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# REVEALED

Newark is a happening place, just eight short miles from Manhattan. This thriving city offers first class entertainment, an array of dining options, and a thriving arts and sports scene. From the largest collection of cherry blossoms in the nation, to one of the country's highest grossing arenas, Newark provides access that is unparalleled to any destination on the East Coast.

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Newark Viewed-from Riverban Park and the Passaic River

BY RENU SAGGAR

tory and culture is accompanied by six billboards, which are spread out in every terminal, marketing the city as a travel destination. Terminal B is also getting new 'Jersey Shore' food court featuring Smashburgers and Budweiser beer. Dubbed "Jersey by the Shore" the food court will include Malone's Fish Market, Firehouse Subs and Little Tony's Pizzeria.

TV buffs will be happy to learn that Newark's own Anthony "Tony Boy" Boiardo, was the real life inspiration for Tony Soprano and many of the Soprano's episodes were filmed here. One of Newark's largest annual celebrations is its *Brazilian Independence Day Festival* held over Labor Day weekend. Sculptor Gutzon Borglum, who also created Mount Rushmore, sculpted the *Wars of America* monument in Newark's Military Park.

*Riverfront Square* is a new development that will turn a very urban, concrete area into a nature-filled leisure and cultural retreat for residents and area workers. Located steps away from the Passaic River it will feature up to 2.3 million square feet of office, residential, hospitality, cultural space and more within the city's burgeoning tech sector. The core of the development will be a mass timber building, touted as the tallest of its kind in the United States. The 12-story building will house ground floor retail and restaurants.

Visit [www.newarkhappening.com](http://www.newarkhappening.com).

## It's all Happening in New Jersey

### The Garden State is having a moment

**N**ewark should be your next summer weekend retreat. Now in the middle of a renaissance, high rise buildings are popping up like dandelions, as well as the renovation of historic structures in the downtown area.

Friends and family gather to bike along tranquil stretches of the Passaic River. Just 8 miles from the Big Apple hotels are a mere fraction of the price of Manhattan.

Take a walk through *Branch Brook Park*, which happens to be home to the nation's largest collection of cherry trees. The oldest county park in the United States has more than 360 acres to explore including expansive lawns, playing fields, winding paths, lakes and pools.

After years of planning, Newark's *Mulberry Commons Park* opened in May. Mulberry Commons will include terraces, an interactive fountain, public art and quiet seating areas. There will also be a beer garden, an event plaza, play spaces and a slide. Newark is also home to numerous art galleries including Aljira, a Center for Contemporary Art City Without Walls, Sumei Arts Center and the Paul Robeson Galleries at Rutgers-Newark.

*Newark Liberty International Airport* sees approximately 15 million international travelers pass through its gates every year. The Greater Newark Convention

and Visitors Bureau recently unveiled an historical display at the center of Terminal B, which handles international travel, hoping to encourage tourism in city. Newark is home to the Budweiser brewery, the birthplace of Whitney Houston and Shaquille O'Neal, Thomas Edison's first workshop; the old Tiffany & Co. factory and the Prudential and Red Bull sports arenas. The showcase of Newark's his-



Newark's Branch Brook Park



## The Meadowlands

Travelers who are Big Apple-bound this summer should begin planning their trip by visiting the Meadowlands Live CVB's web site to find many of the same hotel options as Manhattan but at a fraction of the price, as well as discover North Jersey's Meadowlands Region's own vibrant dining, shopping and recreational activities.

While visitors will find that taking public transportation into Midtown Manhattan from The Meadowlands is often faster and easier than it is from other parts of New York City, they will also discover that it will take more than a day or two to experience everything on this side of the Hudson River.

Families can enjoy dinner theater at Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, an outdoor dinosaur and science expedition at Field Station: Dinosaurs in Leonia, electric go-kart racing at RPM Raceway in Jersey City and the largest planetarium in the Western Hemisphere at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

The Meadowlands also features kid-free fun including The Rolling Stones' No Filter Tour at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford on Thurs., Aug. 1st and Mon., Aug. 5th and exciting racing and betting

at Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment, home of harness racing's greatest event, The Hambletonian, on Sat., Aug. 3rd.

MetLife Stadium is also a great place for sports fanatics this summer with the International Champions Cup: Real Madrid CF vs. Atletico de Madrid, and pre-season NFL Jets and Giants games.

Outdoor Enthusiasts can take free bird walks guided by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and the Bergen County Audubon Society or enjoy hiking, bird watching and some water activities at one of The Meadowlands' many free public parks or take an eco-cruise with The Hackensack Riverkeeper.

Foodies will enjoy The Meadowlands' diverse as its residents with everything from delis for fast food to multi-course French, Italian and Spanish restaurants.

The New Meadowlands Market, located in the Meadowlands Sports Complex parking lot J, is a popular Saturday flea market. You will find hundreds of vendors along with delicious food, free entertainment and admission and parking are free.

To begin planning, visit the Meadowlands Live CVB at [www.meadowlandslive.com](http://www.meadowlandslive.com).

## Jersey City

Jersey City gives you the excitement of

Manhattan — at a fraction of the cost. With the Statue of Liberty at their doorstep, world-class restaurants and hotels, quick and easy access to NYC, Jersey City is an unbeatable bargain.

Explore fine Beaux-Arts structures such as the H&M Powerhouse and Court House and the celebrated Colgate Clock. A waterfront walkway runs parallel to the Hudson River and showcases stunning views of the Manhattan skyline. Pedestrians can walk out on several piers including the pier near Exchange Place that juts out 300 yard into the river.

Liberty State Park is a green space as large as New York's Central Park and home to the Liberty Science Center with the nation's largest IMAX dome theater and the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium.

Prepare for action packed excitement at RPM Raceway! This state-of-the-art indoor karting facility features the fastest electric cars in the US, with speeds of 45mph on tracks developed by NASCAR racers.

Sit back and enjoy the spectacular NYC skyline or savvy up to sizzling nightlife.

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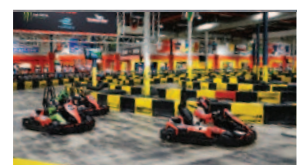
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# New Jersey

Day (July 4th) celebration in the region with first class entertainment. It's a free event and open to the public.

History buffs will be happy to know that Jersey City is the only place in the state with direct access to both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island by boat. To get there, head to Liberty Park and take the one of the Statue Cruises to visit both of these historic sites.

The first weekend in October is all about Art. Visitors tour private studios, galleries, local businesses, public art and pop-up spaces. Artists are provided the opportunity to introduce their work to the public and make connections.

Make your next destination Jersey City! For more information go to [JCMakEITYOURS.COM](http://JCMakEITYOURS.COM).

## Liberty Science Center

Located in the beautiful Liberty State Park in Jersey City the Liberty Science Center is a cutting-edge, 300,000-square-foot learning center. It's also home to the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium, the biggest planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. More than 750,000 guests come here each



Meadowlands Racing and Entertainment



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year to interact with interactive, hands-on exhibitions like *Touch Tunnel*, an 80-foot crawl-through, pitch-black tunnel that helps you realize how much we rely on sight to move through the world.

*Infinity Climber*, is a suspended climbing play space located 35 feet in the air, while *Eat and Be Eaten*, is home to more than 100 fascinating animal species including naked mole rats, the endangered cotton-top tamarin monkeys and leaf-cutter ants.

The *Lion Guard* is LSC's newest adventure for young learners. Now through September 8th embark on an adventure through the Pride Lands and protect the Circle of Life. Based on Disney Junior's hit series, Kids will be inspired to protect the Circle of Life, train in the Lion Guard's secret lair, explore the power of teamwork by going on special missions.

Explore art and nature through stunning sculptures made with LEGO pieces. *Sean Kenney's Art Made with LEGO Bricks* opened June 22. This premium exhibition uses beautiful works of art made brick by brick from simple toy blocks. This exhibition also includes a hands-on play zone where guests can dream up and build their own wild creations

using thousands of bricks!

It may be chilly, rainy, or too hot outside, but it's nice and cozy in the planetarium- especially when you travel to the Sun's core, a scorching 27 million degree Fahrenheit! Soar through the universe with us in the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium. The planetarium and LSC Giant Dome Theater can produce more than 281 trillion colors? It's true! See the colors in action when you catch a show.

LSC's all-live signature show, *Wonders of the Night Sky*, is an exhilarating 35-minute experience that explores our stars and beyond.

In *Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity*, narrated by Liam Neeson, you'll travel inside the black hole at the center of the Milky Way, a bizarre and dangerous trip that you can safely experience from the comfort of your seat.

See the galaxy as it appears to the naked eye, as well as through the eyes of NASA's robot probes of the Hubble Space Telescope and arrays of telescopes from around our planet.

Rock out to an all ages Beatles Laser Show with classic songs from the Fab Four set to high-tech lasers. Playing daily at 3:50 pm in the LSC Giant Dome Theater

beginning June 22nd.

For more information visit [lsc.org](http://lsc.org).

## RPM Raceway

Every racing champion started in a go-kart. Now it's your turn. Grab a helmet, buckle up, let's race! At RPM Raceway, everyone gets the high-RPM experience. Play in the state-of-the-art arcade games in Jersey City, Long Island or Stamford and experience multi-player Virtual Reality. Drive go-karts that introduce you to the craft of real racing. Cut corners on tracks designed from Formula speedways. No license required and no experience needed. And there's no reservations needed for "Arrive and Drive" racing (minimum 6 years old, 48" tall) RPM Raceway is also the perfect destination for your next private party, corporate event or just a fun group getaway.

RPM Raceway's electric go-karts are designed to give you a taste of the challenge of Formula racing. The track is conditioned to optimize the grip and traction for superior performance. Enjoy how side-by-side racing is done on European style tracks. And best of all, the electric kart means immediate and rapid acceleration on the track, with speeds up to 45 mph.





# New Jersey

And they're safe enough for drivers with no racing experience. Karts are remotely controlled to minimize any contact. And because they are electric, they are also emission-free. No need to worry about fumes or special clothing.

All that racing, you're sure to work up an appetite! Whether you need a snack between races or catering for your pit crew, they have snacks and drinks to give you a boost and get you back out on the track. RPM offers its guests innovative food and drink options (at select locations) serving modern twists on upscale classics alongside an assortment of drinks.

*The RPM footprint stretches across six locations throughout the Northeast. To learn more visit [rpmraceway.com](http://rpmraceway.com)*

## Hudson County

Experience Hudson County's award winning cuisine, diverse culture and the exciting vibe of the fastest growing area in the Garden State. Only 4.7 miles from the heart of Manhattan, with spectacular views of the NYC skyline, direct ferry service to the Statue of Liberty and over 30 top quality hotels. Reach NYC in minutes by ferry, train, bus or car. The affordability factor is hard to beat. Located right on the Hudson River, both Pier A Park in Hoboken and Liberty State Park in Jersey City offer an amazing view of the NYC skyline.

History buffs can use their smartphones to explore Hudson County's rich culture and past. Text the word "Hudson" to 56512 for a direct link to their self-guided historical walking tours. Designed for groups and individuals, many of these hand-picked adventures can be done in under an hour. Check out the HC Hot Spots for some Hudson County's most iconic locations for food lovers, thrill seekers, bargain hunters, and sports fanatics.

Hudson County offers a staggering array of award-winning restaurants, cafés, bistros, craft breweries and pubs. From top-notch steakhouses and seafood restaurants, to tantalizing ethnic cuisine and neighborhood favorites found in turn of the century brownstones. Many feature rooftop dining and seating along the Hudson River.

### What's new in Hudson County for 2019

Slated to open this year, American Dream, is a world-class retail and entertainment destination. With approxi-

mately 3 million square feet with over 450 retail, food and specialty shops. Over 18 acres of entertainment will house North America's largest fully enclosed indoor DreamWorks Water Park, the Nickelodeon Universe Theme Park, a 16-story Big Snow Indoor Ski & Snow Park, Kidzania, a live Performing Arts Theater and a 285-foot-tall Observation Wheel. Sample the life aquatic at the Sea Life Aquarium or chow down in Munchies Food Hall, the Dinning Terrace will house over 15 full-service restaurants, two miniature golf courses, build your masterpiece in the Lego Discovery Center, and lace up the skates in an NHL-size Ice Rink.

Residence Inn - Just opened in Weehawken Port Imperial, is within 10 minutes drive of Madison Square Garden and Empire State Building. Located at Port Ferry Terminal for effortless access to NYC. Providing guest with a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment options. The only extended stay Marriot Hotel along the Hudson River with all the amenities featuring kitchens with full sized refrigerators and stove tops and enjoy a complimentary hot or cold breakfast daily.

Envue Autograph Collection Hotel - Opening summer 2019. Located on a

unique riverfront setting, it sits directly across from midtown Manhattan and is easily reached by water, train and automobile. Pedestrian-friendly riverfront walkways and a mix of recreational, dining and historic opportunities on the New Jersey side of the river places you in a central location near all popular attractions. Watch the city light up from Skyline, their sixth floor rooftop deck while you plan your evening out in town!

*For more information visit [hudson.org](http://hudson.org).*

## Holland Hotel

New York doesn't have to be expensive, especially, when there are comfortable, value-priced options like *Holland Hotel*. Located in Jersey City's Newport Center, it's seconds away from The Holland Tunnel and PATH trains, making access to New York City a breeze.

