gives visitors full access to the museum's other four interactive galleries.

The new Sloan Museum of Discovery is across the street from Michigan's largest planetarium, *Longway Planetarium*, and the *Flint Institute of Arts*, in a park-like setting east of downtown Flint. Make it a full day of discovery with a planetarium show, take in a special art exhibit and engage in hands-on learning.

A multi-year, \$30 million renovation was completed in 2022 and the four permanent gallery spaces each have a distinct hands-on focus. The *Discovery Hall Science Gallery* teaches science with fun, hands-on exhibits. The gallery covers over 11,000 square feet of Earth and physical science interactives, all linked to state science standards. It is also home to the Discovery Lab Maker Space, Great Lakes Water Table and a three-story "Space-ship Earth" climbing structure.

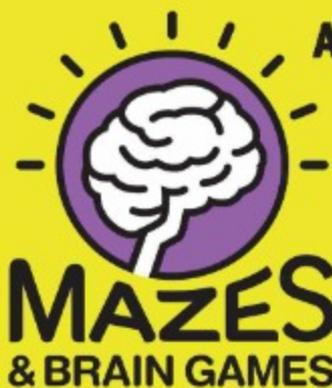
The *Hagerman Street Early Childhood Learning Gallery* helps

prepare kids for kindergarten through play-centric exploration with roundabouts for tricycles and a three-story tree house.

The *Durant Gallery* is an extension of the *History Gallery*, displaying Sloan's vast collection of rare vehicles chronicling Flint's industrial history. The *Coffee Beanery Café* offers beverages, sandwiches, salads and snacks. A large giftshop has unique gifts and souvenirs.

For more information or to purchase tickets to Mazes & Brain Games, go to SloanLongway.org/Mazes (Monday-Friday 9-5 p.m.). Teachers and home school groups seeking to book field trips may contact the scheduling department at Reservations@SloanLongway.org.

To learn more about the Sloan Museum of Discovery and Longway Planetarium, go to SloanLongway.org



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Panama City Beach is a haven for campers

There's More to Panama City Beach

Outdoor activities in Panama City Beach usually revolve around two things: sand and surf. It's natural that the world's most beautiful beaches beckon locals and travelers alike, but the area also features a treasure trove of activities, sights and places to explore that don't include a beach towel.

Explore Beyond the Shore

For scuba divers in search of unique underwater adventures, PCB is the place to be. Natural and man-made dive sites are spread across the northern Gulf of Mexico. PCB is home to five spectacular sites along the *Florida Panhandle Shipwreck Trail* — where divers can explore a collection of submerged wonders, artificial reefs, sunken tugs, warships and natural limestone reefs.

Snorkeling off the coast of St. Andrews State Park or secluded Shell Island, is the perfect way to explore the area's turquoise waters. The Gulf's water clarity is even better during the fall months, allowing for plentiful encounters with undersea life.

Beach lovers can surf the waves via paddleboard on Panama City Beach's protected and open waters like the *Grand Lagoon*, *St. Andrew Bay* and various cold springs, rivers and lakes in the region. Paddleboarders can spy rays, fish, sea turtles, dolphins and other wildlife beneath the water's surface. Equipment is easily rented from vendors, including PCB SUP and for the especially well-balanced, try paddleboard yoga at *Yoga Elements*.

Camp By the Coast

Camping in Panama City Beach is an experience like no other. Not only can you sleep out under the stars, hike beautiful trails and roast marshmallows over a campfire you can do it all within walking distance of the sparkling Gulf of Mexico!

PCB is home to one of the most popular state parks in Florida. Visitors to *St. Andrews State Park*, can explore more than 1,200 acres of unique coastal terrain. This state park is perfect for tent campers and folks with RVs. With 176 campsites for tents and RVs up to 45 feet — in the pinewoods near *Grand Lagoon*, the park

has the largest selection of camping accommodations in the area. For glampers, there are three eco-tents available for rent with enhanced amenities, including a queen-size bed, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. The park offers more than 1 1/2 miles of sugar-white beachfront and two main inland trails.

Heron Pond Trail takes visitors through a flatwood pine forest and past a historic turpentine still, while *Gator Lake Trail* offers a scenic view of Gator Lake. Other activities include watching wading birds at *Buttonbush Marsh*, shore and pier fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and taking the shuttle to *Shell Island*, a pristine barrier island across the channel from the park.

Blazing Your Trails

Panama City Beach offers beautiful hiking and bike-friendly trails — plus plenty of bike rental shops. The *Panama City Beach Conservation Park* spans 2,912 acres and offers more than 24 miles of bike paths, trails and boardwalks. The 12 designated trails range from less than a mile to 11 miles long. An additional mile of boardwalks through the park's wetlands allows bird watchers unparalleled opportunities to view migrating and local birds.

For the explorer who wants to follow a smoother, less challenging path *Gayle's Trails* are a great option. These paved pathways were named after former Mayor Gayle F. Oberst, who played a major role in the trails' development.

The *Gayle's Trails* trailheads are found in *Aaron Bessant Park* and *Frank Brown Park*. They offer a choice of three routes with a round trip of up to 19.5 miles. Visitors can also explore the many paths such as the trail that runs from Frank Brown Park to the Panama City Beach Conservation Park (2.8 miles), or the stretch that parallels Highway 79 North to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Discover Your Perfect PCB Adventure

In Panama City Beach, an unforgettable escape awaits travelers in search of outdoor adventure beyond its 27 miles of sugar-white sand beaches and turquoise waters. From scuba diving to trail biking, the destination offers an array of exhilarating experiences and natural wonders for all to discover. Visit PanamaCityBeach.com for more information. 🌴



Wendell August Forge

Trendy Trousseau, Diane's Boutique and Poppy Rd. Boutique

In the Hermitage area, *Trendy Trousseau* showcases beautiful on trend styles for the fashion-conscious woman. Shoppers can find the right stylish piece, handbag or accessory to complete her wardrobe.

Diane's Boutique features classy selections for business, casual or fun. Liven up your wardrobe with eye catching motifs, stylish micro prints and dreamy nature inspired patterns.

Poppy Rd. Boutique features easy breezy clothing and styles. They offer curated looks from various makers and vendors, in addition to country-boho inspired pieces and gifts.

Lisa's General Store

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Shopping in Mercer County PA

Grove City Premium Outlets

With easy access off interstates 79 and 80 plus no sales tax on most clothes and shoes, Mercer County is a shopper's dream. It's easy to see why more than 6 million people visit Grove City Premium Outlets each year. It's a shopper's paradise with stores that include Michael Kors, Nike Outlet, Coach, American Eagle, The North Face, Calvin Klein, Adidas and many more popular brand names. Enjoy amenities such as WI-FI charging stations, outdoor seating for both dining and lounging as well as an enclosed food court. This open-air center is located at exit 113 off I-79.

Wendell August Forge

Take a short drive approximately one mile west of the Outlets to Wendell August Forge. From ornaments and home décor to NFL collections and jewelry, Wendell August Forge offers a wide range of unique and beautifully crafted gifts that are sure to impress. Each piece from the Wendell August Forge is hand-wrought with pride using an eight-step process that has roots in ancient metalworking techniques.

Amish Pedlar

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Joden Jewelers

In downtown Grove City, find some of the very finest antiques, estate and modern jewelry at Joden Jewelers. Whether you are searching for the perfect ring for your special someone or want to treat yourself to a new, beautiful piece, Joden Jewelers is a great place to stop during your Grove City shopping excursion.

The Winner

The Sharon/Hermitage area of Mercer County features *The Winner* showcasing three floors of accessories and apparel, ranging from elegant evening wear to sportswear, career wear, cruise wear and a unique selection of dresses for homecoming, proms and pageants.

Volant Main Streets

A unique village with over 20 quaint shops, eateries, wineries and a distillery nestled in the rolling hills of scenic Amish country. Experience the charm of shopping on a walkable old-fashioned main street. The town also hosts numerous events.

Wine and Brew Trail

Mercer County visitors can create a customized wine and brew experience on the Mercer County Wine & Brew Trail. With over 12 distinctive choices, guests can plan a tour through the rolling hills in Amish Country or take in views along scenic lakes.

Dining

There are great dining options near Grove City Premium Outlets and Shenango River Lake in the Sharon/Hermitage area. Mercer's Courthouse Square features a mouth watering variety of casual, relaxed dining establishments.

Outdoor Adventure

Outdoor adventures abound on the Shenango River Water Trail, amazing animal parks or diverse activities at Maurice K. Goddard State Park and Pymatuning State Park. Thrill seekers can experience a skydiving adventure at Skydive Pennsylvania.

Golf

Book your Mercer County golf package and play at Tam O'Shanter of PA, Pine Lakes Golf Club & Resort, Spring Valley Golf & Lodge, Yankee Run Golf Course, Pine Hill Golf Course, Grove City Country Club, Oak Tree Golf Club, Avalon at Buhl, Willow Hills Golf Course or Buhl Farm Park.

Accommodations

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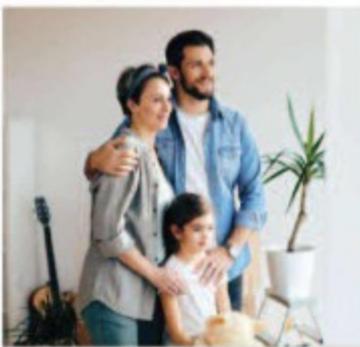
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The timeless village of Haddonfield

Spring Fever in South Jersey

Travelers looking for an appealing mix of history, culture and nature will find it in South Jersey. Comprised of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties, South Jersey has it all, special events, shopping, hotels, & restaurants, wineries, outdoor adventures, local beaches and more.

Take a stroll along the *Camden Waterfront* and enjoy views of the Delaware River. There are restaurants, shops and entertainment venues, including the *BB&T Pavilion*, which hosts concerts and other events.

The *Battleship New Jersey* is permanently moored on the Delaware River at the *Camden Waterfront*. At nearly 900 feet long and 11 stories high, America's most decorated Battleship is an awesome sight. Now a floating museum the ship offers tours, historical exhibits and special events throughout the year.

The nearby *Adventure Aquarium* is a wonderful interactive family fun experience. It features one-of-a-kind exhibits with more than 15,000 aquatic species including the largest collection of sharks on the East Coast. The latest addition is the *Stringray Beach Club* that allows visitors to actually touch and hand feed an array of stingrays.

The Camden Waterfront also has the



Professor Ken Lacovara at Edelman Fossil Park

Camden Children's Garden and concerts at the *Freedom Mortgage Pavilion*. The year-round amphitheater hosts major concerts by top entertainers.

Wiggins Waterfront Park offers a concert stage and a marina. The 51 acre green space is centrally located and close to a number of top area attractions.

Haddonfield is a picturesque town that's often called to the idealized version of "Main Street USA." A long stretch of Kings Highway, is crowded with locally-owned boutiques and great restaurants set among well maintained colonial era architecture. Haddonfield is also famous for being director Steven Spielberg's childhood home. A local monument of the first dinosaur found in the United States, is considered the inspiration for

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Jurassic Park movies.