With 71 newly renovated rooms, the AAA Diamond rated property is an ideal destination for anyone visiting NYC, but would not like to pay Manhattan prices. Amenities include cable TV, mini fridge, etc. The Holland Hotel is also great for those who want to experience other fun destinations like hopping on the train or taking the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

Jersey City and Hoboken are fun des-

The Liberty Science Center







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tinations on the New Jersey side of the river. It's a 5-minute walk from Newport Centre Mall, and a 7-minute drive to Liberty National Golf Course. It's also within minutes of Newark International Airport and the Cape Liberty Cruise Port.

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In addition to the Holland Hotel, the Calandra family owns and operates three other hotels in Northern, New Jersey. The *Hampton Inn & Suites* in Fairfield, NJ is just 30 minutes from Newark International Airport and MetLife Stadium and provides the perfect base for discovering popular attractions. There are fantastic shopping opportunities at Willowbrook Mall, one of New Jersey's largest malls. They are conveniently located just minutes from NJ wedding venues such as Westmount

Country Club, The Grove, The Legacy Castle, The Venetian, iL Tulipano and The Brownstone. Also conveniently located in Fairfield's business district is the *Best Western Plus Fairfield Executive Inn*, providing you with easy access into New York City and offering guests a variety of services and amenities. The hotel features 170 newly renovated rooms, a state of the art fitness center, and free high-speed

wireless Internet access. The *Hampton Inn* located in the Meadowlands complex is located just minutes from MetLife Stadium, the IZOD Center and the Meadowlands Racetrack. Convenient proximity to the Meadowlands Expo Center, Newark and Teterboro airports and the NJ Transit bus stop is just across the street. 

For more information visit [www.calandras.net](http://www.calandras.net) and click on hotels.



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Liberty Cruise Port, the Holland Hotel features 71 newly renovated rooms and offers complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi and free parking for both cars and tour buses. Our friendly staff is ready to make your stay a comfortable and memorable one! Looking to catch a show at Prudential Center or watch a game at MetLife Stadium? The Holland Hotel's proximity to several entertainment and sporting venues gives our guests the ability to see it all!



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Start your search for bargains at the *Millcreek Mall Complex* in Erie with over 150 stores, restaurants and plazas. The 1.3 million square-foot mall is a must-shop stop featuring a food court, the Promenade and the Kidz Zone.

Treat yourself to Erie's wineries, breweries, casino and cultural attractions after your shopping spree. *Presque Isle State Park*, features 7-miles of sandy beaches, swimming, boating, biking, surfing, trails, birding and fishing. Located near the entrance to Presque Isle, *Waldameer Park & Water World* amusement park features 75 rides with water slides, live shows and refreshments. Try your luck at *Presque Isle Downs Casino* with the hottest new



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slots, and table games, plus live thoroughbred racing. [Learn more at VisitErie.com](http://VisitErie.com).

More than 6 million people visit the *Grove City Premium Outlets* every year. The single-floor, open air outlet mall features 130 stores and is just three hours from the Canadian border. Shops at the Outlets include Calvin Klein, Coach, J. Crew Factory, Nautica, Polo Ralph Lauren & Tommy Hilfiger. While in Mercer County enjoy other

great stops like *Keystone Safari* for a walk on the wild side with over 100 animals including lions, camels and Aldabra Giant Tortoise, plus a zip lining adventure.

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The Emerald Coast

## Surf's Up at Florida's Best Beaches

**W**ith picture-perfect weather, sugary white sand, and crystal-blue waters, Florida's beaches are the stuff of legends. Here are the Sunshine State's best spots to wiggle your toes in the sand.

**Fort De Soto Park at Tierra Verde** — Located near St. Petersburg, Fort De Soto Park is a unique area made up of five islands. The park consists of 900 unspoiled acres, seven miles of beaches, and a historic fort built during the Spanish-American War on Mullet Key, the largest of the islands. A nature trail in the Arrowhead Picnic area provides a glimpse of some of the native fauna and flora and canoe, kayak and bicycle rentals are available.

**Caladesi Island State Park** — Your imagination gets a good workout on Caladesi Island. It's easy to enjoy a Robinson Crusoe-style fantasy about having a tropical island all your own. Walking the three miles of beach, you might see

bottle-nosed dolphins cruising offshore or the tracks of a loggerhead sea turtle. Shorebirds hunt for food on the exposed

sandbars. The park opens daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and a ferry departs hourly from Honeymoon Island.

**Crandon Park** — Technically one of the first islands in the Florida Keys archipelago, Key Biscayne is a secluded paradise and natural refuge that sits just a few miles east of downtown Miami. Crandon Park, a family-friendly 808-acre urban oasis, is fringed with swaying coconut palms, mangroves, a coastal hammock and sea grass beds. The waves are gentle and visitors can hunt for shells on the beach or relax with a good book under the shade of a Tiki hut. Away from the water, pastimes include a Family Amusement Center and a Nature Center. Nearby Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne is ranked as one of the best public golf courses in America and is home to a resident colony of iguanas.

**Lovers Key State Park** — Looking for a romantic beach break? Lovers Key is located just south of Estero, on Black Island, a barrier island on the Gulf Coast. The state park offers 2.5 miles of white sand beaches, world-class shelling and the chance to observe nesting loggerhead sea turtles and endangered West Indian manatees. Visitors can rent kayaks or canoes to explore the miles of mangrove-lined estuaries, one of the few trees that



Fort Desoto State Park



thrives in salt water. A turn-of-the-century style beachfront pavilion is available for weddings and special events.

**Crescent Beach Siesta Key** —Siesta Key is an eight-mile-long barrier island connected to Sarasota by two bridges. Crescent Beach, which extends from the island's northern tip is refreshingly natural, with wild sea oats and mangroves providing a protective habitat for birds and marine life. This broad ribbon of beach slopes gently into lapping waves and has been judged the world's "whitest and most powdery." Made from 99 percent pure quartz, the sand is soft, floury and cool to the touch.

**St. Andrew's State Recreation Area** — A perennial pick as one of Florida's Best Beaches by Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, better known as Dr. Beach. Located near Panama City, it's famous for its jade green waters and 1,260-acres of sand dunes fringed by woodlands.

Visitors also can take a shuttle over to nearby Shell Island. This wildlife sanctuary island is actually part of St. Andrews State Park and lies between the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrews Bay. The 700-acre island is home to a number of wild bird species, including pelicans. The

abundant sea is one of the most densely populated bottle-nosed dolphins habitats in the world.

Home to 27 miles of pristine beach Panama City Florida has been called "the best beach this side of paradise." the talcum-like sand is attributed to quartz crystals washing down from the Appalachian Mountains centuries ago. Along the way, the crystals were bleached, ground, smoothed and polished. The surf and tides of the Gulf of Mexico are responsible for depositing millions of grains of sugar-white sand on the shore.

Here you'll find Florida at its most natural, complete with graceful sand dunes, coastal scrub forest, pine hammocks and an inland lake.

**Destin-Fort Walton Beach** — Unpretentious, uncomplicated and breathtakingly beautiful, Florida's Emerald Coast is simply irresistible. And the gulf near the Florida panhandle really does have a deep, emerald glow.

This carefully preserved string of beach enclaves along Highway 30-A includes Destin, Ft. Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island. Acclaimed as one of America's great coastal beach destinations, miles of dunes, sea oats and pines characterize

the thin peninsula separating the Gulf of Mexico from Choctawhatchee Bay

With 24 miles of heavenly beach like miles of white satin the hardest part was deciding which piece to claim as your own.

**Sanibel and Captiva Islands** — Sanibel and Captiva are the southernmost islands in a chain of barrier islands stretching along Florida's Gulf Coast. Sanibel and Captiva are part of a chain of barrier islands that stretches along Florida's Gulf Coast. The islands are connected to the mainland by a three-mile-long causeway and to each other by a blink-and-you'll-miss-it bridge at Blind Pass.

Location is also the key to Sanibel's fame as a shell collector's mecca. During the winter, millions of shells are carried onto the beaches by offshore winds and strong underwater currents. Shellers are usually out in force before dawn, scouring the beaches for tiny coquinas, alphabet tulips and the rare junonia.

Both islands boast miles of exquisite beaches and are heavily wooded with pine and tropical vegetation. Brown pelicans dive for their daily ration of fish and dolphins delight in the spectacular sunsets. 🌅



Panama City Beach



# Sail Into Summer In Holland Michigan



Sailing past the Big Red Lighthouse

BY RENU SAGGAR

Holland State Park, offering the best view of Holland's iconic lighthouse, "Big Red", one of Michigan's most photographed landmarks. For a special treat, be sure to check out nearby Tunnel Park, where you actually walk through a 1930's era concrete tunnel to get to the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan.

For more traditional sightseeing, you can get a taste of Holland's Dutch heritage at Windmill Island Gardens, where "DeZwaan" a 19th century working windmill, imported from the Netherlands over half a century ago, towers over 36 acres of beautifully-manicured lawns and gardens. You can enhance your Dutch experience by also visiting Nelis' Dutch Village, a re-creation of 100 year-old village in the Netherlands, or stopping by DeKlomp Wooden Shoe and Delft Factory, the only production delftware factory in the US.

Home to a number of family-friendly attractions like monster-bowling, laser tag, bumper boats, miniature golf and nature centers, Holland is also a favorite destination for cyclists, with over 150 miles of paved bike paths.

This year Holland Michigan celebrated their 90th anniversary of the annual Tulip Time Festival from May 4 -12 and I was surely very fortunate to be part of this traditional street scrubbing during the Volksparade or "People's Parade" with the Governor of Michigan Gretchen Whitmer and the members of media. The whole city was, as if painted with orange tulips, plenty of activities and events took place. I didn't realize pushing the broom could be so much fun!! 🧹

For more information including an events calendar visit [www.holland.org](http://www.holland.org).

**F**rom an award-winning downtown to the white sandy shores of Lake Michigan, Holland is the perfect destination for summer fun! Begin your visit in the "heart" of Holland – downtown. Downtown's renaissance began in the mid-eighties and now includes over 100 independently-owned shops, galleries, eateries and brewpubs. It is no wonder that downtown's accolades include "America's Prettiest Towns", the Best Main Street You Gotta Visit,"and this year, Architectural Digest, while naming the "Prettiest Town in Every State", selected Holland!

During the summer, downtown comes alive every Thursday evening (from 6:30 – 8:30) with street performers who entertain visitors and locals alike – musicians, mimes, aerial acrobats and magicians – all in a family-friendly environment. Some of those same performers also delight shoppers at the Wednesday and Saturday Farmer's Market, just two short blocks from downtown. Recognized as one of the best outdoor markets in Michigan, the Holland Farmer's Market boasts nearly 100 vendors operating along a canopy-lined stretch that is closed to vehicular traffic. Take in the stunning displays of homegrown and homemade goods from area farmers, food vendors and artisans. And new this year is a Monday evening Farmer's Market from 5 – 8 p.m., June through August!

If music along the lakeshore is your

thing, Holland offers free concerts in waterfront Kollen Park every Tuesday and Friday evening and at noon on Wednesday, you can grab a sandwich and enjoy free music in downtown's GDK Park.

Just a short drive from downtown, you can relax and unwind on the "sugar sand" shores of Lake Michigan. Choose from an abundance of things to do – boating, swimming, fishing, stand-up paddle boarding or jet-skiing, or just build a sandcastle and soak up the sun. End your day at the beach by watching the sun sink beneath the horizon in an amazing blaze of glory. While the greater Holland area has a number of waterfront parks and beaches, none is more popular than





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Back to the Bricks Car Cruise

## Flint and Genesee County BY RENU SAGGAR

**F**lint & Genesee is buzzing with summertime activity. Just an hour's drive from the Canadian border, Flint offers a unique, urban destination, while the rest of Genesee County provides endless opportunities to shop quaint downtowns or find an outdoor adventure.

### Festivals and Events

Whether it's the HAP Crim Festivals of Races with one of the country's largest ten-mile runs, or the *Back to the Bricks Car Cruise* Aug. 13-17, which boasts over 500,000 attendees, you are sure to find something to match your interest. Great picks include *Flint Alley Fest*, a music and craft food festival held in downtown's historic alleyways, the *Flint Jazz Festival*, or the *Ally Challenge* presented by McLaren professional golf tournament.

### Unique Shopping and Dining

Some unique stops might include downtown Fenton's The Laundry and Lynchpin Brewery, Fenton Winery and Brewery, or *Crust Bakery*, known worldwide for their giant cinnamon rolls. You can shop Fenton and find wonderful home goods at *The Iron Grate* or gifts for the guy in your life at *Bridge Street Exchange*. Downtown Flint boasts access to award-winning beverages with venues like *Tenacity Brewing* and *Cork* on Saginaw. If handmade clothing is your thing, make sure to visit Flint's own Goodboy Clothing, Glam and SHIFT.

### Outdoor Adventure

For those craving a bit more sunshine, Flint & Genesee is home to Michigan's largest county parks system, which covers more than 11,000 acres of outdoor space. The high points of their parks system include the 383-acre *For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum*, which has one of the country's largest treehouses built by Animal Planet's Treehouse Masters. *Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad* is where visitors can see a functioning 19th-century village, complete with general store, school, theatre, shops and of course, the Huckleberry Railroad steam engine and Genesee Belle paddlewheel boat.

*They invite you to come stay the weekend! To see what's possible visit [flintandgenesee.org/visit](http://flintandgenesee.org/visit).*

### Capitol Theater

The Capitol Theatre is back! The lights are back on in Flint's grand old playhouse. After a loving restoration the Capitol is now operated by nonprofits The Whiting and Uptown Reinvestment Corp. It showcases live music, touring Broadway shows, ballet and modern dance, and award-winning family shows. Shows for the summer of 2019 include standup comedian Marlon Wayans on Saturday, July 19th at 8p.m. Best known for his role as 'Marcus Copeland' in Columbia Pictures' 2004 hit comedy *White Chicks*, Wayans will bring his live stand-up comedy show to Flint.

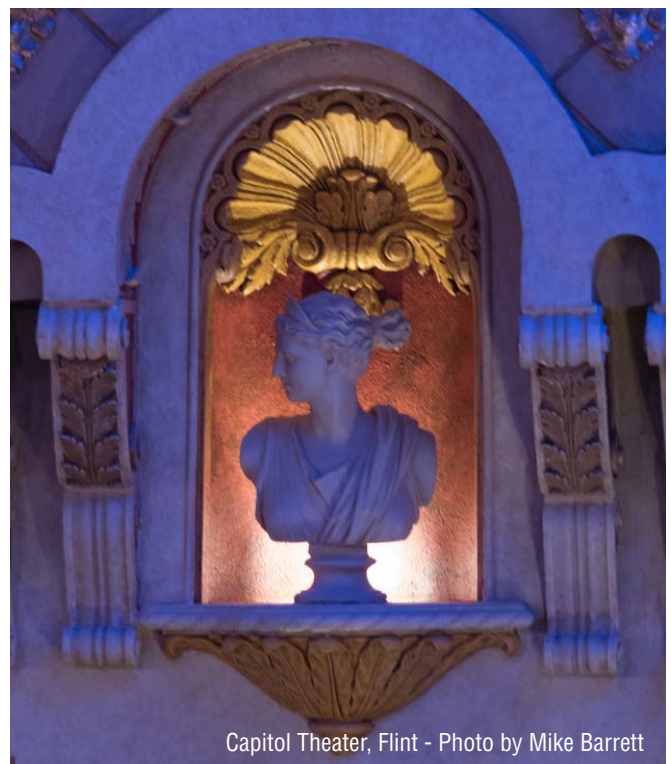
Who says #Throwbacks are reserved for Thursdays? The Pop 2000 Tour delivers moments that will bring you right back to the early 2000s. Hosted by Lance Bass of \*NSYNC, it features performances by platinum-selling POP2K artists O-Town, Aaron Carter and Ryan Cabrera. The show comes to The Capitol Theatre on Saturday, August 10th at 8p.m.

Musicians JJ Grey & Mofro and Jonny Lang have teamed up for a night of blues, soul and rock 'n' roll at The Capitol Theatre in Flint on Saturday, August 17th at 8 p.m.

In the fall, renowned performer Amy Grant will bring her unique blend of contemporary Christian and pop music to The Capitol Theatre on Friday, September 27th at 8 p.m. The Grammy Award winning artist is known for hits as "Father's Eyes", "El Shaddai", and "Angels."

For more information, to purchase tickets or to see the full line up visit [www.CapitolTheatreFlint.com](http://www.CapitolTheatreFlint.com). Tickets can also be purchased by visiting The Whiting Ticket Center at 1241 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503. The Capitol Theatre is located in downtown Flint at 140 E. 2nd St., Flint, MI 48502. 📍

*Make sure to follow The Capitol Theatre on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to stay up to date.*



Capitol Theater, Flint - Photo by Mike Barrett





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# Summer Solstice in Michigan

This is where summer sizzles

BY RENU SAGGAR

**S**ummers in Michigan are like rainbows. They're incredibly beautiful, but never seem to last very long. If you don't plan ahead, it will vanish in the blink of an eye. Be sure to make the most of the great weather and longer days, from beaches, to golf and county fairs, to music festivals and plenty of getaways to the great outdoors. There's so much to do and so little time and before you know it, it will be gone.

## Detroit

The transformation of Detroit continues with projects like the Ford Motor Company mobility campus in the long vacant Michigan Central Station in Corktown. Downtown, the new *Shinola Hotel* embodies the pride and ingenuity of Detroit, with unparalleled design, a timeless sense of style, approachable service and an obsession with quality craftsmanship. The luxury watchmaker/retailer incorporated locally-made furniture and wall coverings for the 129 room property, which opened in January, following two years of renovations.

Dining choices at the Shinola Hotel include *San Morello*, helmed by James Beard Award-winning chef Andrew Carmellini and featuring a seasonal menu inspired by the seaside towns of southern Italy.

## Ann Arbor

The ultimate college town, Ann Arbor offers big city attractions and natural wonders. Urban explorers can kick back at an independent bookstore nestled downtown or discover hidden fairy doors sprinkled throughout the city. Outdoor enthusiasts can go kayaking or paddleboarding on the Huron River or ride some of the state's best mountain biking trails near Chelsea, just west of Ann Arbor. In neighboring Ypsilanti, hiking trails and golf courses overlook scenic Ford Lake.

The University of Michigan and Ann Arbor go hand-in-hand, with an intertwined history and culture. U of M attractions and events are integral to Ann Arbor's allure. The University of Michigan Art Museum is overflowing with timeless pieces of art.

A long-time artists colony, Ann Arbor is home to renowned galleries, museums and arts non-profits, as well as theatrical and musical organizations that offer performances from local, regional and international artists. Take in a movie at the Michigan Theatre or catch an evening performance at the Purple Rose Theatre Company, founded by actor Jeff Daniels.

The area is full of interesting retailers specializing in graphic novels and comics, high-end women's fashion, internationally-sourced foods and gifts, and much more. The Chelsea Antique Mall showcases antiques from over 20 individually owned and operated antique dealers. From martini shakers and glassware to antique toys and gadgets, you'll find great deals — and one of a kind items — here.



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Locavores can discover over 10 farmers markets throughout Washtenaw County as well as innovative indoor markets such as the Argus Farm Stop that provide local food products to restaurants and people who enjoy fresh produce.

Dig into a warm, made-to-order sandwich at Zingerman's Deli and treat yourself to a cup of gelato at Zingerman's Next Door. Known for remarkable customer service and portions fit for a king, Zingerman's is located just across the street from Kerrytown.

Weekenders will find accommodations with all kinds of amenities, for all types of budgets. Choose from cozy Bed & Breakfasts, to ultra modern hotels with state-of-the-art guestrooms, services and amenities.

To learn more about Ann Arbor go to [annarbor.org](http://annarbor.org).

## Lansing

Pack your bag, hop in the car and cross the border to Lansing — Michigan's capital city. With over 60 festivals and events throughout the year, it's no wonder Lansing is known as Michigan's festival capital and provides the perfect reason to visit.

Summer isn't complete without getting in some entertaining minor league baseball (the Lansing Lugnuts are a Toronto Blue Jays affiliate) or even some professional soccer with the newly-formed Lansing Ignite, Michigan's only professional soccer team.

While in town, take advantage of Lan-

sing's walkable downtown and visit five awesome attractions within a five block radius. Take a tour of the State Capitol Building, the Michigan History Center, the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum and discover the fun side of science at Impression 5 Science Center. And if you still have time and energy, take in the 15 mile long Lansing River Trail for a stroll, a bike ride or rent a kayak.

This summer you can sip and savor at the *Taste of Downtown Lansing* event, cruise into the *Car Capital Celebration* surrounding the State Capital, dance the night away at great outdoor music festivals Jazz and Blues festivals in the streets of Old Town Lansing and enjoy the glow and sights of Greater Lansing's Balloon Festival.

Looking for some great dining options? Lansing has incredibly tasty burgers, steaks and barbecue, but if you're looking for a little taste trip around the world, find everything from Ethiopian, Jamaican, Cuban, Vietnamese and a host of other Asian cuisines. Located in the heartland of the state, Greater Lansing also offers delicious, fresh farm-to-table options and locally-sourced menu options.

Whether it's a vibrant festival, delightful patio dining, a little boutique shopping in Old Town, or the terrific golf options that bring you to Greater Lansing, you're sure to find that everyone is entertained and is already planning another road trip back to Michigan's capital region.

*Make it a Michigan capital getaway! For everything you need to know visit [lansing.org](http://lansing.org).*

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## Coldwater Country

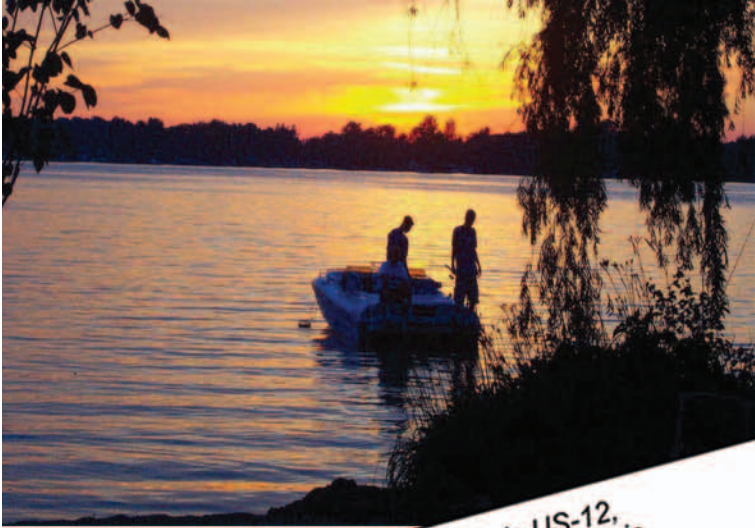
Discover the must-see and do adventures in the quaint communities in the Coldwater Country area including Coldwater, Bronson, Colon, Quincy and Union City. From delicious food festivals to music events, to riding the steam-powered Little River Railroad, magic festivals and more. This family friendly destination has it all going on in conveniently located in south-central Michigan.

**50th Annual Bronson Polish Festival, July 18-20, 2019** — This 3-day event kicks off with fireworks and an opening ceremony and crowning of Polish Royalty. Authentic Polish food and music, a parade, a Polish wedding reception, crafts, talent show, car show, pancake breakfast, sports (Corn Hole, Pure Pro Wrestling, 5K) and more!



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**82nd Annual Magic Get Together, August 7-10, 2019** — Magic in the streets, the restaurants and on stage...magic everywhere at the annual celebration. The 82nd *Get Together* includes lectures, talent contests, close-up shows, ladies events, craft show and a Magic Minister's Session.

**Michigan's Longest Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures Sale, August 9-11, 2019** — This annual event is set for the second weekend in August...along the historical US-12 Heritage Route...all 212 miles from New Buffalo to Detroit, including Michigan's Coldwater Country. Each year this event draws more as individuals and families discover the wonderful treasures found along the US-12 Heritage Route.

**Old 27 Motor Tour, August 19-25, 2019** — Calling all car enthusiasts...motor in to Coldwater for this fun event! Goody bags, door prizes and lots of fun await you, here in Coldwater! Rev up your engines as the tour begins in Coldwater on Monday evening with the annual Car Show. Join us again Tuesday morning for a light breakfast, then cheer on the cruise as they head north.

**AppleFest, September 21, 2019** — If

you like apples...or even if you don't, you'll love the AppleFest. Apples, baked goods, cider, crafts and a kids area...you're bound to enjoy the event, the people watching and the fabulous historic downtown shops and restaurants.

**Pints in the Park, September 28, 2019** — Is there a better way to spend a crisp fall afternoon than at a Michigan craft beer, wine and music festival? Pints in the Park brings entertainment to the stage, a large variety of craft beer for sampling, Michigan-made wines for tasting, and a nice evening out for adults!

*Stay up-to-date at [ColdwaterCountry.com](http://ColdwaterCountry.com) with additional information on the events taking place all year round in Coldwater Country.*

## Southwestern Michigan

Summers have lured people to Southwestern Michigan for centuries. You will see why as you splash in the sun-dappled waters of Lake Michigan. Leave footprints on soft, sandy beaches and race down dunes in and around St. Joseph.

You can send your golf balls soaring over championship courses. Shop in St. Joseph's Victorian-era downtown with its brick streets or the Arts District in Benton Harbor. Cheer on vintage baseball teams and ride miniature trains at Eden Springs

Park. Gather up just-picked blueberries, peaches, sweet corn and more from welcoming farms and markets.

Go hiking. Biking. Fishing. Savor their chefs' craft at their alfresco restaurants. Explore our galleries and antique collections. Climb to the top of the lighthouse and look out for miles in every direction. Stand up paddleboard as the sun paints the sky crimson at dusk. Then rest in lodgings near the water or in our firefly-glimmering countryside.

Join them July 6 at the International Cherry Pit-Spitting Championship at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire. Find new art for your home at the nationally acclaimed Krasl Art Fair in St. Joseph's Lake Bluff Park, July 13-14. Watch West Side Story on Silver Beach, July 26 and 27. Chalk the Block in downtown St. Joseph, August 2-4.

**August 16, 7-10pm** Concert in the Vineyard: Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness For more information please call 269-422-1617.