The *Edelman Fossil Park* in Mantua, is where fossil hunters can dig for the remains of dinosaurs from the Late Cretaceous Period. Fossils found at the site include the remains of terrifying, bus-length mosasaurs, marine crocodiles, sea turtles, boney fish, shark teeth, brachiopods, marine snails and much more.

Rising over the former quarry, Rowan University's *Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park Museum* is set to open this spring. The \$73 million museum will be a world-class destination inspired by the deep-time perspective of the fossil record. Visitors will enter land and sea galleries of the Late Cretaceous world and wonder at skeletal reconstructions of creatures that existed right here, 66 million years ago, like a tyrannosaur, which was found just a mile from the Fossil Park site in 1866.

Nature lovers should make a point to visit *Pinelands National Reserve*. This unique coastal plain ecosystem is found in only a few places on the planet and covers 1.1 million acres.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities, including exploring the area's history, immersing themselves in nature, boating, fishing and camping. The region also boasts a range of attractions, such as campgrounds, wineries, artisan shops, casinos and wildlife refuges. Ghost towns and ruins are scattered across the region, with remnants of industries like bog iron, forestry, charcoal, paper and glass.

For over 250 years, the *Jersey Devil* has been said to prowl the marshes of Southern New Jersey, as protector of the Pine Barrens. Visitors are advised to treat the forest with respect.

The *Cowtown Rodeo* in Pilesgrove is the oldest weekly rodeo in the country, entertaining visitors since 1929. The 2024 Rodeo Season opens May 25th, and you can catch all the excitement of bull riding, steer wrestling and other events in a 4,000 seat arena. They also raise most of their bucking stock. The broncos you see today are the grandsons and granddaughters of the horses you might have seen in the early 1970's. 🐾

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The Stars Come Out at MetLife Stadium

For music fans, MetLife Stadium's concerts start off with country music star Morgan Wallen in May, then The Rolling Stones, George Strait and Chris Stapleton, Luke Combs, Kenny Chesney and Pink's Summer Carnival Tour in October. And for adrenaline junkies Monster Jam comes back to MetLife on June 1st, so get ready and start your engines!

Only at American Dream

At roughly 3 million square feet, the second-largest retail entertainment complex in the nation offers more than 450 stores and various dining options opening regularly. *American Dream* features interactive attractions, luxury retailers, Big Snow – the only indoor ski slope in North America, Nickelodeon Universe – the largest indoor theme park and *DreamWorks Water Park* – the largest indoor water park in the U.S. Bring your imagination to life at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center or become immersed in the world of SEA LIFE Aquarium.

Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment

The world-class *Meadowlands Racetrack* features live harness racing and

the FanDuel Sportsbook. This year, the Meadowlands Racetrack is not only home to the *Hambletonian*, but also the *Breeders Crown*, two of the most prestigious races on the harness racing circuit. The best part of it all is that the entire sports complex is accessible via public transportation.

Special events also happen just about every weekend, with wine tastings, chili contests, food truck smackdowns, plus live musicians and comedians.

Immerse Yourself in Nature

For outdoor enthusiasts, experience free guided birding walks in and around the 13,000-acre nature preserve including 3.5 miles of walking paths in *DeKorte Park* featuring panoramic views of wetlands, waterways and the New York City skyline.

The *Hackensack Riverkeeper* is available by appointment to captain eco-cruises. Kayak and canoe rentals are also available for exploring on your own. Being on the river offers exclusive views of the wetlands, nesting sites and other native species not accessible from the mainland.

Stargazing Magic

Get up close and personal with the constellations at the *William D. McDowell Observatory* in Lyndhurst. Learn from knowledgeable staff about the telescope, what will be visible and other aspects of astronomy including an up-close view of the *Andromeda Galaxy* or the *Orion Nebula* along with other surrounding celestial objects that are light years away.

The Observatory is open every Wednesday evening, weather permitting, from 8

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p.m. to 10 p.m. People are asked to call the Observatory Hotline at 201-460-4619 – after 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for the latest operating status. There is no charge.

George Washington Slept Here

Over 90 battles during the American Revolution (1775-83) were fought in New Jersey, more than any other state. Of those conflicts, 11 took place at Historic New Bridge Landing (HNBL) in River Edge.

HNBL served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters and an intelligence gathering post. George Washington used the *Steuben House* as his headquarters and in November 1776 led his retreat from British troops in a strategic bridge crossing over the Hackensack River.

Open to the public from dawn to dusk, visitors are invited to take a self-guided walking tour of the grounds and the outside of the historic buildings.

Fun for the Whole Family

A live action dinner show like no other, *Medieval Times* takes you back to the 11th century with authentic sword fights and jousting. Families can enjoy electric go-kart racing at the expanded *RPM Raceway* in Jersey City, now one of the world's largest indoor go-kart racing tracks or visit *Liberty Science Center*, located nearby for hands on learning experiences, including the *Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium*, which is the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

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Cherry Blossoms in Brook Branch Park framed by Basilica

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zilian dining. Every year in June, nearly 300,000 people come to the Ironbound to celebrate *Portugal Day*, with concerts, dancers, a parade and great food. Dive in and explore Portuguese culture and cuisine close up.

Nestled within the city limits, *Weequahic Park* offers a unique blend of natural beauty and golfing heritage. Founded in 1895, it's home to the *Weequahic Golf Course*, the oldest public course in New Jersey. Designed by renowned course architect *George Low*, it presents a challenging, yet enjoyable experience for golfers of all skill levels. Tee off amidst serene rolling hills, navigate strategic bunkers and test your aim on small well-protected greens.

Dive into the world of art, the *Newark Museum of Art*. Explore a diverse collections spanning ancient Asian artifacts to contemporary exhibits. The American art collection comprises more than 12,000 paintings, sculptures, works on paper and multimedia artworks from the 18th century to today. *Ballantine House*, the museum's historic 1884 house museum, has reopened following a \$12 million preservation project that breathes new life into its ornate interiors.

Sports lovers can experience the pulse-pounding action of an NHL hockey game at "The Rock." The *Prudential Center*, is home to the New Jersey Devils. Or, be mesmerized by world-class performances at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), featuring renowned musicians, ballet and theater productions.

Immerse yourself into the city's diverse neighborhoods with the innovative *Newark Walks App*. This interactive guide transforms your smartphone into a personal tour guide, leading you on engaging walks through Newark's vibrant districts. Choose from themed routes like "Art & Architecture" or "Ironbound Eats" and discover hidden gems, architectural marvels and historical landmarks. Interactive map features, interpretive signs and engaging audio commentary bring the city's stories to life. Walk at your own pace, stopping to savor local flavors, explore art galleries or admire the public art in every corner of the city. 📍

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Spring is Breaking Out in Newark

Newark, New Jersey, often surprises with its vibrant mix of art, culture and history. But for those seeking a different kind of adventure, the city also boasts surprising green spaces and hidden gems waiting to be discovered. And, it's just minutes away from the Big Apple.

Nestled on the banks of the Passaic River, Newark bursts into life each spring with a vibrant display of pink and white. The annual *Cherry Blossom Festival* takes place here in April at *Branch Brook Park* with over 5,200 cherry trees. That's more than Washington DC. Witness the crowning of the Cherry Blossom Queen and immerse yourself in the lively cultural performances and traditional Japanese tea ceremonies.

Designed by famed landscape architect *Frederick Law Olmstead*, who also created NYC's Central Park, Branch Brook Park is home to a large lake and Monarch Meadow, a serene butterfly garden. Picnic on the sprawling lawns or rent a paddleboat to explore the picturesque lake. Lace up your skates at the historic *Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Rink*. Opened in 1928, it offers a nostalgic atmosphere and family-friendly fun.

For a taste of Newark's architectural grandeur, head to the parkside *Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart*. Rising majestically over the city skyline, this



Portuguese Day Photo by Harry Prot

Romanesque gem boasts intricate stained-glass windows, soaring ceilings and breathtaking mosaics. Take a guided tour or simply bask in the tranquility of this spiritual haven.

No visit to Newark is complete without a stroll along *Riverfront Park*. This revitalized waterfront area provides a picturesque setting for outdoor activities. Take a leisurely walk or bike ride along the river or simply relax on the grassy lawns while enjoying stunning views of the Manhattan skyline.

Mulberry Commons is downtown Newark's newest public green space. When complete, new pedestrian bridge will connect Mulberry Commons and downtown to the Ironbound neighborhood.

The *Ironbound District* is where you will find traditional and contemporary twists on Portuguese, Spanish and Bra-





The classic Starlux Motel

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to new heights. The boardwalk features four of the best seaside roller coasters in the country. Honestly, they won't be hard to find. You'll hear people screaming at the three *Morey's Piers* beachfront amusement piers. There's the Sea Serpent, the Great Nor'easter, an inverted looping coaster, the Runaway Tram and the Great White, one of the tallest and fastest wooden roller coasters on the East Coast. Any one of them will thrill even the bravest roller coaster enthusiast.

And now for the main events. The Wildwoods play host to a wide array of events and festivals throughout the year, such as the Vintage Antique Car and Motorcycle Beach Drag Races, Monster Truck Beach Races, Mummies Weekends and Parades, Ultimate Beach Frisbee Championships, beach soccer and lacrosse tournaments, ethnic food and music festivals, live concerts the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters, WWE Wrestling, block parties and craft shows—plus free fireworks every Friday night and free outdoor concerts four nights a week all summer long.

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Hudson River

Take a Swing in Hudson County

Whether you're a football lover, soccer fan or all-around sports enthusiast, you'll find plenty of recreation experiences in Hudson County New Jersey. Catch Major League Soccer at Red Bull Arena or visit MetLife Stadium in 2026, for the FIFA World Cup. MetLife stadium is also home to the NY Jets and NY Giants. Basketball fans can take the PATH Train from Jersey City, straight to Madison Square Garden for a Knicks game. The NHL's New Jersey Devils call Newark's Prudential Center home and even Yankee Stadium is accessible via public transit from Hudson County. Just head into the city, catch a game and call it a night in a comfortable Hudson County hotel, located along the Hudson River.

Hudson County is home to three unique golf courses. *Skyway Golf Course* at Lincoln Park West, is Hudson County's finest public golf experience. Set in the shadow of the Pulaski Skyway, it's a green oasis in the middle of an urban industrial area. This amazing 9-hole layout is fringed with colorful fescue, magnificent dunes and rolling fairways. Each hole offers fun and a challenge.

The excellent hole separation provides an unexpected visual scale to the layout and serves to emphasize long views and showcase the panoramic vistas of the Manhattan skyline. The course features an equal mix of par three, par four and



Liberty National Golf Club

par five holes. Landing areas are generous and visible and most greens offer collection and chipping areas to receive slightly off-line approach shots.

If you're planning tournament, or a golf outing for a group, golf in the shadow of the Manhattan skyline is just the beginning of an unforgettable special event. *Skyway Golf Course* offers several different outing packages, each with its own unique blend of services, customized to meet your needs, including Prize Packages, Merchandise Upgrades and Food & Beverage options. *Skyway Golf* is capable of handling small to medium outings of up to 72 players. Whether your outing is next month, or next year, outing arrangements may be made up to 1+ year in advance.