**August 22-25 & August 29-September 1**, Urinetown: The Musical. For more information visit [ghostlightbh.com](http://ghostlightbh.com).

**September 7, 12-6pm** Harvest Festival For more information call 269-471-1321.

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# Michigan

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October 18, 8pm Mike Super Magic & Illusion. For further details on these two events call 269-927-8700.

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## Benzie County

Benzie County may be Michigan's smallest county, but it's huge in terms of attractions. Visitors describe it as a place that is beautiful and tranquil where you can see the stars at night, enjoy campfires on the beach and unplug from your phone. Revel in the towering dunes, Lake Michigan shoreline, the iconic lighthouse, rolling hills and sparkling lakes and rivers.

Benzie has over 100 miles of trails and 60 miles of shoreline including the majestic Crystal Lake, among the ten largest lakes in Michigan. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore borders Benzie County offering sandy beaches, windswept and incredible views. Outdoor lovers can swim, fish, golf, or hike or bike the 22-mile-long Betsie Valley

Trail. Winter activities include downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, fat-tire biking, ice fishing and snowmobiling.

Visit the area's many unique wineries, breweries, and distilleries or enjoy a meal in locally owned restaurants. With choices that include delis, fresh fish, farm-to-table, Asian, Mexican and more Benzie appeals to many different palates.

Shoppers can browse local boutiques and galleries for designer furniture, art, antiques, home décor, jewelry and gifts in the quaint towns and villages of Beulah, Benzonia, Elberta, Frankfort, Honor, Lake Ann and Thompsonville.

Double your fun in Benzie County at back-to-back festivals in October. Beulah's *Salute to Autumn* takes place on October 5th and features a variety of activities in Beulah Park which includes a soup contest, chalk art, horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkin decorating and a car show.

The *Frankfort Fall Festival* on October 12, kicks off with a parade starring the Scottville Clown Band, known for its "colorful attire and crazy antics," locally built floats and the popular *Mutt March*.

Celebrate all that is great about craft beer in Michigan and do it in the cool, scenic, foodie town of Frankfort. *Frankfort*

*Craft Beer Week* takes place October 7-12

Make plans to attend the 11th Annual *Frankfort Film Festival*, October 17-20. This annual film-lovers festival, held in the beautifully-restored historic *Garden Theater* in downtown Frankfort, features leading-edge independent films from prestigious festivals from around the world.

With a variety of lodging opportunities, Benzie County is a perfect vacation getaway.

For more information visit [www.visitbenzie.com](http://www.visitbenzie.com)

## Marquette County

Whether filling a bucket at the beach or checking an item off a bucket list, summer vacation memories in Marquette County are ready to be made. Located in the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Marquette County is a place that encompasses one of America's greatest small cities and a collection of historic towns and villages.

The city of Marquette is set on the shores of Lake Superior, but wherever you turn Mother Nature's assets are on display through sweeping scenic vistas, miles of trails and rushing waterfalls that are as beautiful as they are accessible.



### Benzie County Fall & Winter Events

#### October

Fall Festivals (weekends)

#### November

Holly Berry Art & Craft Show

#### December

Christmas Magic

#### January

Fat Tire Bike Race

#### February

Winterfest

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Adventure is easy to find in Marquette County. Within minutes recreational enthusiasts can be fishing, kayaking, hiking, geocaching or mountain biking on top rated trails. Opportunities to stargaze or even catch the Northern Lights are plenty and are always possible. However, with a summer calendar that features an average of 68 events annually supporting a variety of interests and activities, sitting still doesn't have to be on the agenda. Some of the perennial events of interest include:

- Art Week and Plein Air Painting Festival.
- Marquette Trails Festival.
- Hiawatha Music Fest.
- Blueberry Festival.
- Art on the Rocks.
- Ore to Shore Bike Race.
- Marquette Trail 50.
- Harbor Fest.
- Marquette Marathon.

For a full calendar of events as well as more details, please visit [www.travelmarquette.com/events](http://www.travelmarquette.com/events).

With daylight that lingers well into the evening hours there is more time to explore outdoor attractions, as well as artist studios and unique storefronts.

The historic downtown pays homage to the rich mineral deposits, dense forests, and maritime markers that have helped to shape its story while recognizing that much like those who settled the area, it is vision that brings prosperity. From its fiercely independent and unique dining establishments to its assortment of award-winning craft breweries, Marquette's spirit is on display in its diverse offerings. All share a love for an area that embraces a culture anchored in artisanship, ingenuity, and perseverance.

When you are in Marquette and looking for a place to stay for a night or for the week, they have accommodations to fit every need and budget: Check out the newly renovated Holiday Inn, Country Inns and Suites by Radisson, Cedar Motor Inn, Days Inn by Wyndham or Landmark Inn - old world elegance where comfort and boutique style service all come together seamlessly! If you are looking for a bed and breakfast option, there are plenty to choose from: Big Bay Point Lighthouse bed and breakfast is perfect if you are in search of a secluded retreat from modern life. A unique bed and breakfast inn is one of the very few surviving resident lighthouses under new ownership and management with 14 rooms, seven guestrooms with private



Fireworks at the Lansing Lugnuts' Cooley Law School Stadium

baths, a common living room, sauna and all the conveniences of modern life has been recently renovated for your experience!

*For more information and to plan your trip, please visit [www.travelmarquette.com](http://www.travelmarquette.com).*

## Michigan's Adventure

Michigan's largest amusement and water park in Muskegon features over 60 rides, attractions and Funland Farm. Guests will find thrills of all sizes in two parks, including the world-class wooden roller coaster, *Shivering Timbers*, which is over 1 mile long and 125 feet tall. There are six more great roller coasters, Corkscrew, Thunderhawk, Wolverine Wildcat, Mad Mouse, Zach's Zoomer and Big Dipper. Michigan's Adventure also features the Grand Rapids, Be-Bop Blvd., Timbertown

Railway and HydroBlaster.

*WildWater Adventure* offers guests the opportunity to splash the day away in three wave pools and scream at the top of their lungs on *Funnel of Fear* and *Snake Pit*. Families with small thrill seekers will enjoy slides and adventures just for them on *Beach Party* and *Half Pint Paradise*. Airplanes, Elephants, Motorcycles and Frog Hopper will delight children.

Food stands, miniature golf, games and gift shops round out a whole summer of fun for all ages.

Michigan's Adventure offers affordable fun for the entire family. The amusement park, water park and Funland Farm are included in daily admission. 🦋

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Shivering Timbers coaster at Michigan's Adventure





The Traverse Coast has about 40 tasting rooms and wineries

BY RENU SAGGAR

location? You bet! The region's orchards and vineyards have been joined by acres of hopyards. Grown on enormous trellis systems, hops provide one of the key flavorings in beers. Brewers in the area also like to experiment with local fruits, vegetables and herbs. Cherry pie in a beer? Yes, please!

Of course, "terroir" is not limited to beer and wine. The distilled spirits produced by Traverse City vintners and microdistillers also carry distinctive flavors — from the fruit brandies produced by local wineries to the small-batch vodkas and whiskeys made from the area's growing number of distilleries.

During the summer and fall Traverse City hosts a variety of festivals including:

- June 29 - July 6: The National Cherry Festival.
- July 30 - August 4: Traverse City Film Festival.
- August 4 - 10: The Northwest Michigan Fair.
- September 6: Downtown Traverse City Art Walk.
- September 7 & 8: Harvest Stopmede.
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## Wine & Dine in Traverse City

**H**alf the fun of traveling is being able to interact with the people who live, work and play in the place you're visiting and there's no better way to find locals at their most relaxed than to seek out the places where they like to eat. Traditional Traverse City restaurants come in all styles and price ranges — but they're all popular with the people who call Traverse City home!

Whether you prefer elegant dining at a waterfront restaurant, grabbing sandwiches for a picnic at Lake Michigan, or a taco from a food truck, Traverse City's eclectic restaurants are the backbone to any trip itinerary. All year round, you'll find that menus are focused on what's fresh out of the water and the land. To eat in Traverse City is to experience the history, agriculture and people who care for the resources and the quirky creativity that brings it to your table.

And the same can be said about Traverse City libations.

The uniquely fresh and aromatic wines grown throughout the *Traverse Wine Coast* have won the loyalty of delighted customers and the respect of wine critics. Thanks to the region's unique combina-

tion of climate, topography and soils — its terroir, as the French say — is producing wines that taste like Traverse City. There are about 40 different tasting rooms and wineries to experience in the region. Can beer also taste like its geographic

Immerse yourself in the flavors of northern Michigan in Traverse City





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The elegant downtown Park Place Hotel, is the only hotel and conference facility located in the heart of downtown Traverse City. It's just steps from downtown shops and restaurants, or an easy stroll to the bay and beach.

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Renovation of all 140 rooms was completed in June. Each of the tastefully decorated guest rooms and suites are carefully appointed and feature exceptionally comfortable beds. The newly-refreshed Tower Rooms, blend contemporary design and amenities with a historic location and a new indoor pool facility, complete with whirlpool, splash pad and fitness room. They offer lovely views of Boardman Lake and Grand Traverse Bay. Amenities at the pet friendly property includes complimentary parking.

The Park Place Hotel also boasts a brand new state-of-the-art Conference Center. It's a classically modern facility, custom-

ized to accommodate a variety of groups. Over 12,000 square feet of meeting and convention space is available for groups of 10 to 500.

*Minervas Restaurant & Bar* on the lobby level, offers an upscale but comfortable atmosphere, and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner with a full menu. They also features happy hour food and drink specials.

*The Beacon Lounge* on the 10th floor, provides a very memorable setting overlooking Traverse City and Grand Traverse Bay. Sip a cocktail and watch the sunset over the bay.

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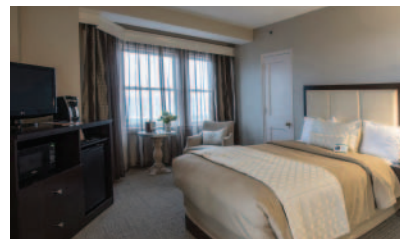


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Hocking Hills State Park

BY RENU SAGGAR

## Authentic Hocking Hills

### Celebrate Apollo 11 & more this summer & fall

**O**n July 20, 1969 the world watched as Ohio native Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the moon. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." These were the first words the world heard from the first man to go where no one had gone before.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11's history making mission. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, John Glenn, Jim Lovell and Judith Resnik, a crew member of the infamous Challenger space shuttle, are all Ohio natives.

On July 20, 2019 the *John Glenn Astronomy Park* in the Hocking Hills State Park will host an "All afternoon/All evening" event which will recap the events of the Apollo 11 moon landing exactly 50 years to the minute after they happened. There will also be plenty of stargazing. Guests are welcome to bring their own telescopes or view the dark night sky from the stunning views through the enormous 28-inch telescope in the roll-off roof observatory.

Programs run year-round, weather permitting and advance free parking reservations are available and encouraged. For a complete list of upcoming programs and free parking reservations visit <http://registration.jgap.org>.

More than 4.5 million travelers visit the Hocking Hills region each year. Located in southeast Ohio, the main attraction is the *Hocking Hills State Park*, which is home to six non-contiguous parks best known for spectacular scenery, sparkling waterfalls, prehistoric caves and hiking adventures for all levels of ability.

As the region grows more and more popular with travelers seeking a unique, authentic vacation experience, area hospitality entrepreneurs have responded with unique lodging choices. The newest is "Box Hop" made out of three inter-modal shipping containers that have been transformed into a cabin situated on 18.5 acres with a simplistic approach focusing on sustainability and modern design.

Glamping is nothing new these days but you can have your camping and fine dining too in a Yurt. The *Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls* offers these centuries old style structures with modern twists like being wrapped in NASA-developed reflective insulation. Guests enjoy all the wonders of camping with the comforts of home and a critically acclaimed restaurant on the property.

Tipis and Treehouses are also available for the adventurous traveler. The Hocking Hills are well known for hundreds

of cabins and lodges peppering the hills with ideal accommodations for a cozy romantic getaway or a big family reunion.

There are also plenty of authentic local events. For nearly two decades *Lilyfest* has been a celebration of arts, crafts, music and gardens. This is the un-festival. There are no midway rides, no pony rides, no deep-fried candy bars, just beautiful flowers, art and music spread throughout the Bishop Educational Gardens in Rockbridge, Ohio. There are a few food vendors onsite but not your typical festival food. Lilyfest is July 12-14, 2019. Visit [Lilyfest.com](http://Lilyfest.com) for all the details.

Spend the last weekend of summer pushing your personal limits. On September 21, 2019 the *Hocking Hills Indian Run* will take runners (and some walkers) through vast wooded areas of the Hocking Hills State Park and Hocking State Forest, crossing streams, deep gorges, shimmering waterfalls and lush forests, leading uphill and down. Choose your challenge; 60k, 40k, 20k, 10k or 5k trail runs. The Indian Run is the ultimate test of a runner's endurance. Visit [ExploreHockingHills.com](http://ExploreHockingHills.com) for all the details and registration.

Get inspired at the *Hocking Hills Artists & Craftsmen Annual Fall Show & Sale* September 28 & 29, 2019. The show features dozens of local artists and craftspeople and will be held at the Hocking Hills Elementary School, 19197 SR-664S, Logan, OH. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on holiday gifts and they're sure to be one-of-a-kind.

Autumn in the Hocking Hills is a delight to the senses. On October 12, 2019 join the Hocking Hills State Park Naturalist for the *Grandma Gatewood Fall Color Hike*. This six-mile hike traverses an original section of the Buckeye Trail and named for Ohio's most famous grandmother; Emma "Grandma" Gatewood. Grandma Gatewood was the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone. She was a spry sixty-seven years young.

Fall foliage, warm days and cool evenings provide a picture-perfect setting for enjoying all the best of the season and just relax because you have discovered Ohio's natural crown jewels. 🍂

For everything you need to plan your Hocking Hills adventure visit [ExploreHockingHills.com](http://ExploreHockingHills.com).

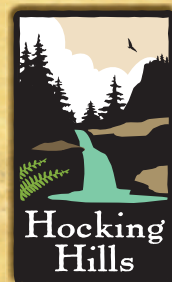


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Travelers from around the globe are discovering the natural beauty of Ohio's Hocking Hills. Marked by stunning craggy caves and rushing waterfalls, this one-of-kind destination boasts extraordinary experiences, from adventure-packed activities to cozy cabins and fully-loaded luxury cabins perfect for reunions. Galleries and antique malls pepper the hills and stargazers will love exploring some of Ohio's darkest night skies at the new John Glenn Astronomy Park. You'll find all this and more in **the Hocking Hills. Ohio's Natural Crown Jewels.**

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BY RENU SAGGAR

Motorcycle Touring In Wayne County

## An Ohio Summer Adventure

**R**ich with tradition and history, Ohio offers today's travelers and vacationers 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. In fact, Ohio's diversity makes it ideal for every age and interest level. It is easily accessible with an extensive network of interstates and highways and very affordable for families.



William's Park Sculpture Garden in Gibsonburg, Ohio *William's Park*

### Akron & Summit County

Blurring the lines between metropolis and scenic haven, visitors to Greater Akron, Ohio can get swept up in the rush of the little big city that is downtown Akron, or escape to the breathtaking views of Ohio's only national park.

Cities offer visitors the thrill of rich culture found in various major metropolitan areas. Art enthusiasts can explore the *Akron Art Museum* and galleries like *Summit Artspace*, or *Akrona*, which

feature local and touring exhibits.

Those looking to catch a performance have a variety of playhouses and concert venues from which to choose including the *Akron Civic Theatre*, one of five remaining atmospheric theaters in the nation. Guests who still haven't had their fill can look into Greater Akron's past at *Hale Farm & Village*, *Perkins Stone Mansion*, and *Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens*. The former estate of F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, the 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House, is the nation's 6th largest historic home open to the public. The estate includes five historic buildings and eight historic gardens spread over 70 acres.

Iconic events happen all year long, including: PGA Bridgestone Senior Players Championships, FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby, International Twins Days Festival, Ohio Mart, Akron Marathon Race Series and Akron Zoo's Boo at the Zoo to name only a few.

Visitors that need a break from the action can wander off the beaten path to Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) by using the Ohio Erie & Canalway Towpath Trail, which runs through the heart of downtown Akron, or by hopping on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. The 13th most-visited national park in the U.S. in 2018, CVNP boasts 33,000 acres of unimaginably beautiful areas to play, rest and recharge.

A visit to Greater Akron also offers novices to pros a chance to hit the links on more than a dozen manicured public courses. Not a golfer? Spend your time shopping area favorites, Don Drumm Studios & Gallery, Akron Glass Works, Mustard Seed Market & Café or any of the myriad shops and boutiques scattered throughout our communities. Diverse dining options offer flavors from authentic Nepalese, to modern Mexican and from Swensons Drive-in's car-side service to an iconic Akron steak house. Don't miss the 3rd annual *Summit Brew Path*, featuring 22 breweries' eclectic libations – a can't miss regardless if you complete the official path or not! New in 2019 is the *NewAgainAkron.com* vintage shopping trail.

*Sights, sounds and special experiences await. Plan a visit that will be your very own. Visit [akron.travel](http://akron.travel), [playeatshop.org](http://playeatshop.org), [summitbrewpath.com](http://summitbrewpath.com), or [newagainakron.com](http://newagainakron.com).*

### Medina County

Offering small town atmosphere with big city flavor, Medina County is home to unique shops like *Ohio Station Outlets*, with over 50 stores and a train ride. *Hollo's Papercraft* has practically everything you might need as it relates to paper art, party, craft, school stamping supplies & more. The *Log Cabin Shop* sells to early American re-enactors and also has a large collection of used books. Historic *Medina Square* with its Victorian architecture has many unique shops, eclectic restaurants and bistros, the *Toy & Train Museum*, the *Medina Museum* and a Victorian home for tours (call ahead for hours).



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# Ohio Adventure

*Castle Noel* is a holiday entertainment complex with holiday window displays from NYC department stores, toys, photos, the *Santa Squeeze*, the *Blizzard Vortex* and a grand collection of props and costumes from Christmas movies like *Elf*. It's open weekends March through November and Tuesday to Sunday during the Christmas season. Located in the lower level is *Alien Vacation Mini Golf* in *Freaky 3D*.

Spend a day at *High Voltage Indoor Karting*, a zero emission electric go-cart track. Enjoy wild western thrills at monthly rodeos (one Saturday a month May-September). Scene 75 Family Entertainment Center is the largest indoor entertainment centers in the country, with awesome indoor attractions including: Go-Karts, Laser Tag, Arcade and more!

Summer brings concerts and family friendly festivals such as, the *Frog Jump* in Valley City, *Medina Fest* on Public Square and the *Medina County Fair*.

A *Fall Foliage Tour*, the second full weekend in October, is a drive-it-yourself tour visiting farms, markets, historical societies and fall festivals, just to name a few. Enjoy a variety of arts programs, concerts indoor and outdoor, theatre performances, art shows and more. There is something for everyone.

Located just 35 miles south of Cleveland and 24 miles west of Akron, for information on upcoming events, [visitmedinacounty.com](http://visitmedinacounty.com).

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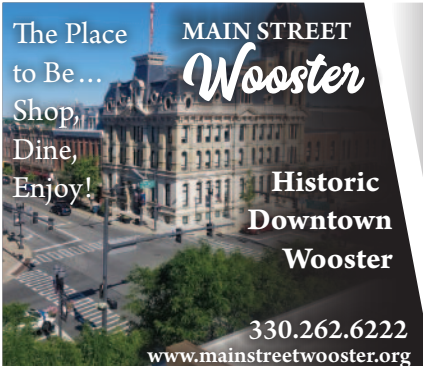
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## Bowling Green

Think BG, Ohio for your next event weekend away! Bowling Green is full of event opportunities for you and your family starting with their new, monthly *Firefly Nights* on the 3rd Friday of the month. The evening includes music, vendors, kids activities, food trucks, a beer garden and more. In July, Firefly Nights adds a car rally and in October, they add a mini tractor pull for all ages. In August BG hosts the *National Tractor Pulling Championships* and in September, the award-winning *Black Swamp Arts Festival*.

Visitors can check out *Snook's Dream Cars Automobile Museum* or the new exhibit at the *Wood County Historical Museums, For Comfort and Convenience* which chronicles the history of poor farmers in the state of Ohio. *For information on their accommodations, dining, shopping and all of their events VisitBGOHio.org.*

## Wayne County

Just in time for summer, the counties making up Ohio's Amish Country announce the publication of a Motorcycle Tour brochure. This guide will take you

on a turn-by-turn ride through the rural backroads of Amish Country, visiting charming towns and villages, unique attractions, amazing scenery and local places to grab a bite to eat. The rides feature stops at local businesses offering products made right here in our counties, cheeses, jams and jellies, beer and wines, quilts, baked goods, smoked meats, pottery, fresh produce, handcrafted furniture, just to name a few.

The four counties included in this guide, Medina, Wayne, Holmes and Tuscarawas. Each submitted two rides, one approximately 100 miles and one shorter version at 50 miles. A professional tour guide, who also rides, tested the routes ensuring that everyone will enjoy their trip. Some of the fun names given to these routes are the Wayne County Bottoms & Beyond and the Tusky Twister.

Whether you are on a two, three, or four wheeled vehicle, you are invited to tour these scenic backroads where you can unwind and enjoy the area.

Located near or along the historic Lincoln Highway, you'll find the *J.M. Smucker Company Store and Café* in Orrville. This is where Smucker's jams and jellies have been made for over 100-years.




In Smithville, discover the *Shops at the Barn Complex*, featuring a children's entertainment attraction, general store and a toy and game store. The adjacent *Barn Restaurant* is a renovated 1937 dairy barn.

The *P. Graham Dunn Retail Gallery* in Dalton, invites you to their showroom for inspirational wood décor that can be personalized.

Don't miss *Lehman's Hardware* in Kidron, offering creative solutions for a simpler life. Browse the non-electrical appliances and equipment used by the Amish. Then stop at *Shisler's Cheese* for some of the finest cheese you'll ever find.

Visit an *Old Fashioned Hardware Store* in the village of Shreve, for that hard to find item. Next door, you'll find the *Des Dutch Essenhaus Restaurant, Quilt Shop, & Bakery*, stocked with their famous cinnamon rolls and other treats.






*The Pine Tree Barn* is a restored 1868 barn with spectacular views overlooking two lakes and the Killbuck Valley. Filled with beautiful gifts and accessories, it features a year-round Christmas Shop, a Christmas Tree Farm, handcrafted 18th century furniture reproductions, traditional home furnishings and a gourmet luncheon restaurant.



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Downtown Wooster is a shoppers paradise with the *Everything Rubbermaid Store*, plus unique specialty shops and a variety of wonderful restaurants.

Just a few blocks from downtown are the ever-changing *Wayne Center for the Arts* and the *Wayne County Historical Society*, complete with an 1873 schoolhouse, mercantile shop and much more. The *Ohio Light Opera* performs at the College of Wooster during the summer. A Gilbert & Sullivan operetta may be the perfect finish to an eventful day in Wayne County.

Please contact the *Wayne County Convention and Visitors Bureau* at [www.wccvb.com](http://www.wccvb.com) for more visitor information and their 2019 *Calendar of Events* listing local festivals, fairs, parades and more.

## Fulton County

Rich in agriculture, yet close to the bustling metropolitan area of Toledo, there's something for everyone on the "Trails" of Fulton County. Their trails include the History Trail, Wine/Brew Trail, Play Trail, Sweet Tooth Trail, Unique Shopping Trail, Artisan Trail and "Trails" Trail.

You'll find truly affordable family fun at Ohio's second largest fair, which offers top name entertainment, food, rides, a huge trade show, competitions and more.

This year's *Fulton County Fair* takes place August 30 to September 5. Year-round the *Fulton County Fairgrounds* is host to many events including the National Thresher's Convention, Crosley Car Show, Antique Motorcycle Show, Kennel Dog Show, horse shows, Gem and Mineral Show and Geocache Bash. The beautifully maintained fairgrounds provide an ideal site for camping, whether you are attending an event or just passing through.

While visiting *Fulton County* make sure to stop by *Sauder Village*, a living history destination that transports guests through time from 1803–1920's. Experience early life in Ohio's largest living-history destination, while visiting with costumed guides in historic homes, farms, gardens and community shops. Participate in hands-on activities like making butter, milking a goat or playing old fashioned games. Open seasonally from May through October, find more information at [saudervillage.org](http://saudervillage.org).

Unplug, sit back, relax and enjoy small town hospitality by taking in fun festivals, such as the Delta Chicken Festival, Swanton Corn Festival, The Royal Bullthistle Festival and more! Enjoy top notch entertainment at locally owned

restaurants, wineries and brewery. Get caught up in the excitement of "Saturday Night Lights" at *Oakshade Raceway* and *Delta Motorsports*.

You can spend the night at a variety of comfortable and affordable accommodations, including *Sauder Heritage Inn*, *Holiday Inn Express*, *Days Inn*, *Rodeway Inn*, *M Star Hotel* and local campgrounds.

For more information please visit [www.fultoncountyoh.com](http://www.fultoncountyoh.com).

## Sandusky County

For decades, sculptor and Iron worker *Jim Havens* has devoted his life to creating unique and thought-provoking works of art. Dozens of his sculptures are now on display year-round, in *William's Park* in *Gibsonburg Ohio*, along with works by other artists. The sculptures are artistically arranged along a paved walking path circling a turquoise blue quarry.

In late 2016, Mr. Havens was given the opportunity of a lifetime to create a lasting tribute to those who died in the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001. He worked with over 7000 lbs. of steel that was recovered from the North World Trade Center. The steel was permanently loaned to the village by the New York Port Authority

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for Jim to create a lasting tribute and memorial to the fallen. This sculpture was named the *Public Safety Service Memorial* and was dedicated in 2017.

With such a unique collection of sculptures in one place, the Sandusky County Convention & Visitors Bureau saw an opportunity to create an art and wine festival to celebrate the collection.

The CVB partnered with multiple Ohio wineries, food vendors, entertainers and other area artists to create the *Sculpture in the Village, Arts & Wine Festival*. The event started small two years ago but word quickly spread about this amazing festival and attendance nearly quadrupled in 2018.