An integral part of the area golf scene *Skyway Golf Course* is sure to make your must-play list of metropolitan New York and New Jersey golf courses.

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Bayonne Golf Club, in Bayonne, NJ and its neighbor, *Liberty National Golf Club*, Jersey City, NJ, were both built at the same time, as part of a massive transformation of the Jersey shoreline along the Hudson River and New York Harbor.

Bayonne was built on an old sanitary landfill covered with 7 million cubic yards of fill, much of it dredged from the harbor in an effort to make the harbor deep enough for supertankers. The deposits were piled up to 10 stories high, which developer-designer Eric Bergstol, then shaped into towering faux sand dunes. An ode to Irish links, with no trees, cart paths or level lies, fairways flow down narrow valleys, edged by steep slopes laden with tall, wavy fescues. Bunkers are deep and often fearsome. A few greens sit right above the harbor and all putting surfaces have confounding humps, bumps and rolls. This private, walking-only enclave is tucked away down a bumpy, unpaved road past a strip mall in blue-collar Bayonne, N.J.

Like its neighbor to the south, *Liberty National Golf Club* was a reclamation project. Part of a super-expensive Superfund clean-up of New York harbor, it replaced a putrid assortment of oil refineries and storage tanks with an intriguing combination of green grass and golden rough. By spreading 2 million cubic yards of fresh soil over the capped toxic wastes, architect Bob Cupp and pro-consultant Tom Kite started building something meant to be a major tournament venue. The course features narrow bent-grass fairways, just 25 to 27 yards wide, and tiny, flawless bent-grass greens, averaging just 3,400 square feet. With several hundred mature hardwoods transplanted along the fairways, a couple of rock-lined streams edging greens and winding cart paths fashioned from brick, *Liberty National* looks like what Central Park might be if it were a golf course. *Liberty National* sits just three miles southwest of the tip of Manhattan, so the views of the NYC skyline and the Statue of Liberty are tremendous. 📍

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Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina

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four bedrooms, three baths and 3,000 square feet of comfort.

Well rested and ready for day two, book your tee times at *Shale Creek Golf Club*, 5420 Wolff Road, Medina. Visit the *Granite Grille* or book your wedding or special events at this gorgeous venue. A quick 5 minute drive away, head to *Planted Flag Brewing*, 3594 Pearl Road, Medina, to check out the tasty brews and delicious food.

Southern Medina County

Begin your weekend tour of southern Medina County golf courses at *Ridge Top Golf Course*, 7441 Tower Road, Medina, an 18-hole public golf course. Then be sure to check out *Blue Heron Brewery and Event Center*, 3227 Blue Heron Trace, Medina, to test any of 16 different draft beers on tap. At the end of the day, relax and recharge at the *Holiday Express & Suites Wadsworth*, 231 Park Center Drive, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Ready to hit the links on day two? Take a cruise to *Ridge Golf Club*, 10353 Ridge Road, Seville, a championship public course with a club that hosts special events like weddings, banquets, charity events, leagues and more! Next, wet your whistle on locally brewed creations at *Wadsworth Brewing Company*, 126 Main Street, Wadsworth. 🍷

Learn more about Medina golf options at www.VisitMedinaCounty.com.

Swing into to Medina County Ohio

Medina County Ohio is a great place to enjoy, whether you're visiting with the family, a group of friends, or a romantic getaway. There are a number of memorable golf courses around the county, so bring your clubs and spend a few days on the links. After a fun day of golf relax and enjoy a good meal at one of the excellent area restaurants. Browse the unique shops and outlets or hunt for antiques to find that special item. Golf widows or widowers can stroll one of the many park trails, enjoying nature or rejuvenate at one of the soothing day spas.

Northern Medina County

Kick off your golf tour *Coppertop Golf Club*, 5740 Center Road Valley City, which features an 18-hole course. The onsite *Golfer's Pub* offers refreshments and delicious food. Off the links, sample the unique bites and refreshments at *Jilbert Winery & Brewery*, 1496 Columbia Road, Valley City. Choose from a variety of wines, beers, and appetizers. Ready to accommodate nearly any size group of travelers, *Comfort Suites*, 1464 Town Center Boulevard, Brunswick, is an easy 10-minute drive.

On day two, head to *Bunker Hill Golf Course*, 3060 Pearl Road in Medina, a gorgeous 18-hole course that will test your mettle, but not so much that beginners can't have an enjoyable outing. Looking for a substantial feast? Stop by *Lager Heads BBQ Smokehouse*, 2832 Abbeyville Road, in Medina, where the name says it all about the fare at this establishment. Bring

your hungry belly with you! You'll find even more tasty craft beers, from Stouts to Pilsners and IPAs, at *Hoppy Dude Brews*, 1369 Ridge Road, Hinckley.

Central Medina County

Start your adventure at the *Pleasant Valley Country Club*, 3830 Hamilton Road, in Medina, an 18-hole public golf course on 165 acres of beautiful Ohio landscape. By now your group has probably worked up a thirst, so quench it at the *Wrecking Crew Brewworks*, 144 N. Court Street, Medina, where the beers on display are as unique as their names. Finally, put up your feet for a well-earned rest at *The Huffman House*, 3935 Huffman Rd., Medina, a historic, family-owned rental property offering



Blue Heron Brewery in Medina



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beverage while attending one-of-a-kind festivals. Historic downtown Logan hosts the Logan Frozen Festival in January, UrbanAir/Wake Up Downtown Airstream campout in May, the Washboard Music Festival in June, Big Foot Festival in August, Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee in October and the Annual Logan Christmas Parade in December.

The quintessential Hocking Hills experience must include a stay in one of

Head for the Hills, the Hocking Hills this Spring

AS Ohio awakens from winter's slumber the Hocking Hills transform into a kaleidoscope of vibrant flora and fauna. The barren trees of winter begin to sprout fresh green leaves, creating a vibrant canopy that dances in the gentle breeze. The forest floor, once covered in a blanket of snow, now comes alive with a carpet of dozens of wildflowers, including Trilliums, Violets, Yellow Lady Slippers, Star of Bethlehem, Blue-eyed Mary and Showy Orchids.

The waterfalls of Hocking Hills undergo a remarkable transformation during the spring season. Increased rainfall and melting snow contribute to higher water levels, causing the waterfalls to cascade with renewed vigor. Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave and Cedar Falls are just a few of the iconic waterfalls that become even more mesmerizing during this time of the year. The echoes of rushing water and the spray from the falls create a sensory experience that immerses visitors in the beauty and power of nature.

Spring also marks the return of migratory birds, adding an audible dimension to the landscape. The songs of warblers, thrushes and vireos fill the air, creating a symphony that complements the visual feast of blooming wildflowers. Birdwatchers flock to the region to catch glimpses of these feathered travelers as they make their way through the hills and valleys. The diversity of bird species in Hocking

Hills makes it a paradise for both seasoned birdwatchers and casual enthusiasts.

Mother Nature may be the star of the show but don't discount the man-made attractions. From the only *Pencil Sharpener Museum* in the world, to the last remaining washboard manufacturer in the US, there are plenty of quirky attractions to entertain.

Need a little adrenaline rush? Fly through the tree canopy with the original *Hocking Hills Zipline* adventure. Climb a real rock face and rappel down. Paddle down the historic Hocking River. Try the ancient Japanese process of relaxation *shinrin-yoko*, also known as forest bathing. Take a guided hike in search of mushrooms and other edibles found in the forest. Learn about butterflies along the *Hocking Hills Butterfly Trail*.

Visit historic downtown Logan, the Hocking Hills' hometown. Visitors will find an assortment of boutiques, eateries and entertainment. The *Logan Theater & Community Arts Center* is being renovated and will host movies and live performances beginning in 2025. The new *Hocking Hills Children's Museum* opened in January, offering hands-on experiences for the child in all. New eateries, a boutique hotel and family friendly festivals are all part of the Logan experience.

Last year the City of Logan adopted a DORA, or Downtown Outdoor Recreation Area, in the historic district. Now festival goers can enjoy their favorite adult

hundreds of cabins. These are not rustic cabins. They vary from elegantly appointed cabins for two to luxury lodges large enough to accommodate a group. Most come with hot tubs and many also feature game rooms, fire places and in-ground swimming pools. For a truly unique experience, rent a treehouse, yurt or geodome. If camping is preferred, there are award-winning campgrounds offering full hook-ups as well as primitive camp sites. Ohio's newest State Park Lodge opened in 2022. The *Hocking Hills State Park Lodge & Conference Center* is located just south of Old Man's Cave and features lodge rooms with balconies overlooking the dramatic landscape, fine dining, indoor and outdoor pools and breathtaking outdoor spaces to gather with friends.

As the days grow longer and the temperatures become more inviting, spring in Hocking Hills invites everyone to embrace the outdoors and appreciate the beauty that surrounds them. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through a wildflower-filled meadow, an exhilarating hike along a waterfall-laden trail or a peaceful moment spent birdwatching, spring in Hocking Hills offers an unparalleled connection to nature's wonders. It's a season of renewal, growth and awe-inspiring beauty that captivates the senses and leaves a lasting impression on all who have the privilege of experiencing it.

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The historic J.E. Good Park Golf Course in Akron

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and is open throughout the year, weather permitting. It was ranked as one of the top 12 golf courses in Northeast Ohio by Crain's Cleveland Business.

Fox Den Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course located in Stow. It was first opened for play in 1967 and offers a practice facility, two putting greens, a driving range, pro shop, grille and more. With 130 acres of space, the Fred Schmeidel designed, par 71 course is a great location for some fairway fun.

J. E. Good Park Golf Course was designed by Bertie Wey in 1924 and is a stunning course located in Akron. This mature course boasts 180 acres and puts a focus on shot accuracy. After a round, head to the deck overlooking the 9th green for a cold beverage.

Between rounds, take a break and explore the trails of the *Summit Metro Parks*

or the *Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP)*. It's a great way to enjoy the beauty of the spring season. In 2022, the CVNP was the ninth most-visited national park in the U.S. Take a ride on the *Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad*, a heritage railroad operating with the CVNP.

Don't forget about attractions like Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, the Akron Zoo, Akron Art Museum, Akron Children's Museum, MAPS Air Museum and Minor League Baseball at Canal Park, home of the Akron RubberDucks.

A once-in-a-lifetime event is quickly approaching! A total solar eclipse will be passing through parts of Ohio on April 8,

Follow the Sun into Ohio

Planning a spring getaway this year? Look no further than the Buckeye State! Rich with tradition and history, Ohio offers travelers a multitude of options. From its bustling metropolitan areas to its quaint country villages and scenic riverboat towns, Ohio boasts an abundance of activities in every region of the state. Plus, this year's Total Eclipse in April, will trace a magical path across the state. Ohio is easily accessible with an extensive network of interstates and highways and is very affordable for families.