On August 10th 2019, they will be holding their 3rd annual event from 3 to 9 p.m. and expect increased growth this year as well. Visitors to the event will be able to view dozens of sculptures, shop the many vendors who will be selling and displaying their art and indulge in the many food and wine offerings they have. There will be live local music acts and of course, multiple Ohio wineries will be displaying their products. You

can buy by the bottle to take home after sampling. For more information visit [www.artsandwinefest.com](http://www.artsandwinefest.com).

Ever wonder what life was like in a 19th century prison? Take a tour of the historic 1892 Sandusky County Jail. The 1840's dungeon is located underneath the Sandusky County Courthouse. Hear exciting stories of some of the colorful inmates that were imprisoned here and see the gallows used for the last hanging in Sandusky County.

Explore all Sandusky County has to offer. For more information visit them at [www.sanduskycounty.org](http://www.sanduskycounty.org).

## Youngstown

Unplug and experience over 4,400 acres of natural beauty in Youngstown's *Mill Creek MetroParks*. The parks offer miles and miles of hiking and biking trails.

Don't miss lovely *Fellows Riverside Gardens*, one of the finest public gardens in the United States. Roses of all classes are spectacular when in full bloom. The colorful plant displays, plus scenic vistas and delightful Visitors Center and Garden Café makes for an enjoyable day for everyone! Lanterman's Mill, a restored 1845-46 mill, is one the park's most historic landmarks.

The 100th Anniversary celebration of the world-renowned *Butler Institute of American Art* continues with many special exhibits planned throughout the year.

The popular *Wines of the Valley Wine Trail* is back for 2019, with all new wine charm designs. Start by picking up a passport at any of the six participating wineries in the Youngstown area. Purchase a glass of wine and receive a stamp in your passport, as well as a different wine charm at each winery. Collect five or more stamps and redeem your passport for a keepsake charm box, plus a bonus charm. Visit [www.winesofthevalley.com](http://www.winesofthevalley.com) for more details.

The area's twelve challenging golf courses are waiting for you. The Mill Creek Golf Course features two 18-hole championship courses designed by Donald Ross that opened to the public in 1928. Both courses are par 70 with four sets of tees, stretching from 5095 yards to 6511 yards. The South Course plays over a flat terrain with tree-lined fairways. Natural areas and streams come into play on five holes. The South Course has been selected by Golfweek as one of America's 30 Best Municipal Courses. The North Course weaves through tall trees and includes a

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variety of natural hazards. *Plan a Stay & Play Getaway* at one of the area's hotels offering special packages. Mahoning County's end-of-summer tradition, the 173rd annual Canfield Fair (August 28-September 2) is the largest County Fair in Ohio, featuring agriculture, rides, games, delicious food and top-name entertainment in the grandstand. Pentatonix will be the headline act, appearing on September 1, 2019.

*Welcome Your Weekend Here! The Mahoning County Convention & Visitors Bureau is happy to help. Please visit [www.youngstownlive.com](http://www.youngstownlive.com).*

## Greater Grand Lake

Summertime is fun-time in the Greater Grand Lake Visitors Region. Ohio's largest inland lake offers 13,500 acres of water for great fishing and lots of boating fun. You will find more than a dozen restaurants, bars and clubs around the lake with docks for boating access. While in the region, check out four craft breweries, two wineries, an incredible chocolate shop and the best ice cream in the state of Ohio.

Enjoy fun festivals and celebrations just about every weekend throughout the summer. This year don't miss the *Celina Lake Festival*, July 26-28, as the international *Amphicar Owners Club* will celebrate their 20th Anniversary Swim-In. There will be a large contingent of those crazy cars that can actually drive into the lake and become a boat. Such fun!

In Wapakoneta, the hometown of Neil Armstrong, the 50th Anniversary of man's first steps on the moon will be a 10 day celebration, July 12-21. Among the many events will be a thrilling hot air balloon rally, visiting astronauts, a huge anniversary parade and a live NASA broadcast from the *Armstrong Air & Space Museum*. The museum houses a unique collection of space related artifacts including Neil Armstrong's space suits.

This year take the short drive to west central Ohio for your summertime fun-time adventure. Just take I-75 to Exit 111.

*For more information to plan your summer visit, check out [GreaterGrandLakeRegion.com](http://GreaterGrandLakeRegion.com).*

## Ashland

The best of the Midwest is on bold display in Ashland. Find yourself among small-town charm, rustic scenery and world-class cultural offerings that combine in one lovely package.

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# Ohio Summer

Recreation facilities. The city hosts a variety of softball, golf, tennis and soccer tournaments. In fact, there are seven parks in all, with activities for young and old, including the challenging *Brookside Golf Course*. The Ashland County Park District manages a number of beautiful sites for hiking, birdwatching, and other nature appreciation, from the deep woods of Pine Hill Park, to the wildlife-rich marshes of the Esbenshade Wetlands.

*BalloonFest*, one of Ashland's premier events, is held every year close to the 4th of July weekend. Balloonists come from all over the country to participate. The *Balloon Glow*, music, and stage performances, along with balloon races, make for a fun-filled weekend.

Other summer events include ice cream socials, motorcycle races, classic car shows, an antique tractor and engine show, farmers markets and a multitude of horse shows and sales. Also, in July, *Ashland Chautauqua* will celebrate its 20th anniversary! At Chautauqua, you'll encounter history through first person historical portrayals. Trained actor/scholars assume the character of historical

figures and present living history performances in the open-air surroundings of the *Myers Memorial Bandshell*.

The Bandshell also comes alive in the summer with a variety of musical acts, highlighted by the Ashland Symphony. Come back in the fall to pick your own pumpkin and make your way through a corn maze at Honey Haven Farm. *For more information go to visitashlandohio.com.*

## Waynesville

Waynesville is one of the best towns to take a stroll. Older than the state of Ohio, the historic village is located at the crossroads of U.S. Route 42 and State Route 73, approximately 37 miles northeast of Cincinnati. Visitors will find a fascinating combination of history and culture as it developed in southwestern Ohio.

The town is a treasure chest of antique shops. Tucked amongs 46 shops are ten shops specializing in antiques, four antique malls and many shops along the five-block area that boast a scattering of antique furniture and collectibles. Most are housed in meticulously restored buildings that date back to the early 1800s. Visitors find many genuine relics of the area's long and colorful history.

Take some time to enjoy a snack or a

meal in one the many fine bistros, cafes, tea rooms and taverns.

Waynesville's *50th Annual Sauerkraut Festival* takes place October 12th and 13th. Voted best fall fair by Ohio Magazine, celebrate the humble cabbage with traditional sauerkraut dishes and wild concoctions like sauerkraut fudge! It's a weekend filled with fun, fabulous shopping, and fantastic food. The festival serves 11 tons of sauerkraut and attracts approximately 400,000 visitors each year to browse among the over 450 craft booths and sample the offerings from more than 30 different food vendors.

Sauerkraut is served in some very traditional and non-traditional ways, anything from sauerkraut German sundaes, sauerkraut pizza, cabbage rolls and even sauerkraut brownies! Visitors and vendors come from every state in the nation. Learn more at [www.sauerkrautfestival.com](http://www.sauerkrautfestival.com)

Waynesville's *Second Saturday Street Faires* boast over forty booths where artisans create, display and sell their unique one-of-kind creations, from woodworking to fiber. There are live art demonstrations and an art contest, face painting and local musical talent. Sample gourmet food-to-go from a variety of food trucks and local produce from the farmer's



Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown



market. This year's remaining dates are August 10th, and September 14th. Visit [www.waynesvilleohio.com/events](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/events).

The *Museum at Friends Home* sits at the top of Quaker Hill, two blocks off downtown Waynesville. Housed in the 1905 Friends Boarding Home, the twenty-two rooms of historic exhibits highlight a local community, or an aspect of early Quaker life, including period clothing, medicine, education and more. The Quaker Historical District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visitors can catch a glimpse of how early area settlers lived at *Caesar Creek Pioneer Village* near Waynesville, located inside Caesar Creek State Park. The village gives visitors an in depth view of pioneer life with a variety of authentic circa 1795-1849 buildings, living history volunteers in period costume and a series of summertime festivals.

The park's Nature Center offers a wide range of programming, such as archery, fishing, nature hikes and kayaking, as well as an up close experiences with native wildlife. Visit [www.caesarcreek-statepark.com](http://www.caesarcreek-statepark.com). 📍

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BY GAIL MERO-O'NEIL

is an eminently workable amalgam of German, French and Italian cultures that operates with all the precision of a Swiss watch. There are four national languages including Romansh, a variant of Latin spoken in the mountainous canton of Graubünden.

Zürich is Switzerland's largest city and famous for its gnomes and financial institutions. The Bahnhofstrasse — Zürich's answer to Fifth Avenue and Wall Street — was built on the site of the old city walls and is lined with upscale boutiques, cafes and those ubiquitous Swiss banks.

Bern, the nation's capital, was named after the bears that have been kept in the city since 1480. Visitors to Bern's ancient Bärengraben, or bearpit can purchase food from an official vendor and feed it to the appreciative bruins.

Lausanne in French-speaking western Switzerland, is dotted with vineyards, green pastures and deep forests that overlook Lake Geneva. This city of 125,000 features a medieval core surrounded by a modern, commercial district. The region's Joux Valley is the cradle of Switzerland's watch-making industry and many of the world's most prestigious brands are

## High Times in Switzerland

**W**ith an almost unrivalled record of peace, order and good government it's tempting to characterize the Swiss as a nation of bankers and bureaucrats. In the 1949 classic film "The Third Man" Orson Welles famously declared "Switzerland has had five hundred years of democracy and peace and what did that produce? The cuckoo clock."

Welles of course, was mistaken on a couple of counts. In 2016, Switzerland marked its 725th anniversary as a democratic confederation. And among other things, the Swiss have also given the world yodeling, the Swiss Army Knife and Heidi.

Fans of Johanna Spyri's high-altitude heroine can hike the *Heidi Trail*, sleep on hay in a Heidi hut and accompany a goatherd into the mountains in Heidi-land, a region southeast of Zürich, near the border with Liechtenstein.

Switzerland may be a neutral country but it is anything but colorless. Along with the eye-popping scenery Switzerland



The Brienzer Rothorn steam-powered cogwheel train



made here. Visitors can tour prestigious manufacturers such as Audemars Piguet and Jaeger-LeCoultre.

Geneva's famous Jet d'eau or "water jet" made its debut in 1891, with a plume of 98-feet. Improvements, including the addition of 1,300 hp electric pumps, have increased the jet's height to its present 425-feet, nearly three times higher than the Statue of Liberty.

Lucerne is considered the quintessential Swiss town and its most popular travel destination. Famous for the two medieval bridges spanning the Reuss River, few leave without taking a boat ride on scenic Lake Lucerne, framed by mountains and old growth forests that reach right down to the shore. Visitors can also ride the world's steepest cog railway up Mount Pilatus, which has a gradient of 48 percent, then return via cable car, past soaring peaks, divided by verdant Alpine valleys.

Much of Switzerland's mountainous territory is best seen by rail. The Rhaetian Railway includes the world famous Glacier, and Bernina Express lines. The engineering equivalent of Hannibal's passage through the Alps, it is the only train that crosses over the Alps without

the aid of a cog system. Travelers will pass through scenery that ranges from the blue-tongued glaciers of Piz Bernina, to the palm trees of Tirano, Italy.

St. Moritz is located in the center of the Engadine lake country, almost 2,000 metres up the southern slopes of the Alps. Winter conjures up glamorous images of the Cresta, and horses racing across the snow, but summers here are quite leisurely. You can shop in the world famous boutiques, or visit the healing mineral springs that have drawn visitors for over 3,000 years. St. Moritz has become so synonymous with the jet set that the town has taken the unusual step of registering its name as a trademark in 25 countries.

Ethnomusicologists say yodeling is an ancient form of communication using sudden alterations of vocal register from a low-pitched chest voice to high falsetto tones sung on vowel sounds. In the 4th century A.D. the Roman Emperor Julian complained about the wild shrieking noises coming from the northern mountain people.

The Glacier Express runs from St. Moritz and Davos via Zermatt, where it brings you face to face with the wondrous

Matterhorn or "the mountain," as it is respectfully called by the Swiss. Passengers hang out of windows snapping pictures while the little red train ties itself in knots around seemingly impossible bends. Each new turn brings a magnificent mountain, a stunning gorge or waterfall, or a fantasy-like castle perched on a mountaintop.

Vehicles powered by internal combustion engines have been banned in Zermatt since 1947 and the town's only traffic jam is a herd of Blackneck goats that pass through the Bahnhofstrasse each morning and evening.

Zermatt has over 300 days of sunlight a year and the Swiss call this mild dry weather their "champagne climate". The air is so unbelievably pure that it feels almost as intoxicating as a chilled flute of Pol Roger.

From Zermatt visitors can board the 117-year-old cog railway for the 6.5-mile journey up Gornergrat Mountain. Europe's highest rack railway climbs past Swiss stone pine and larch forests, to a height of 10,100 feet. Once you reach the top take in the breathtaking panorama of 29 peaks all over 13,000 feet, with the Matterhorn, the Queen of the Alps, right in the middle. 🏔️







Bermuda is a tiny, perfect paradise for travelers

## Here Comes the Sunrise

### Carnival Sunrise sets sail to Bermuda

**T**he world may not have exactly been waiting for the sunrise, but avid cruise aficionados were eagerly awaiting Carnival Sunrise. The former Carnival Triumph emerged in April following a \$200-million bow to stern makeover.

Cruise lines need to routinely update their fleets to ensure existing ships match the state-of-the-art standards of their newer siblings. Sometimes these changes amount to little more than new carpet and drapes, or a refresh around the pool deck. In the case of Carnival Triumph, however they decided to change everything, including the name. Launched in 1999, the 2,758-passenger Triumph was the second of Carnival's Destiny-class SuperLiners.

Sunrise may now be the ultimate Fun Ship experience. The refit includes a radically reconfigured layout, 115 new cabins, a stunning interior alive with tropical tones, and a bewildering array of passenger choices. It features all of the elements of the Carnival's ground breaking Fun Ship 2.0 program, plus several exciting new features all her own.

Everything the sunlight touches on

BY RENU SAGGAR

Carnival Sunrise has been doused with an extra dose of fun. Top-deck amenities will include a spectacular three-level Serenity adults-only retreat featuring a

pool, waterfall and magnificent sea views. The open-air *SportSquare* is home to a ropes course suspended above the sea, a basketball court, jogging track and a nine-hole miniature golf course.

The *WaterWorks* water park showcases the thrilling *AquaTunnel* and *Twister* slides. Kids will also have a splash-tastic time with a variety of interactive water features, including a 300-gallon drenching bucket in the *SplashZone* kids water play area.

Any time you're in your room, you're just steps away from your own personal outdoor oasis, featuring the sort of sea view you can also feel. Balcony staterooms were designed for maximum sea breeze and the most stunning views.

Diners will discover a tantalizing array of culinary choices. *Fahrenheit 555* is a classic American steakhouse with all the ambiance of a pre-war supper club. Enjoy premium cuts of beef cooked to order, and freshly selected seafood paired with an extensive wine list.

Follow your nose to Food Network star Guy Fieri's *Pig & Anchor Bar-B-Que Smokehouse*, for smoked beef, pork, and chicken, plus sides like Mac Daddy Mac n Cheese and Old Skool Potato Salad.

*Jiji Asian Kitchen* serves up enticing dishes in a thoughtfully-designed space,



The WaterWorks water park



with Asian prayer rolls and Mongolian-inspired fabrics that infuse serenity and style into this unique culinary experience.

The Key West-inspired *RedFrog Pub* is home of the cruise industry's first on-board brewery. Sample spicy Caribbean fare, listen to some live music and sip a ThirstyFrog Red, their signature private-label brew.

The *BlueIguana Tequila Bar* is the on-board spot to chill and enjoy a slushy tequila drink, or an ice-cold Mexican cerveza. *Alchemy Bar* is a vintage-themed cocktail "pharmacy". Professional mixologists will "prescribe" concoctions from different elixirs and ingredients or guests' can create their own custom cocktails.

There's no cover and no minimum at the *Punchliner Comedy Club*. A stellar line-up of established and up-and-coming comic talent are featured in shows that are family-friendly or adult-only. You can choose which ones you attend!

Sunrise is sailing a series 4, 6, and 8-night Bermuda cruises from New York, this summer and fall, docking amid the imposing spires of the *Royal Naval Dockyard* (King's Wharf) constructed by convicts between 1809 and 1849. If the stone fortifications and 100-foot towers

seem a trifle too grandiose, it's because British naval architects inadvertently switched the plans with those for a British Embassy in Khartoum. The "single-hand" clock on the north tower is a rare tidal clock set daily to indicate high tide. Today, the meticulously restored complex houses shopping, entertainment and Bermuda's Maritime Museum.

Warmed by the Gulf Stream and ringed by protective coral reefs, Bermuda lies some six hundred miles due east off the coast of North Carolina. A perennially popular cruise destination, Mark Twain called it "the right country for a jaded man to loaf in" and made Bermuda his second home.

Well-tended gardens of hibiscus and oleander frame sherbet-colored cottages in subtle shades of pink, green and peach. Bermuda's first residents were mariners and the signature-coved roofs are adapted from the lapped hulls of wooden ships. There are no rivers on the island and rainwater is collected from the roofs and stored in underground cisterns.

Horse-drawn carriages still meander down Hamilton's Front Street, and afternoon tea is a time-honored tradition. The capital's 18th century Town Hall in

Kings Square, overlooks the pillory and stocks once used to publicly chastise gossips and petty offenders.

St. Georges at the opposite end of the island, is the Western Hemisphere's oldest continuously inhabited English-speaking community. In 1609, the *Sea Venture*, foundered off Bermuda bringing the island's first colonists. Their mishap inspired Shakespeare to pen *The Tempest*.

Beach lovers will discover that pink is totally your color. Set against a serene turquoise sea, the island's famous pink sand beaches are concentrated around South Shore Park, a coastal reserve with about a dozen coves linked by trails. Beaches range from tiny inlets like Peel Rock Cove, to the blushing sands of secluded Warwick Long Bay along the eastern edge of the park. Horseshoe Bay is a dazzling crescent of sand ranked among the ten best beaches in the world.

Bermuda boasts more golf courses per square mile than any other place on earth. *Port Royal* is a public course characterized by winding fairways skirting coral cliffs and freeform greens set against the sea. The par-3 16th — located just below the ruins of the old Whale Bay Battery — is arguably golf's most scenic hole. 🏌️

Carnival Sunrise berthed at the Decker Half Moone Cruise Center in Norfolk, Virginia







## Catch a wave in Chatham-Kent

### Get your feet wet in Canada's sunny south

**C**hatham-Kent is Canada's 'sunny south' destination for numerous clean, sandy beaches along the shallow shorelines of Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie and two protected bays.

#### Erieau

Beachcombers can relax on Erieau beach or enjoy a walk along the narrow pier toward the lighthouse that is surrounded by Lake Erie. The beach area features a park and playground, sand volleyball and barbeque grills along with a scenic pier with a lighthouse. Adventure seekers can rent boats and equipment for water sports. Accommodations and restaurants are also available.

#### Mitchell's Bay

The warm and shallow waters of Mitchell's Bay makes it a popular beach community. You can choose to swim in the bay or cool off at the nearby splash pad and play in the playground. Visitors can extend their time in Mitchell's Bay with an overnight stay at a cabin, campground, cottage or motel.

#### Provincial Parks

Rondeau Provincial Park is located off the shores of Lake Erie and is prized for being the largest Carolinian forest in Canada. Located on an 8 km long sand spit extend-

BY RENU SAGGAR

ing into Lake Erie, it's the second oldest provincial park having been established in 1894. Rondeau has been identified as a Canadian Important Bird Area destination and hosts the springtime "Festival of Flight" that attracts birdwatchers from across Canada and the United States.

Campsites are open from April 1st until the last Sunday in October. Sites can accommodate tents, to large trailers and some offer electrical hook-up. Amenities such as water taps, comfort stations and laundry facilities are close by. Hiking trails, swimming, boating and the Park Store are only a short distance away.

Wheatley Provincial Park is Ontario's "deep south" provincial park — at the same latitude as Northern California. The 596-acre park provides an excellent recreational setting for birders, naturalists and campers. Located in a secluded coastal estuary, paddlers can navigate two loops through Boosey Creek to Sugar Creek. Campgrounds are situated among a tangle of creeks in a beautifully wooded Carolinian forest setting with a number of creekside campsites.

Visitors are drawn to the picturesque beaches of Clearville Park. It offers an abundance of wildlife, sparkling beaches and rare plant species. Anglers can fish for walleye, perch, small mouth bass, salmon and rainbow trout, while hikers can wander wooded nature trails. A quiet, secluded campground is equipped with many amenities, including washrooms, showers and laundry. 🍷

*Chatham-Kent is home to many festivals and events all year round, for a list of what's happening in each community this summer, check out [www.visitck.ca](http://www.visitck.ca).*



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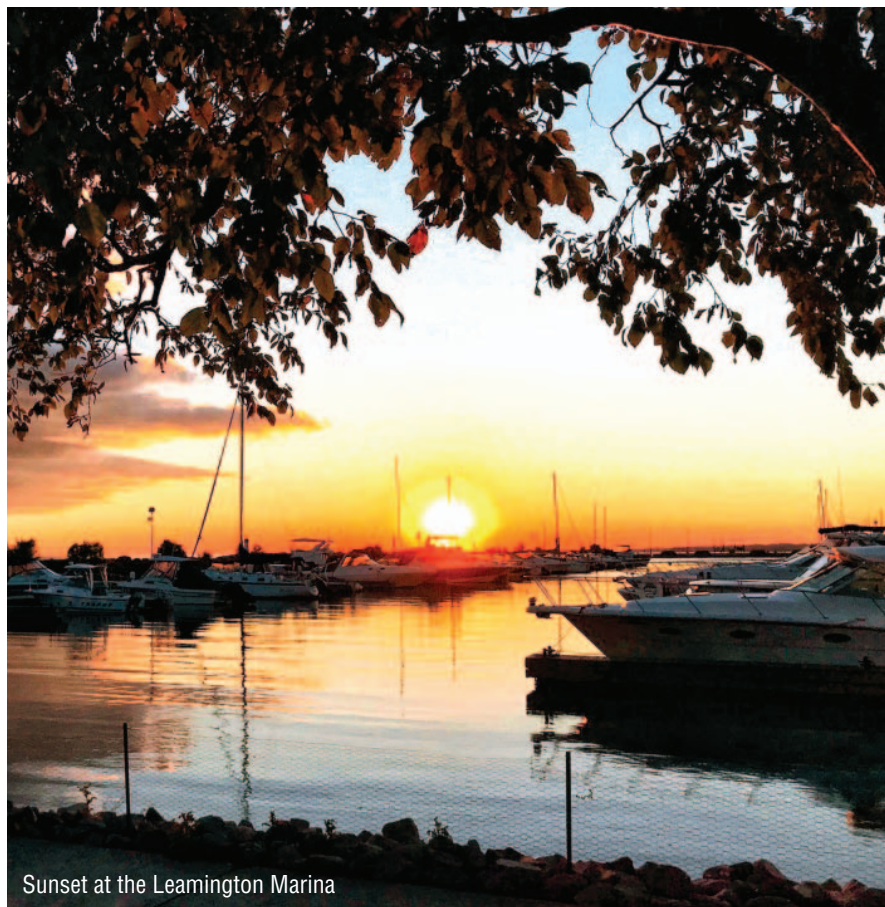
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Sunset at the Leamington Marina

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Shoppers will discover that Leamington has it all. Whether you're in search of that perfect artisan piece for your collection, the trendiest of outfits for work or play, or a handcrafted gift for someone you love. The *Mill Street Night Market* held once a month between May and November, features tangy street food, handcrafted items, vintage clothing and antiques, craft beer, cocktails and local wine and music.

Accommodations range from Bed & Breakfasts, and rental cottages, to motels and hotels like the Best Western Plus Hotel & Conference Centre, and boutique properties like the historic Seaclyffe Inn & Spa. You can even stay in under the canopy of the Carolinian Forest in Point Pelee National Park in an oTENTik. A cross between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent, these unique Parks Canada accommodations provide a comfortable and easy way to camp. There are 24 oTENTik nestled in the heart of Point Pelee, making them a great base to explore all the park has to offer.

No matter what you do, you'll quickly discover that Leamington is as inspirational as it is irresistible. Planning a trip to Leamington is simple and fun with their organized itineraries. Visit for a day, two, or a whole week! Each day provides various accommodation types, dining options and activities. Select what suits your style or do it all! There is no limit. 🏡

For more information, you can visit their website [www.LeamingtonOnThe42.com](http://www.LeamingtonOnThe42.com).

## Adventures on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel

**S**unsets, secluded beaches, after dinner sails and exotic butterflies are all part of life in Leamington, Ontario.

Located along the 42nd parallel on the north shore of Lake Erie, Canada's southernmost community is adjacent to *Point Pelee National Park* and shares a latitude with Rome and northern California.

Catch some rays on the sandy beaches, splash in the warm water, or take a charter fishing expedition. Enjoy waterfront music all summer long during the *Music Onthe42 Summer Concert Series* at the Seaclyffe Park Amphitheatre. Watch the sun set like a long slow fire over Lake Erie. Whatever your pastimes, your passions or your pleasures, Leamington is waiting for you.

Dock at the *Leamington Marina* after a day out on the lake, or choose to paddle your own adventure with a canoe or kayak rental at Point Pelee National Park. Roadside fruit and vegetable stands are a stone's throw away from the many hiking and biking trails and will give you a real taste of Leamington's bounty.

Leamington Marina is the perfect

playground to spend your day. A lovely promenade runs between the ferry dock and the immaculately landscaped marina. The promenade is dotted with historical plaques that document the many shipwrecks found offshore. Every Friday, June through September, head to the marina for *Marina Patio Nights*, featuring craft food and drink from the Grove Brew House.

The *Music Onthe42 Summer Concert Series* is the crown jewel of Leamington's breathtaking, waterfront Seaclyffe Park Amphitheatre. The seven, free concerts throughout the summer run the gamut of rock, ethnic and world music and electronica. Pick up some doughnuts and snacks at The Wooden Spoon or Lakeside Bakery before you go.