Akron & Summit County

The possibilities for springtime fun in Summit County, Ohio are blooming and are closer to home than you may think.

As winter fades and springtime begins, it's time to get back outside and enjoy the start of warmer weather. What better way to experience the changing season than the view from the golf course? The crisp morning air, fresh dew on the green, and longer days – all make for a wonderful time ahead. Play a round on some of the beautiful courses in Greater Akron, OH.

Firestone Country Club is home to the *Kaulig Companies Championship*, one of five major championships on the Senior PGA Tour. There are 54 holes and three courses of legendary and historic golf at this private club. Make a weekend of it with their *Stay & Play* golf package where you and your friends can stay in a club room or villa and enjoy each course. The Raymond C. Firestone Public 9-hole course at Firestone provides golfers public access without being a member.

Brookledge Golf Club in Cuyahoga Falls, is an amazing 18-hole, public course. With over 120 acres of scenery, the current Brookledge was designed by Arthur Hills and is ranked as the ninth-best golf course in Ohio by PGA.com.

Ellsworth Meadows Golf Club is an 18-hole course that is challenging to all skill levels. This public course is in Hudson, OH,



Mahoning County golf

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Youngstown

Looking for a great new golf destination? Let Youngstown and Mahoning County be your Northeast Ohio golfing destination this spring. This area has been ranked #4 in the U.S. for top-quality, affordable public golf courses. Golfers of all skill levels will be challenged on scenic, well-maintained courses, where you can sharpen your game. No need to spend a fortune on a golf getaway, because local hotels offer affordable stay-and-play golf packages.

A favorite since 1928, the historic *Mill Creek Golf Course* in Boardman, features two 18-hole championship courses designed by the legendary *Donald Ross*. The two courses have over 100 bunkers, or as Donald Ross once said, "There is no such thing as a misplaced bunker." Golfweek recognized Mill Creek in its *Best Courses You Can Play* category.

Designed around an old quarry by architect Barry Serafin, *Reserve Run* was rated as a 4-star Ohio course by Golf Digest. Its rolling fairways, manicured greens and beautiful lakes provide for a golf experience you will not forget.

Award-winning golf course architect Brian Huntley designed *Kennington Golf Club* to blend natural beauty with a challenging layout featuring lakes, scenic ravines and tree-lined fairways. Huntley also designed the *Links at Firestone Farms* in Columbiana. It has been listed by Golf Digest as the Best New Affordable Public Golf Course in the State of Ohio and 9th nationally. You will enjoy the challenge of a Scottish links-style

course without having to travel overseas.

On the western side of Mahoning County, *Olde Dutch Mill* in Lake Milton, winds through an interesting natural terrain around the *Lake Milton Dam* and the *Mahoning River*. The course adjacent to the popular *Halliday's Winery*, which you can enjoy following your round. The eastern edge of Mahoning County is home to the 180 rolling acres of *Knoll Run Golf Course*. 8 hole, par 72 course is a favorite among the local golf community. *Bedford Trails Golf Course*, is a scenic, wooded course with reasonable rates and a great bar and restaurant.

After a day on the links continue working on your game by visiting one of several area golf simulators for a virtual golf experience. *Bunker Southern Park* is an expansive indoor golf practice and learning facility. Eight, *Foresight Sports* simulators are open to the public and will provide you with the utmost true-to-life golf experience. There's also a short game/putting green area, practice driving range, as well as tasty food and beverage options.

The *Kennington Golf Simulator Lounge* offers a state-of-the-art facility featuring three, *Full Swing Pro Series* simulators. Chose from over 80 iconic championship courses and hone your skills. The *Simulator Lounge* features a full bar, specialty foods and a putting green.

The newly opened *Mill Creek Indoor Player Development Center*, offers three *Trackman* hitting bays and an indoor short game area, as well as state-of-the-art club repair and re-gripping room. Food and beverage service are also available.

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Miami County

Every year, thousands of people spend time on the *Great Miami River*, one of only 22 national water trails. Popular pastimes include canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to camp on the river? In Troy, Ohio, outdoor enthusiasts can experience Ohio's first and only public floating-tent experience.

Located at *Treasure Island Park*, in Troy, the *Float Troy* experience exists. The *Shoal* tent is an inflatable, floating raft with a tent topper that allows campers to sleep out on the water. The tents come inflated, anchored and ready to use with several amenities to provide an enjoyable experience. Each rental includes a kayak or raft, to travel to and from the shore, oars and life vests. Do not forget to bring the S'mores supplies, as there are floating fire pits located in the river near the tents and are available free of charge. Grills, a shelter and restrooms are on the shore for all *Float Troy* guests to use as well.

To learn more about *Float Troy*, or reserve your tent, visit www.float-troy.com.

Along the river, the *Great Miami Recreational Trail* is part of the nation's largest paved trail network. Bring your bikes and running shoes to take advantage of the bike path. Miami County is also filled with fantastic parks, waterfalls and *Brukner Nature Center*, where you can hike, bird watch and learn about a variety of wildlife. *Brukner* also has some very special animal ambassadors that love to greet visitors.

If you prefer to sample the local fare rather than roast hot dogs over a fire, Miami County offers a variety of local restaurants to fit anyone's taste buds. From tacos and steak, to burgers and milkshakes, the menus will please everyone. Make sure to

check out the local shops while in any of the historic downtown communities. You never know what treasures you will find.

Sometimes an overnight in the *Shoal* tent coincides with one of Troy's summer concerts. Campers and visitors can enjoy the music or watch the fireworks on the Fourth of July, right from the tent or a kayak on the river. There are events happening all summer long so check out the current list of events on the visitors bureau's website.

For additional information on places to see, things to do and where to eat and shop while in Miami County, visit www.homegrowngreat.com and start planning your adventure today.

A photograph of a row of orange floating tents on a river at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow and reflecting on the water. The tents are arranged in a line, and the water is calm. In the top right corner, there are logos for "Ohio THE HEART OF IT ALL" and "A Riverway".

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Sandusky

A total solar eclipse is a rare and awe-inspiring event. Just how rare? Well, the last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806, and the next one after April, will be in 2099. This long gap between total solar eclipses makes each occurrence a very special experience for those lucky enough to witness it. Only 21 total solar eclipses have crossed the lower 48 states in the entire existence of the United States.

Solar eclipses are dramatic events, but the total eclipse coming on April 8, 2024 is going to ratchet up the experience. The "totality" as it is referred to, it will enter Ohio around 3:00 p.m. in the southwest corner of the state and will exit the northeast corner around 3:10 p.m. During this time, those in the path of the total solar eclipse will be cast into darkness.

Named as one of the top seven locations in the U.S. to watch the eclipse by Outside Magazine, Sandusky is perfectly positioned in the path of totality. All of Sandusky County will be in the path of totality. Sandusky County will experience 3 minutes 38 seconds of darkness, while central and southeast Ohio will experience only seconds of totality, or no totality at all.

During the eclipse, the sky will darken and stars and planets will become visible. The air temperature will drop, birds and animals will become quiet and nocturnal creatures will begin to stir. The moon's shadow will create a dramatic contrast with the bright sky, creating a truly breathtaking sight. Observers will be left speechless as they witness the outmost layer of the sun's atmosphere known as the corona.

To commemorate the April 8 total solar eclipse, Sandusky City Commission issued a proclamation to declare the city of

Sandusky as SUNdusky, USA during eclipse weekend, April 5-8, which promises to yield an unforgettable celebration. Make the most of this a once-in-a-lifetime event by making the short drive to Sandusky County. With many eclipse themed events, including live music, food and more, it's easy to make it a long weekend. Whether you're a seasoned astronomer or just a curious onlooker, don't miss this opportunity to witness the beauty and power of the sun and moon in perfect alignment. You will return home with great memories of good times and nature's greatest celestial gift.

Plan your visit and register for camping and events at: www.sanduskycounty.org/eclipse.



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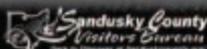
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Holmes County

Ohio Amish Country, located just about halfway between Cleveland and Columbus, offers families with kids of all ages a glimpse into the simpler side of life. Three farm and animal encounters dot this pastoral region, each offering a unique experience. The *Farm at Walnut Creek* hosts drive-it-yourself tours or wagon rides to hand-feed animals, including ostrich, bison, elk, water buffalo, kangaroos and camels, mixed with goats, horses, deer and birds. *Yoder's Amish Farm* offers a glimpse into the daily life on the farm. The highlight is a barn built in 1885, filled with farm animals ready to be petted. Buggy rides are popular on the farm and personal pets are allowed on board! *Hershberger's Farm and Bakery* combines all the best things about Amish Country: Animal encounters, delicious bakery items, buggy rides, local produce and shopping, including the *Farm Store* filled with unique items including wooden toys, furniture and more.

After a day on the farm, visitors can play mini-golf at *Country Acres Mini Golf* in Berlin. Unwind and do a little shopping at nearby *Schrock's Heritage Village*. Take in a family-friendly show next door at the *Amish Country Theater*. The *Cabin Creek Family Entertainment Center* in Baltic, offers two, 18-hole putt-putt courses, a sand volleyball court, a driving range and batting cages. Cabin Creek is located just minutes from the *Age of Steam Museum*, home to the world's largest collection of privately owned historic steam engines! Golfers looking for a fun day on the links can tee off at the *Fire Ridge Golf Course* or *Black Diamond Golf Course*.

The western edge of Ohio Amish Country is known as the

Mohican Recreation area with canoeing and kayaking down the Mohican River. Explore *Mohican State Park*, and shopping in charming downtown *Loudonville*. *Raby Hardware*, is the nation's oldest continuously family-owned hardware store, or try the *Creative Outlet Indian Store*. Travel over the *Spellacy Covered Bridge*, spanning 300 feet across the Mohican River. *Airport Ridge Sporting Clays* is another great adventure. Two courses include a 12-station orange course (2 traps per station) and an 18-station black super sporting clays course (3 traps per station). Both offer shooting challenges for novice and experienced shooters.

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Rossford

There is so much to see and do just across the border of Michigan in northwest Ohio. How about a weekend visit and set up your base camp in Rossford, just south of Downtown Toledo? Rossford is conveniently located at the crossroads of I-75 and 80/90, the Ohio Turnpike. The *Hotels on Clark* provide you with a choice of five name-brand hotels including the Country Inn & Suites, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn & Suites, Staybridge Suites and Tru by Hilton. Visit HotelsOnClark.com. There are three top-rated golf courses within a 10-minute drive of these hotels.

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The Belmont Country Club is a short four-minute drive. The club's 18-hole championship golf course first opened for play in 1968. Since then, it has become one of the best known and respected golf courses in the Northwest Ohio area. The unique six-tee placements per hole make the course enjoyable and challenging for players of all skill levels. The tree lined fairways, unique water hazards and large, fast greens have gained Belmont Country Club high marks among area golfers. Visit www.thebelmontcountryclub.com.