Area restaurants use fresh, local ingredients and you can grab a bite at one of Leamington's diverse Taste Leamington participating eateries, where global flavours meet local ingredients.

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## Ontario Sails Into Summer

**S**ummer in Southern Ontario is a constant burst of activity. There are dozens of authentic experiences, including arts, outdoor recreation, farm-to-table restaurants and festivities, across a landscape that's always inspiring. Whether it's a weekend festival, a glass of wine in the place where it was made, shopping for bargains, or gazing at the stars, Southern Ontario has a summer for everyone.

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The Coach Outlet store at Windsor Crossing is ah-mazing! It's a hidden gem filled with the latest hand bags to hip and trendy sunglasses and outer apparel for the both women and men, new products arriving weekly.

The Columbia Factory Store offers innovative apparel, footwear and accessories perfect for outdoor enthusiast or those that just want to look the part.

Windsor Crossing Outlet is a Shoe Lover's Dream, boots, heels and sandals, oh my! So many choices for footwear outlets, including, Aldo, a newly expanded and renovated Tootsies, Puma and Roots, you're sure to find the perfect shoe for any occasion.

While there don't forget to visit the Guest Services to receive coupons and tourist discounts up to 65% off!

Giving back to the local community is important to Windsor Crossing Premium Outlets. The mall offers complimentary space to local non-profit charitable groups to raise funds and build awareness.

Check out their website for the calendar of events for what's coming this summer. Bring your children, strollers are for rent at Customer Service. There is also a small outdoor space that is a great place to run and play. *Visit them at WindsorCrossing.ca.*

## Mezzo Ristorante & Lounge

Overlooking Via Italia, in the heart of Windsor's Little Italy, the dining experience at *Mezzo Ristorante & Lounge* goes far beyond the innovative, award-winning cuisine. An eclectic atmosphere, extensive wine list, specialty cocktails and live entertainment, are the ingredients for one of Windsor's most appealing destinations.



The Private Room at Mezzo

The newly renovated Private/Party Room is perfect for corporate functions, with beautifully etched glass walls, and a state-of-the-art sound system and a projection screen. It's also available for patrons who like to dine in a quite, relaxed

atmosphere. Private room parties must be booked in advance.

Lunch and dinner menus are loaded with tantalizing selections and the homemade desserts are the perfect way to put finishing touch to your culinary experience. Unwind in the Mezzo Lounge with a favorite Mezzo Martini, or a cocktail made in the bar by their friendly and expert mixologists. Enjoy live music every Friday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Discover authentic Italian cuisine in the heart of Via Italia!

*Visit them online for their menu and upcoming events at Mezzo.ca.*

## A La Mode Fashions

A La Mode is the perfect place to find your fashionable seasonal clothes. With two locations: Amherstburg and Windsor, choose from every day basics, to luxurious special occasion wear.



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With daily arrivals there's something new every day!

Their boutiques offer a comfortable, personable and affordable shopping experience. New at A La Mode this fall: *FURious Fur*. It's very fashionable, light weight, with a great variety of colours to choose from. It captures the trend for "all things luxurious and vintage" with Canada's newest collection of faux fur outerwear. And, no animals were harmed. *FURious Fur* is made from the highest quality faux fur fabric, knit from fine microfiber yarns and with custom linings. *FURious Fur* bravely defines "modern vintage".

An A La Mode exclusive is European womenswear from *Sandwich* from Denmark. It offers inspirational fashion, distinctive in its simplicity and effortless contemporary styling.

Also new at A La Mode this season is *MiZ MooZ*. They specialize in stylish and comfortable women's shoes, wedges, flats and more. Hand-finished leather and unexpected detailing from New York prove "fashion and comfort can happily coexist." Every pair is as unique and as interesting as the women who wears it!

For more information visit their website at [www.alamodefashions.ca](http://www.alamodefashions.ca).



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## Enzo's Trattoria

Enzo's is a very cozy place with an inviting atmosphere ideal for a romantic dinner. The menu selections remind you of nonna's kitchen, using fresh ingredients and the sauces are



Enzo's Trattoria

made from scratch. Enzo has been catering to our taste in fine Italian food for over twenty years on Erie Street in Windsor's Little Italy. Highly recommended for private parties, small weddings receptions, he can cater for any occasion.

It's perfect for casual family dinners, a formal date night, or a night out with friends, they are ready to serve you on any occasion. Made from scratch, hearty and delicious Italian cuisine served in a warm inviting atmosphere. Don't miss their *prix fixe* three course menu at a very reasonable price. Visit them at [Enzos.ca](http://Enzos.ca) to view their full menu, business hours and to book that special reservation!

## Amherstburg Uncommon Festival

The Amherstburg Uncommon Festival was voted "Best New Festival in Ontario". And it's back! Fusing Steampunk with Harry Potter themed fantasy, the event draws thousands of costumed revelers to downtown Amherstburg and its stunning waterfront backdrop. Live stage concerts, owl and falcon flights and prizes for best costumes are a few of free activities you will find.

Amherstburg is one of Ontario's prettiest historic towns

and in keeping with that old world tradition, try your hand at archery, experience escape rooms, teapot races, hat making, and ghost walks! Kids will love the STEM Children's Innovation Pavilion with all the coolest and latest science and technology based activities.

Stroll the magnificent award-winning gardens, or shop for unique treasures in *Dalhousie Alley* and downtown. Stop for tea in the tea garden, or check out the unique restaurants that always makes Amherstburg worth the visit.

New this year the Fabulous Feast dinner/theater is at the Artisan Grill Friday September 27th and Saturday September 28th. Seating is limited so get your tickets before it sells out. Expect the unexpected in Amherstburg! Tickets for dinner/theater and event schedule at [visitamherstburg.ca](http://visitamherstburg.ca) or follow them on Facebook or Instagram at [VisitAmherstburg](https://www.instagram.com/VisitAmherstburg).

## Tall Ships in Kingsville

Kingsville is a remarkable destination at any time, but 2019 will be extra special. This year, the Tall Ships Challenge Ontario 2019 will sail into Kingsville August 16-18, to once again grace the waterfront with their majestic sails.

Kingsville is the only Canadian host on Lake Erie and a stroll down the Kingsville dock will afford guests the opportunity to tour the ships, explore the art and vendor markets, savour local foods and libations, and enjoy entertainment. You can even sign up for a voyage aboard the *Empire Sandy*.

Kingsville will play host to six ships, including the Empire Sandy, one of the largest Canadian Tall Ships, the Cooke Islands Picton Castle, SVT Fair Jeanne, The HMCS Oriole, a Canadian Coast Guard Ship and the Iconic Blue Nose II. A celebrated racing Schooner, the majestic image of the original Bluenose

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has adorned the Canadian dime since 1937. Launched in 1963 Bluenose II was built by many of the same people who worked on the original vessel at the same shipyard in Lunenburg.

Daily ship tours will be available from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will also be 1.5 hour sail excursions as well as a *Dinner Cruise* aboard the Empire Sandy, Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., take part in the *Captains Hop on Hop off Party*, featuring on-board entertainment, beverages and local cuisine on three different ships.

On Saturday evening from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. savour even more of Kingsville's local food traditions and culture at the *After Hours Party* at the Grovedale House. The evening includes local beers, wines, foods, entertainment and nautical displays. An *Artisan and Vendor Market* will be held each day on the dock, along with the *Captains Galley* to satisfy even the most discerning appetite.

### Artisan Grill & Fleur De Lis

Looking for a casual meal that brings pleasure to your taste buds? Unpretentious, yet flavorful food served in a laid-back ambiance by friendly, welcoming staff. Artisan Grill is a great place to enjoy amazing dishes by master chef Matthew, prepared fresh and using local ingredients. It's "farm to table" in the best possible sense. Menus can also be adapted to individual tastes when requested. New on the menu are the award-winning shrimp wraps, which are a must to try out. The new summer drink special is a *Frosé*, frozen rosé wine mixed with berries. Visit them to taste what's new this summer. The Patio is open for leisurely summer days and cool nights. At Artisan Grill food is an art form in all of its many variations, from aspect to taste.

No trip to Amherstburg would be complete without a visit to *Fleur De Lis*. Chef Matthew Johnson's newest venture is



Sample a Frosé at Artisan Grill

a French-themed, fine dining restaurant with unique upscale amenities, and a menu inspired by Chef Matthew's passion for French cuisine. The romantic atmosphere sets the stage and the food takes the spotlight. Elegantly choreographed service, the depth of the wine list and scrumptious surroundings distinguish a meal from culinary experience. Fleur De Lis is open Thursday, Friday & Saturday by reservation only. So, make sure to call ahead to reserve your table and check their website for the opening hours. Visit them online at [artisangrill.ca](http://artisangrill.ca) for their full menu for Fleur de Lis and Artisan Grill.

### Teacups & Crowns

Take time out of your busy day for a cup of tea and explore the finer things in life. *Teacups & Crowns* is beautifully decorated with fresh cut flowers, unique curios and colorful décor. Located at 591 Erie Street East, Windsor, customers can choose from a selection of loose leaf teas with accompaniments like home made scones and fresh pastries. Sit, relax, have a cup of tea, then browse the gorgeous selection of accessories and floral arrangements. It's visit that you'll always remember. ☞

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Committed oenophiles and anyone who enjoys good wine should check out the newly-launched digital *EPIC Wine Tasting Pass*, which unlocks complimentary tastings, premium samples, a free wine glass and even a tour at one of the stops on the Wine Route. Go to [epicwineries.com](http://epicwineries.com) to purchase your Tasting Pass today.

Participating wineries include *Muscadere Vineyards*, a family owned and operated winery, which hand-harvests only the finest grapes from their vineyard to produce premium wines producing just 3000 cases a year, on-site. They take great pride in caring for, and nurturing all

Peelee Island Winery Pavillion

## Every Wine Has it's Time

**L**ake breezes, tree-lined byways and the summer sun make the drive along the Lake Erie North Shore a trip to remember. Aristotle called wine “light in a bottle” and this is Canada’s premier wine country. Situated in Ontario’s most southerly tip, the region shares the same latitude as northern California and the Bordeaux region of France.

Referred to as “EPIC Wine Country”, the area along the Canadian north shore of Lake Erie is home to Essex County, which includes the City of Windsor, smaller picturesque towns such as Amherstburg, Essex, Harrow, Kingsville and Leamington and Pelee Island.

What is even more amazing is that grapes grow here at all. Much like *Médoc* in Bordeaux, the landscape is almost flat, and the winds off the lake can be fierce. But there are miles and miles of vines that grow some of the world’s finest vinifera and French hybrid wine grapes.

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## Pelee Island Winery

EPIC has a special, unique and little-known gem. Out in Lake Erie, you will find the southernmost inhabited place in Canada — Pelee Island. This tiny dot of land is located as far south as northern California, Tuscany and over half of America's 50 states.

Pelee Island is 10,000 acres of idyllic vineyards, farms, beaches, parks and forests. It is also home to the rarest flora and fauna in the country. Species at risk, endangered species and over 10,000 unique plant species inhabit Pelee Island, including the Honey Locust, Hop Tree, Prickly Pear Cactus and Sassafras.

*Pelee Island Winery* is the largest private estate winery in Canada with a production and event facility in the town of Kingsville and over 700 acres of vineyards on Pelee

Island. Both the mainland winery and island pavilion offer unique tour and tasting experiences.

With heat units and frost-free days unmatched anywhere else in Canada, the island is a natural destination for vinifera grape growing, with 18 varietals alone on Pelee Island.

Pelee Island Winery's staff viticulturalist Bruno Friesen, keeps a careful eye on each and every vine. Bruno monitors the health of the vineyards by utilizing best practices developed in the winery's 10-acre organic

farm, and incorporating an integrated pest management protocol. Bruno's commitment to ecologically-responsible pest control and usage of natural island-grown fertilizer are just two ways that Pelee goes above and beyond current industry standards.

Pelee Island Winery President Walter Schmoranz is considered one of Canada's winemaking pioneers and an architect of the Sustainable Winemaking Ontario Program. With the addition of Winemakers Martin Janz and Tim Charisse, Pelee Island Winery has quickly become a leader in Canadian winemaking, winning hundreds of awards around the world. Most recently, Pelee Island Winery was nominated for the LCBO's Best New Product Launch for *Lola Sparkling Blush* in 2017. This gently sparkling rosé wine has quickly become one of Ontario's most popular VQA wines!

Along with its ecology, Pelee Island also has a rich history. The winery honours this legacy with their *J.S. Hamilton* wines. In 1871, J.S. Hamilton started a grocery and liquor business with Thaddeus Smith of Vin Villa Vineyards, to promote Pelee wines. They then established the Pelee Island Wine and Vineyards Company. One of their most well-known products was *St. Augustine Communion Wine*, purchased by churches in Canada, the United States and Great Britain.

The Pelee Island Wine and Vineyard Company ceased operations in 1916. It wasn't until 1979, that grapes were reintroduced to Pelee Island and today's Pelee Island Winery was established. Vin Villa's ruins still stand today on the north end of the Island and tours are available. *To discover what Island time feels like visit [www.peleeisland.com](http://www.peleeisland.com) / @peleewinery. Just a sip away. To explore EPIC Wine Country [www.epicwineries.com](http://www.epicwineries.com).* 🍷





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