Crosswinds Golf Club is 3.8 miles away. Crosswinds Golf Club features an 18-hole public golf course with a full driving range, putting green and chipping area with special rates for military



Crosswinds Golf Club

personnel and seniors. Golfers of all ages and skill levels will appreciate the clean and well-maintained course. Whether you have time for nine or 18 holes, Crosswinds Golf Club in Perrysburg, is ready to host you and your friends for a round of golf. CrosswindsGolfClubandDrivingRange.com

The South Toledo Golf Club is a 10-mile drive from the Hotels on Clark in Rossford. This public course was originally designed to be a country club, which accounts for the undulating greens well protected by 41 bunkers. The course is covered by several thousand trees, some over 75 years old. Five sets of tees give every golfer the challenge in length to use virtually every club in their bag. The back tees boost the course up to a respect 6,500+ yards with a 124 slope rating. SouthToledoGolf.com

Pro Golf Fairways is a great option for a rainy day or if you are craving the top courses from around the world. Their four golf simulators are located inside Reset, located just 1.7 miles from your hotel. Reset also features duckpin bowling, free vintage arcade games, two indoor bars and an outside Tiki bar with sand volleyball courts. Enjoy the famous Cameo Pizza or choose from a full menu of your favorites. Families welcome, (21 and over after 7 p.m. on Friday/Saturday). ProGolfFairways.com ResetArcade.com/rossford. Scan the QR code in the ad below for a chance to Win a Free Weekend trip!

Chillicothe

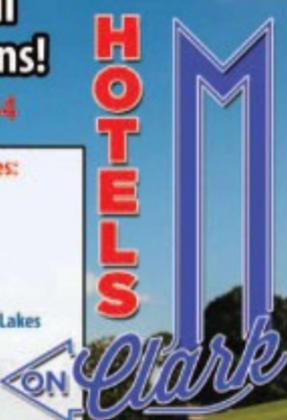
Nestled in the Appalachian foothills of southern Ohio, Chillicothe is a city that transcends the ordinary. Beyond its charming streets and welcoming community lies a treasure trove of ancient wonders. *Hopewell Culture National Historical Park* comprises five sites featuring magnificent earthworks, built



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over 2,000 years ago by ancient Native American ancestors, standing as a testament to the ingenuity and cultural richness of the prehistoric inhabitants of this region.

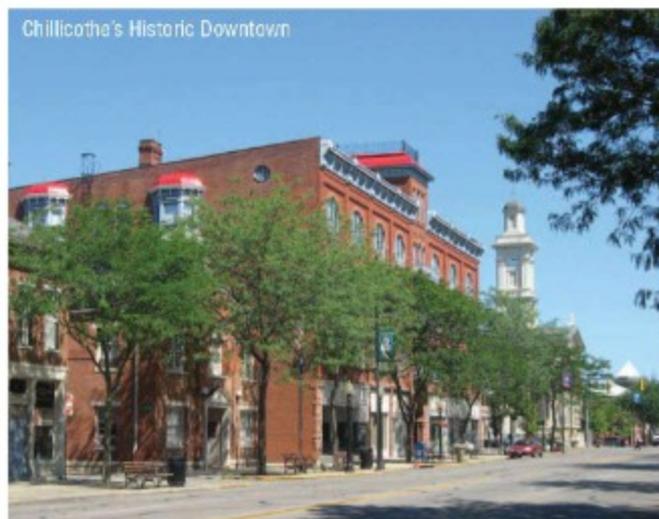
Inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, these five locations, along with three others in Ohio, collectively form the *Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks*, situated in Chillicothe, Newark and Oregonia. These earthen complexes showcase the advanced knowledge that ancient ancestors possessed in engineering, geometry and astronomy. Constructed with near geometrical precision, the earthworks include squares, octagons and circles, proving that these enormous shapes were intentional rather than coincidental. Additionally, their profound understanding of the sky is evident in the solar and lunar alignments featured in many of the sites, including the complex 18.6-year lunar cycle.

The earthworks are not mere remnants of the past, they stand as monuments to the ancestors who came before us. Unlike cathedrals that rise above the earth, these ancient people constructed spacious complexes with walled, earthen enclosures and eventually mounds where buildings once stood within the walls. These complexes were not villages but served as spaces for ceremonial gatherings, such as funerals and rites of passage. The earthworks offer a profound and immersive experience that transcends their physical presence, inviting contemplation about the interconnectedness of humanity, the passage of time and the enduring legacy of ancient civilizations. The UNESCO World Heritage designation underscores the global significance of these earthworks, emphasizing the importance of preserving and sharing this cultural heritage with the world.

Beyond the earthworks, Chillicothe itself is a welcoming

destination that seamlessly blends history with modern charm. Visitors can explore life in the 1800s at *Adena Mansion & Gardens*, a restored mansion with working gardens, whose original owner played a significant role in Ohio becoming a state. Journeying through various eras is made possible by fascinating exhibits presented by the *Ross County Historical Society*. In downtown Chillicothe, visitors can connect with the present at local restaurants, quaint coffee shops and bakeries, as well as unique retail shops and engage in community events. Summer evenings come alive beneath the starry sky as the annual production of "Tecumseh!" Outdoor drama unfolds on stage, featuring action-packed combat sequences with galloping horses and cannon

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fire surrounding the audience.

A visit to Chillicothe is an enchanting journey through time, providing an opportunity to witness the wonders crafted by Native American ancestors over two thousand years ago, while also experiencing the excitement of modern culture complemented by a warm touch of southern hospitality. Visit ChillicotheOhio.com for more information.

Fulton County

Whether you are strolling through the past on historic Sauder Village's 1920's Main Street, sipping a glass of wine, or craft beer at one of their fine wineries and breweries or getting caught up in the excitement at *Oakshade Raceway*, you will discover that Fulton County is the "Place to Find Your Pace".

History weaves its way throughout Fulton County. *Sauder Village* is Ohio's largest living history museum. You will be transported through time, from 1803 to the 1920's. Experience life in Ohio while visiting with costumed guides in historic homes, farms, gardens and *The Broken Barrel Speakeasy*. Participate in hands-on activities like making butter, milking a goat or playing old fashioned games. It's fun for all ages! Visit saudervillage.org for more information.

Magic with a Message is one of the few "brick and mortar" magic shops and museums still open in the Midwest. Escape the mundane and allow your mind to "disappear" into this imaginative and intriguing world of illusion.

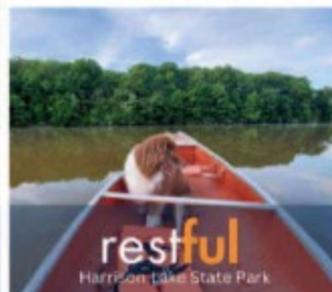
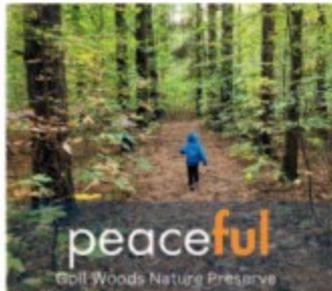
Bison in Fulton County? Get an up-close look at buffalo and learn about these majestic animals at the *Bracy Gold Bison Ranch*.

Not only is the *Fulton County Fair* the largest county fair in Ohio, the *Fulton County Fairgrounds* and campground is host to

many events that draw visitors from near and far. These include *The Annual Thresher's Reunion*, *The Crosley Car Show*, *The Antique Motorcycle Show and Auction*, *Midwest GeoBASH*, *The State Line Gem Show*, *Maumee Valley Tractor Pull* and many horse and dog shows, with more events added every year.

Throughout Fulton County you will find many unique shopping opportunities. Shop artisans like *Richard Morgan Custom Metal Art Studio*, *Turkeyfoot Creek Creamery*, *Oak Openings Pottery*, *Swan Creek Candles*, *Field of Memories Antique Mall*, along with many boutiques and specialty shops.

Enjoy hospitality and heritage at the many local festivals: *Delta Chicken Festival*, *Swanton Corn Festival*, *Fayette Royal*



Bull Thistle Festival, Wauseon Homecoming and Archbold Street Fest. For more information go to visitfultoncounty.com.

Plan on spending the night with them at one of these comfortable and affordable accommodations including Sauder Heritage Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Days Inn, Rodeway Inn or local campgrounds.

For more information visit www.fultoncounty.com

Shelby County

For decades Shelby County has enjoyed the distinction of having the highest percentage of manufacturing jobs per capita in the State of Ohio. Today and throughout its history, Shelby County is known as a place that builds things. With a visit, you'll quickly see why this region is a hotbed for manufacturing and how that came to be.

Begin your day with a tour of the Airstream plant, affectionately known as "the Mothership." You've seen these iconic travel trailers on the highway, now witness first-hand how they're built with a guided factory tour. From the first stages of assembly through final quality assurance, these world-class travel trailers are manufactured exclusively in Jackson Center, Ohio.

After the tour, a visit to the *Airstream Heritage Center* is a must. Paying tribute to nearly 100 years in business, the Heritage Center features vintage Airstream travel trailers, interactive displays and Airstream collectibles. The *Airstream Starbucks* and *Airstream Supply Company* are popular on-site stops as well. An *Airstream Touring Coach* plant tour is also available.

Nearby, downtown Sidney is home to *Austeria Wine Boutique*, where guests can enjoy curated wine tastings at this newly opened bottle shop featuring 400-600 different wines. Prices

begin at \$10-\$15 per bottle and include local, national and international varieties for patrons to sample and purchase.

Day 2 begins with a chance to stretch your legs on a walking tour of downtown *Sidney*. Here you can visit the *Farmers & Merchants State Bank*, built in 1917 by famed architect Louis Sullivan, mentor to Frank Lloyd Wright. This exquisite architectural masterpiece is best known for its "jewel box" design. Walk across the street for a peek into the *Monumental Building*, originally constructed in 1877 to honor Shelby County's fallen Civil War soldiers. Buffalo Bill Cody and Annie Oakley once performed here and the beautifully renovated *Opera House* on the upper level is now home to Sidney's Municipal Court.

Downtown dining options include the famous *Spot Restau-*



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rant, where guests have enjoyed mouth watering meals for more than 110 years. The fresh, homemade pies are out of this world. Other options include *Murphy's Craftbar + Kitchen* and *Amelio's Italian Pizza Shop*. Murphy's features locally sourced ingredients in their varied menu of tasty dishes along with 48 taps of your favorite beers. Amelio's is best known for their signature brick-oven pizza, fresh salads and pasta. Another local favorite is *The Bridge Restaurant* offering steaks, chops and incredible seafood in a lovely setting.

After lunch, tour the *Wallace Family Learning & Innovation Center*, where you'll learn the compelling story of how Shelby County emerged from a primitive wilderness 200 years ago, to the innovative and vibrant community it is today. A total of six galleries featuring interactive displays and exhibits are exceptionally designed and highly informative.

On Day 3 it's time to get crafty. After a couple days of seeing how it's made in Shelby County, it's now time to make something yourself at *Hammer & Stain*. This curated, do-it-yourself studio offers guests the opportunity to transform unfinished wood into beautiful and personalized home décor. With your finished souvenir in-hand, the balance of the day can be enjoyed visiting local downtown specialty shops and boutiques or simply relaxing on the beautiful Shelby County court square, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Tuscarawas County

Linger where the hospitality feels like home, on the other side of Amish Country! Spring and Summer bring new adventures in beautiful Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Enjoy the well maintained greens on area golf courses. Tee times are plentiful, so you will soon be swinging for an Ace! Coming off the course enjoy a scenic drive through scenic Swiss and Amish cultural areas and revel in all the area offers. It's time to pack your suitcase and travel to Tuscarawas County, Ohio!

Day 1 begins with a great round of golf at *Oak Shadows*. The scenic par 70 course has captured and preserved the natural landscape of Tuscarawas County.

Drive to *Downtown Sugarcreek*, home to the *World's Largest Cuckoo Clock* and also the 1st Cuckoo Clock included in the Guinness Book of World's Records! Enjoy visiting the local shops while you are there and don't miss the *Brick Wall Sculpture!*

Visit the *Ernest Warther Museum and Gardens* to experience the phenomenal talents of master carver Mooney Warther, whose passion for steam engines drove him to create exact replicas of these mighty trains. The *Dennison Railroad Depot Museum*, a National Historic Landmark, is in an original depot that once served as a water stop for the steam powered troop trains. Volunteers fed over 1.3 million troops on during WWII, while locomotive engines filled with water.

Slow down at one of the county's ten wineries or four craft breweries, each offers a distinctive flavor and flair.

With many lodging options to choose from, you will be certain to find the perfect, comfortable pillow in one of the numerous hotels!

Historic *Zoar Village* is a National Landmark District and your first stop on Day 2. It was founded in 1817, by German Separatists seeking religious freedom. J.E. Reeves earned a fortune in steel. His home, the *J. E. Reeves Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum*, showcases original furnishing and local history.

There is an abundance of boutique shopping throughout the county and the friendly merchants are ready to welcome you!



Throughout your stay, local restaurants will keep you well fed with offerings to please everyone around your table!

Start Day 3 like a local by visiting one of the local coffee shops or cafes for your favorite jolt of caffeine. Choose from homemade donuts, classic diners, Amish-style or traditional – you will enjoy your time spent savoring your relaxing morning! Enjoy the great outdoors with another round of golf. Relax over a leisurely lunch before you head back home, while still thinking of your favorite sights and discoveries here!

For more information, please contact the Tuscarawas County Welcome Center at www.traveltusc.com.

Greater Grand Lake

Grand Lake, Ohio's largest inland lake, offers 13,500 acres of aquatic fun along with 600 acres of beautiful parkland. Dug by hand in the early 1800's, it was also the site of the world's first off-shore oil rig. Today Grand Lake is home to three lighthouses and visitors can hike, bike, fish, boat, swim, picnic or watch eagles soar. Or, just enjoy the laid-back atmosphere at more than a dozen lakeside restaurants, bars and clubs. Check out the *Boardwalk Village Resort* for a fun, Key West style vibe. *Downtown Celina* is a hip lakeside community with top notch restaurants and shopping.

Make sure to check out the *Armstrong Air & Space Museum* in Wapakoneta, hometown of Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon. It is a great place to learn about the Apollo 11 moon mission with artifacts like a Gemini VIII spacecraft, an FSD Skylancer and a moon rock.



Boating on Grand Lake

Don't miss Wapakoneta's historic downtown, complete with unique works of public art, including an interactive, giant space helmet. Browse its delightful mix of unique, antique and specialty shops and eclectic restaurants.

The village of *Fort Recovery* tells the story of the early 1790's battles that changed the course of American history. View the vivid murals located throughout its quaint downtown.

A visit to the *Bicycle Museum of America* in New Bremen is a fun stop that showcases the history of bicycles. Home to the largest private bicycle collection in the world, there are more than 250 bicycles on display, including the big wheel and wooden bicycles of the past, as well as sleek racing bikes of today and many unusual bikes from every era in between.

While in New Bremen be sure to check out the *Miami-Erie Canal*, Lock One and the Lockkeepers House.

Savor the region's wonderful restaurants, breweries, wineries, great golf courses and boutique shopping and it all adds up to a memorable getaway you'll truly enjoy. 🍷

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Princess' trademark Skywalkers lounge-in-the-sky offers a 125-foot-wide balcony that provides commanding views over the aft of the ship — perfect for stargazing or an al fresco break.

Take your seat in the *Princess Theater* and be mesmerized by Broadway-caliber productions. Laugh along with profes-



Sapphire Princess at sea

for the main dining room or specialty restaurants.

Popular venues include Alfredo's Pizzeria, Sterling Steakhouse, and the casual World Fresh Marketplace. While you're there, check out the *Crab Shack*, a unique pop-up dining experience with everything from clam chowder, to a steamer pot (crab legs, shrimp, clams!).

Sabatini's is Princess' signature Italian specialty restaurant serving Italian classics with handmade pasta. Pair it with a delicious Italian wines or custom cocktails.

The 14-Day *Cape Horn & Strait of Magellan* cruise features a carefully curated menu of ports. With its broad avenues, and splendid rococo buildings, *Buenos Aires* has frequently been called the "Paris of the Southern Hemisphere." Wander down tree-lined boulevards or take in the *Casa Rosada* Presidential Palace and museums near the *Plaza de Mayo*. The 2,487-seat *Teatro Colon* is considered one of the world's great opera houses.

With an eclectic mix of influences, *Montevideo* boasts a multicultural European charm. Highlights of Uruguay's capital city include the *Rambla*, a 13-mile long waterfront promenade. It's a great place to people watch, or enjoy an *El Mate*, a

local beverage brewed from the yerba herb and served in a gourd.

Puerto Madryn is the gateway to the *Peninsula Valdez Reserve* and the natural wonders of Patagonia. Vastly undiscovered and unexplored, visit the penguin colonies, and keep your eyes open for the wild ostriches that have been clocked at over 45 miles per hour.

The Falklands have long been a way station for ships, particularly whalers, bound to and from Cape Horn. *Stanley*, the tiny capital, lies on the windswept tip of East Falkland Island. Colorful houses occupy the low rolling moorland bordering a harbor, dotted with the hulks of vessels that succumbed to the fierce winds and waves of the South Atlantic.

Cape Horn remains a milestone in any sailor's experience. The culmination of the Andes mountain range, the legendary Cape is prone to unpredictably strong winds, choppy waters, icebergs and rogue waves — none of which faze *Sapphire Princess*. With no human settlement, you'll enjoy the same views as Magellan discovered centuries ago.

Ushuaia clings to the tip of a hemisphere where two great oceans meet. The world's southernmost town is the

gateway to *Tierra del Fuego National Park*, home of towering mountains splintered by glaciers and some of the world's most fascinating wildlife.

Wandering through the historic port of *Punta Arenas* you can watch Andean condors trace circles above the steep, granite cliffs. Nearby *Torres del Paine National Park* is celebrated for the Cuernos del Paine peaks sometimes known as *Coleoptera's Needles*.

Sapphire Princess retraces the route of Magellan along the mystical landscapes of the Chilean Fjords. Cruising through these legendary inlets, you'll be awed by the presence of snow capped mountain peaks, and blue-tinged glaciers. The unspoiled scenery is filled with dramatic rock formations and abundant wildlife, including sea lions and Peale's dolphins.

In *Puerto Montt*, Chile, travel to nearby Puerto Varas to view the volcanoes, or explore the Lake District, where waterfalls cascade into the blue-green glacial waters.

San Antonio, Chile's busiest port, has roots to the 16th century. Stroll the pleasant *Paseo Bellamar* for local crafts and harbor views. The San Antonio Valley is home to Chile's most talked about wine region. 🍷



Patagonia's scenic wonders



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would embarrass a stranger or result in loss of face.

Bangkok's neighborhoods or *klongs* evolved on the *Chao Phraya River* and its myriad canals. Cruising the *klongs* along the *Thon Buri* side offers glimpses of traditional river life where women sell vegetables from their boats just as they have done for centuries.

The city's best-known attractions are concentrated in the Old City on *Rattanakosin Island*, where the temples and shrines offer a remarkable spiritual dimension.

Wat Pho or the "Temple of the Reclining Buddha," is named for its 160-foot-long reclining Buddha covered in gold leaf.

Rising majestically from the river banks *Wat Arun*, or "Temple of Dawn," is encrusted with colorful porcelain tiles. The morning's first light reflects off the Khmer-inspired stupa with a pearly iridescence.

Wat Phra Kaew, or "Temple of the Emerald Buddha," is Thailand's most sacred Buddhist shrine. Located within the precincts of the *Grand Palace*, every square inch is overlaid with mosaics, gold leaf and bits of colored glass. Gilded eaves writhe in the shape of the *naga* —

The Metropolis of Smiles

Thais call Bangkok *Krung Thep* or *City of Angels*, but at first glance the city seems breathless, exhausted by the demands of its own prosperity. Skyscrapers pierce the sky, while Tuk-tuks weave through chaotic traffic. The intoxicating aroma of street food mingles with a cacophony of street vendors hawking their wares.

Then, like the mysterious chime of a temple bell, Bangkok immediately begins to lift your spirits. Saffron-robed monks, graceful temples and colorful markets all seem to harmonize into one happy coincidence. Every home has a guardian who resides in a spirit house — a kind of oversized Buddhist birdhouse — perched on a pole. Even the humblest abodes have a garden filled with flowers.

Somerset Maugham wrote in 1925 "It makes you laugh with delight that anything so fantastic could exist on this somber earth" and Bangkok remains the metropolis of smiles.

What truly sets Thailand apart are its people. Thais smile easily and often.

They admire good manners and restraint. This is known as "keeping a cool heart." They are reluctant to do anything that



The Phi Phi Islands national park

the cobra, while scowling *garudas*, the winged man beast, guard temple gates. Dozens of identically carved demon and monkey figures support the base of the golden-spired chedi.

The gleaming spires of the *Grand Palace* were constructed around 1782 and the one square mile complex of buildings is where *Anna Leonowens* — the central figure in *The King and I* — tutored King Rama IV's 58 children. Leonowens had another Hollywood connection. She was the great aunt of actor *Boris Karloff*.

The central plains region outside of Bangkok is one of the most fertile rice and fruit growing regions on earth. Here, you can still find the traditional Thai stilt houses and agrarian way of life. The Chao Phraya river supports an intricate network of canals that provide irrigation, transportation and hosts the famous *Damnoen Saduak* floating market. Leisure seems to spring from the soil where abundant crops and ease of cultivation contribute to the overall feeling of *samuk*, a Thai expression which means to enjoy oneself. And it's more than just a word, it's an ethos and a way of life.

The trendy resort town of *Hua Hin* is located about 200 km south of Bangkok.

Set like an uncut gem amid the turquoise Gulf of Thailand, cool summer breezes and endless beach inspired King Rama VII to construct a summer palace he named *Klai Kangwon* or far from worries.

Sun worshipers will want to go island hopping, where surf and sands beckon. *Phuket* is Thailand's largest island and most popular beach. Dive into the coral reefs teeming with fish or kayak through hidden coves. The *Phuket Elephant Sanctuary* provides a comfortable home for retired elephants who have spent their lives working in the logging and tourism industries.

For a more laid-back vibe, hop over to *Koh Lanta* and indulge in fresh seafood by the shore. Watch the sun dip below the horizon, painting the sky in fiery hues.

Koh Phi Phi national park is located between Phuket and Koh Lanta, and is one of the most beautiful places in all of Thailand. The park features two large islands — Koh Phi Phi Don and Koh Phi Phi Leh. *Maya Bay Beach* on Koh Phi Phi Leh became world famous after it was the setting for the movie "The Beach" featuring Leonardo Di Caprio. Considered the ultimate secluded island beach, the pellucid aquamarine waters are encircled

by towering limestone cliffs over an arcing, white sand beach.

Chiang Mai is the green heart of northern Thailand. Here, amidst the mist-shrouded mountains, lies a treasure trove of Buddhist temples. Hike the steep steps of *Wat Doi Suthep* for panoramic views of the city. Then lose yourself in the intricate murals of *Wat Chiang Man*, the oldest temple in Chiang Mai. Wander through the bustling Night Bazaar where local artisans display their crafts and the air is thick with the fragrance of exotic foods.

Venture into the lush rainforests of *Khao Sok National Park*, where towering trees reach for the sky and hidden waterfalls cascade into limpid pools. Go on a trek through the jungle or spend a night in a treehouse lodge, lulled to sleep by the symphony of cicadas.

Thai cuisine is a symphony of flavors, a delicate balance of sweet, salty, sour and spicy. Indulge in fragrant curries brimming with fresh vegetables, fiery Pad Thai noodles and sticky mango rice for dessert. Don't be afraid to try street food, the heart and soul of Thai cuisine — from savory boat noodles, spicy satay skewers, to crispy spring rolls. Every bite is an explosion of taste. 🍴

Grand Palace complex in Bangkok





Fiji has over 1200 species of fish

Fiji is a no worry, no hurry holiday

Set in the vast blue expanse of the South Pacific, the islands of Fiji are the essence of a tropical paradise. Clustered on the 180th meridian they are the first place on earth to see the sun rise. You don't get any further away from North America before you start coming back.

Dazzling white beaches, swaying coconut palms, and languid blue lagoons characterize the 333 islands that surface out of the South Seas like giant sea turtles. The *Great Astrolabe Reef*, the world's fourth largest, and countless smaller reefs, shelter over 1200 species of fish. Clownfish dart between anemones, while manta rays gliding by and sharks patrol the coral canyons.

Viti Levu (the south) and Vanua Levu (the north) are the two main islands. *Suva*, the nation's capital, is located on Viti's southwestern coast under the shadow of *Mount Tomanivi*. Colonial architecture, temples, mosques, and churches proclaim Fiji's religious diversity and multicultural roots. Fijians are also among the friend-

liest people in the world and "Bula" is the ubiquitous greeting that means both "hello" and "welcome".

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The *Fiji Museum*, in the heart of Suva's Thurston Botanical Gardens, displays archaeological artifacts including the rudder from the *HMS Bounty*. The Suva municipal market is another must see where visitors taste exotic fruits, kava, spices and coconuts.

Fiji's rich culture is an integral part of its tapestry. Immerse yourself in the rhythmic beauty of *meke*, traditional Fijian dances and songs. Performances tell stories of history, love and legend, often featuring graceful fan dances and powerful choral singing.

Witness a traditional *kava* ceremony, where the sacred root drink is shared communally, accompanied by the rhythmic thrumming of the *lali* (log drum) and soulful melodies of Fijian song. Also known as *yaqona*, this mildly intoxicating beverage is Fiji's national drink. Traditionally used during important ceremonies, there is a strict protocol associated with *yaqona* drinking. Clap three times, take the cup, then drink the *yaqona* in a single draft before returning the cup to the bearer.

Visit a local village and learn the art of weaving intricate mats from pandanus leaves, a skill passed down through generations. The Fire Dance is a mesmerizing



Fijian Warrior Dance

display of agility and grace performed under a twinkling night sky. Traditionally, men and women both wear the *sulu*, a wraparound skirt made from colorful, intricately patterned fabric. Men wear it at knee-length, while women's *sulus* reach their ankles. Women also wear a *chamba*, a Fijian dress featuring a brightly colored *sulu* skirt with a matching blouse. Traditional Fijian tattoos, known as "tapatala," were once a symbol of status and social rank.

Fijians consider the coconut the "tree of life" and they use every bit of it. An old saying here is that coconuts are like fire. You can't live without them, but like fire they can hurt you. In fact, falling coconuts are far more lethal than sharks killing over 100 people each year.

Nadi is Viti Levu's most popular destination with stunning mountains, powdery white beaches and dozens of resorts. The *Sleeping Giant Gardens* house the late Perry Mason and Ironside actor Raymond Burr's orchid collection.

The *Sri Siva Subramaniya Temple* is nestled at the southern end of Nadi's bustling main road. The largest Hindu temple in the Pacific not only holds great spiritual significance, but is also

an architectural marvel. The temple's polychromatic colors, elaborate murals and carvings chronicle tales of mythology and devotion, bridging the gap between the divine and the earthly.

Nadi is the departure point for the *Outer and Mamanuca Islands*. Set among deep blue waters and circled by coral reefs, they offer some of Fiji's most outstanding island retreats.

Of all the islands Fiji's *Yasawa* group are said to be the most idyllic. This dazzling constellation of 20 volcanic islands is nestled just off the northwest coast of Viti Levu. A tapestry of emerald rainforests, dramatic peaks and sun-kissed beaches, both versions of *The Blue Lagoon* were filmed here. Reefs team with parrotfish, angelfish and curious turtles. Bask on pristine beaches where the sand shimmers like powdered pearls.

Taveuni is known as "The Garden Island of Fiji." Fiji's fourth largest island is clad in tropical rainforest with winding roads meandering past magnificent waterfalls and alabaster beaches. The *Tagimaucia*, one of the world's rarest flowers, is only found here, thousands of feet above sea level on the fringes of a lake formed inside the crater of a dormant volcanic.

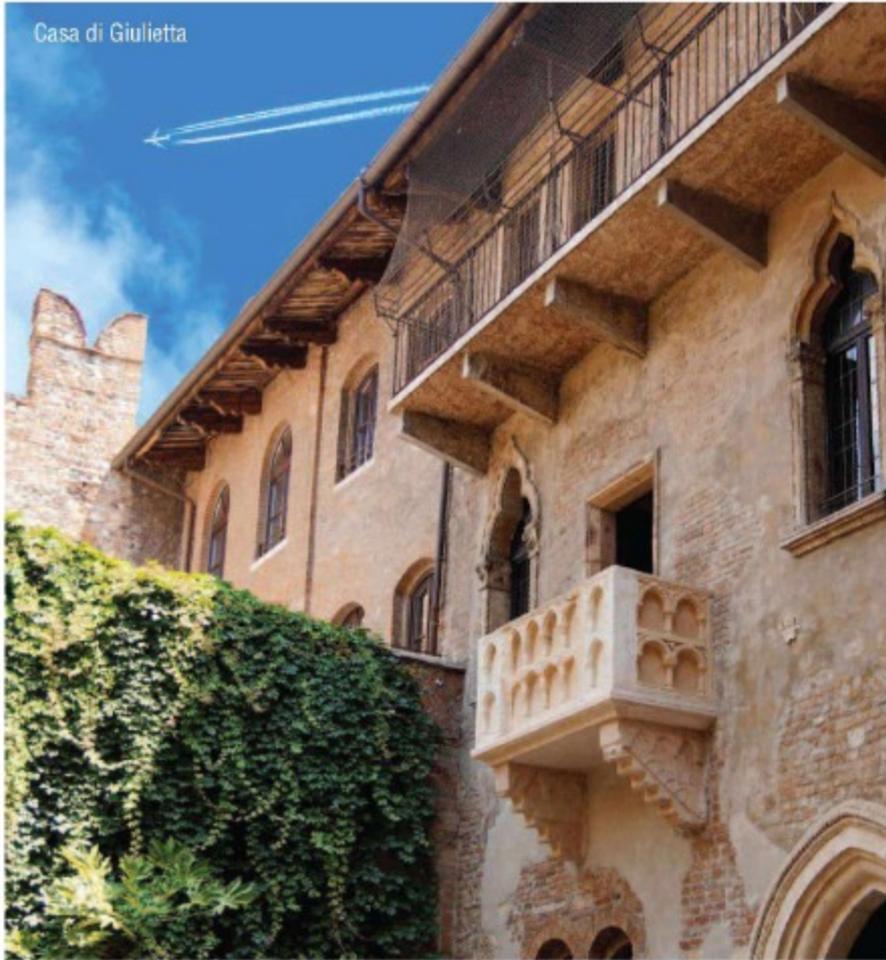
No trip to Fiji is complete without embarking on a culinary journey. Savor fresh seafood grilled to perfection, and dishes like *Kokoda* (marinated fish in coconut milk) and *Lovo* (slow-cooked meat wrapped in banana leaves) that showcase the island's rich flavors. Recipes feature locally sourced ingredients like mud crabs, crunchy sea grapes called *nama*, and cassava, a fibrous root vegetable. Indian curries are restaurant staples and are infused with Fiji flavors, such as coconut milk and plantains.

Whether you seek luxurious seclusion or barefoot simplicity, Fiji caters to every traveler's taste. Luxuriate in overwater bungalows perched above turquoise lagoons, or unwind in beachfront havens where waves lull you to sleep. Opt for a home stay in a traditional village and experience authentic Fijian life firsthand.

Fiji awaits with its arms open and a smile brighter than the South Pacific sun. It's a place where time slows down and worries melt away. A bold tapestry woven with vibrant colors, where adventure and relaxation dance hand-in-hand and where paradise isn't just a destination, but a feeling that lingers long after you return home. 🌴



Casa di Giulietta



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of Juliet, one of the star-crossed lovers immortalized in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." The house belonged to a 14th century Veronese family who may have been the real-life inspiration for the Capulets in Shakespeare's 1594 tragedy. Modern day Juliets can pay a small fee to stand on the balcony and have their picture taken from the courtyard.

The city's vast Roman Arena rivals the Colosseum and is Verona's crown jewel. Dating back to the first century AD, walk in the footsteps of history and soak in the grandeur of this architectural marvel. Imagine the crowd roaring during deadly gladiatorial combat. If you're in Verona during the summer, don't miss the chance to attend opera under the stars at the arena. It's a magical experience to hear a grand opera set against the backdrop of this ancient amphitheater.

Verona is a city best explored on foot, so lace up your walking shoes and get ready to discover its hidden pleasures. With its rich history *Piazza delle Erbe* is the beating heart of the city. This lively square is home to the colorful fruit and vegetable market and buzzes with cafes and restaurants. Find a table and watch

Love Italian Style in Verona

There are as many ways to experience Italy, as there are coins in the Trevi Fountain. Italy can take you anywhere your imagination can wander. Sing a duet with a gondolier. Explore three millennia of art and culture. Share the Italian zest for food and wine, or slip on a pair of sleek designer shoes. Luigi Barzini summed it up best when he wrote: "Italians have mastered the great art of being happy and of making other people happy."

Universally known as the *City of Love*, fair Verona is one of Italy's most famous destinations. It's a city that wears its heart on its sleeve. Where ancient cobblestones whisper tales of Roman emperors, star-crossed lovers and where the aroma of freshly baked bread mingles with the scent of jasmine. Nestled in the northern Italian region of Veneto, it is to be savored like a finely aged Brunello wine. Whether you're a history buff, a romantic soul or simply a lover of good food and wine, Verona will reawaken your senses.

Casa di Giulietta is a medieval home with a very famous balcony. The 13th century palazzo is believed to be the home



the world go by, soak up the atmosphere, and enjoy a glass of the local vino. Verona is known for its Amarone wine, a full-bodied red made from dried grapes.

Trace the footsteps of Roman soldiers along the remnants of the city's ancient walls. The fortifications, dating back to the 1st century AD, offer a glimpse into Verona's history, while providing scenic city panoramas. Journey into the past at the *Museo Archeologico* and gain insights into the city's ancient origins. Marvel at Roman artifacts, including sculptures, mosaics and everyday objects.

The stone-and-brick *Ponte Pietra* bridge spans the Adige River. Built by the Romans in 100 BC, the footbridge is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike. Stroll across the bridge and enjoy the views of the river and the city. *Giardino Giusti*, a beautiful Renaissance garden is a hidden gem, offering stunning views of the city and a peaceful escape from the crowds.

Verona's best view is from *Castel San Pietro*, a hilltop fortress surrounded by cypress trees. The castle was built on ground sacred to the Romans, who called it Rooster Mountain. Visitors can climb up the steep hill or ride the funicular to the top.

Basilica di San Zeno Maggiore is a Romanesque basilica famous for its impressive architecture and beautiful mosaics. *Festa di San Zeno*, the annual festival celebrating the patron saint of Verona, takes place in May. The city comes alive with processions, concerts and traditional food stalls.

More contemporary thrills can be found at *Gardaland*, Italy's largest theme park. Ride heart-pounding roller coasters, explore themed areas and enjoy shows and attractions. *Lake Garda*, about 15 minutes away from Verona by train, is a paradise for water sports enthusiasts. Windsurf, kayak or stand-up paddleboard and soak up the sun on one of the many charming lakeside beaches.

"Si parla come si mangia," the Italians say. "Eat like you talk." Verona is a serious city for food lovers, famous for its Risotto al Tastasal, Polenta and *Baci di Giulietta* (Juliet's kisses). *Bigoli con L'anatra*, the local pasta dish features thick, twisted noodles served with a rich duck sauce. It's hearty and flavorful and sure to warm you up on a chilly day.

No Italian experience is complete without gelato, and Verona has some of the best in the country. Sample flavors like stracciatella (chocolate chip) or nocciola

(hazelnut) at a local gelateria.

Tortellini di Valeggio features delicate little tortellini, filled with pumpkin and ricotta. It's a specialty of Valeggio sul Mincio, a town just outside Verona. They're best enjoyed during the annual *Tortellini Festival* in June. *Polenta e osei* is one local tradition you may want to avoid. This unique dish features creamy polenta topped with grilled songbirds, a delicacy specific to Verona's culinary heritage.

Immerse yourself in the world of Amarone and other delicious Veronese wines by visiting the picturesque vineyards of Valpolicella. Take a winery tour, learn about the production process and enjoy tastings amidst the rolling hills. *Vinitaly*, the world's largest wine fair, takes place in Verona every April, attracting winemakers and enthusiasts from around the globe. Sample wines from all over Italy, attend seminars and workshops, and experience the atmosphere of this exciting event.

Whether you seek romantic strolls through ancient piazzas, exhilarating adventures in the surrounding landscapes, Verona promises an unforgettable Italian experience. With its rich culture, beautiful scenery and warm hospitality, Verona will leave you wanting more. 🍷



Ponte Pietra Bridge



The Stone Cottage restored Interior

The Stone Cottage in Amherstburg From Regency Roots to Modern Haven

Nestled in the heart of Amherstburg's historic core, *The Stone Cottage* beckons travelers with its timeless elegance and captivating charm. The meticulously restored property whispers tales of generations past, with original stone walls, gleaming hardwood floors and high ceilings gilded with intricate moldings. Each carefully curated piece of furniture, antique decor and artwork is a chapter in this gracious home's narrative, inviting guests to imagine the lives once lived within these walls.

Constructed in 1805, the cottage's origins trace back to James Menzies, a prominent local builder. He constructed his home in the Regency style, popular at the time for its elegance and symmetry. The stone construction and appointments reflected Menzies' wealth and status.

Over the decades, *The Stone Cottage* passed through various hands, each leaving their mark. In 1882, John Askin Jr., the scion of a notable fur trader family, became the proud owner. The 20th century brought new chapters to *The Stone Cottage* story. In 1930, George Macdonald, a distinguished local historian purchased the property, then known as *Kolfage House*, transforming it into *The Museum Tea Room*. The Tea Room showcased MacDonald's impressive collection of local artifacts, while hosting the cream of Windsor and Detroit society.

Today, *The Stone Cottage* has been magically reborn, seamlessly blending historical reverence, with a host of modern amenities, creating a congenial and luxurious guest experience. Every detail has been attended to. The 2 bedroom, 2 bath property features a fully equipped gourmet kitchen, while the spacious living areas provide ample room for relaxation. The living room features a gas fireplace and offers views of town's gorgeous waterfront. Each bedroom is equipped with a Samsung smart TV and an adjoining bath with walk-in shower. The *Stone Cottage* sleeps 4 but can comfortably

accommodate up to 6 guests using the living room's fold down sofa.

Guests have access to the entire space during their stay. This includes every room in the home, the yard and the driveway. Roam the beautifully landscaped grounds or enjoy morning coffee on the patio overlooking the Detroit River. Grill some steaks on the natural gas BBQ, while the propane fire table is perfect for snuggling up to on those cool, Southern-Ontario evenings. The flagstone driveway is steps from the front door and *The Stone Cottage* is EV friendly offering a 240V outlet to recharge your ride.

Much of the magic of *The Stone Cottage* unfolds beyond its doors. Explore the quaint shops and charming cafes that line Amherstburg's main street, just steps away. Immerse yourself in the town's rich history at the Fort Malden National Historic Site or take a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront, soaking in breathtaking views of the Detroit River. For the adventurous, cycling trails and wineries beckon, offering opportunities to delve deeper into the region's natural beauty and culinary delights.

Whether you're seeking a romantic getaway, a family adventure or a solo escape steeped in history, *The Stone Cottage* is more than just a place to stay. It's an experience that transcends mere accommodation and a rare opportunity to connect with the past, savor the present and create memories that will last a lifetime. <http://airbnb.com/h/stone-cottage-aburg>. Google: *The Stone Cottage/Amherstburg*. 📍



The Regency Style Exterior



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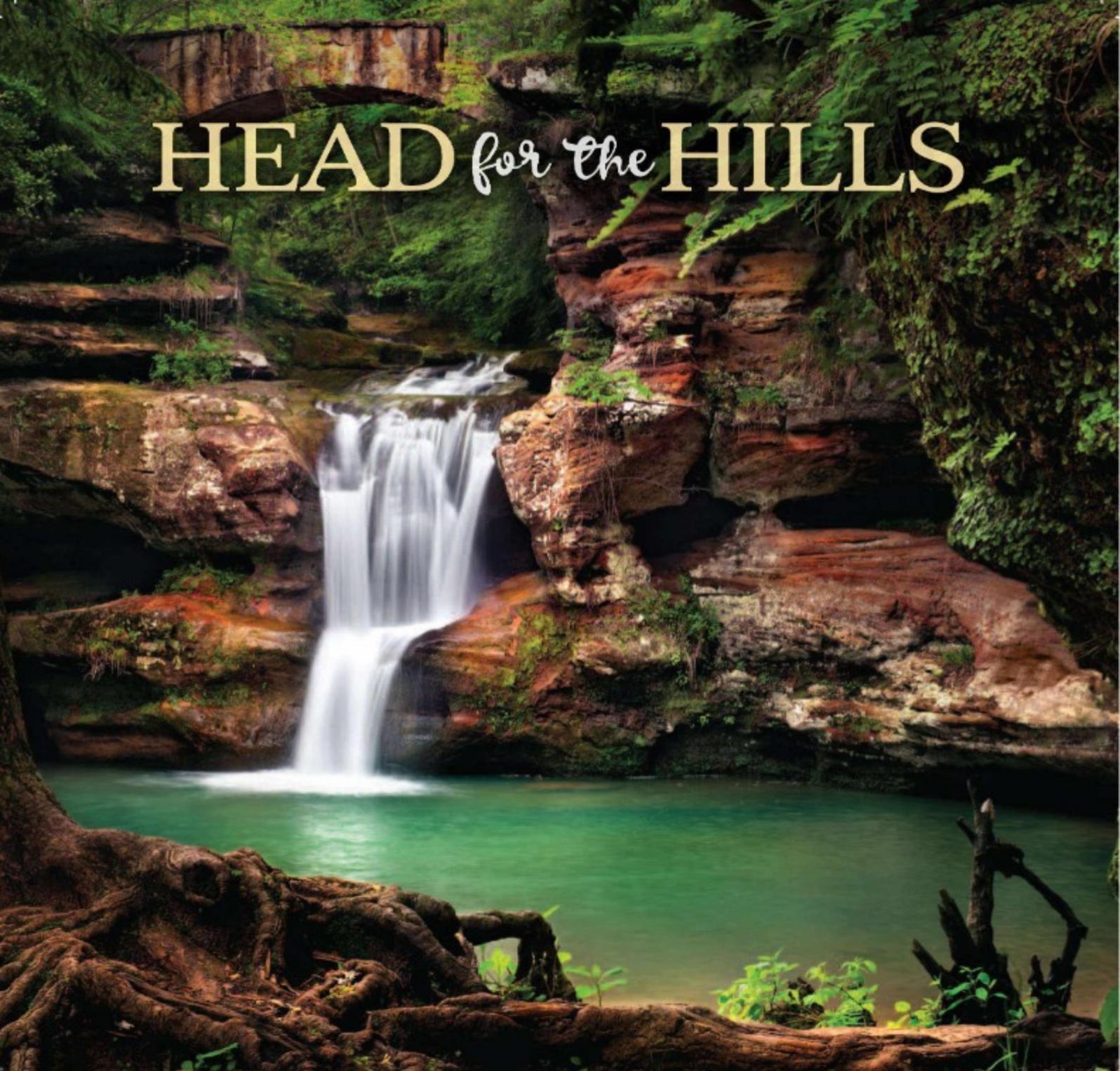
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