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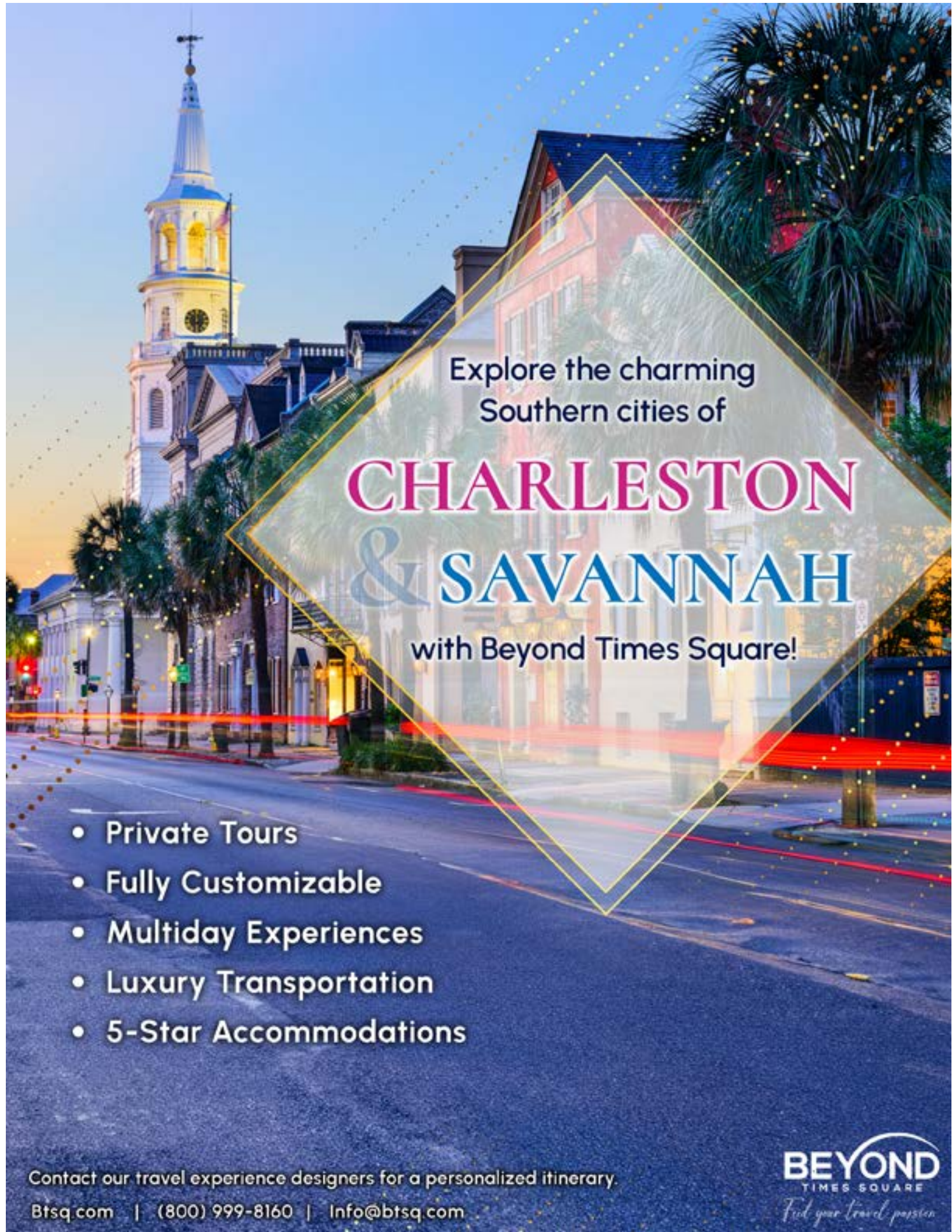
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### Cover Photo:

It's been a hot summer in most places this year. Time to cool off? Several good ideas in this issue for places to go, things to do and people to see! See P. 1-108!

# Up Close:

## From the Editor

Since the Olympics are ongoing this month, and our Sports Spot articles are geared toward goals to successfully accomplish individual athletic goals, I must take a moment to share some of my travels last month. I was able to travel with my sister and brother-in-law to Birmingham, AL where he participated in the Transplant Games of America.

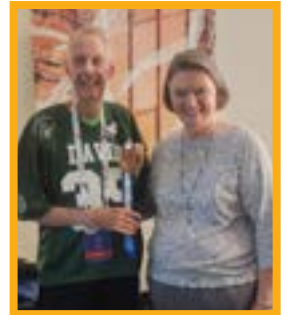
David Derden, our Project Director for Extended Weekend Getaways, competed with his Mid-America United transplant team in volleyball, ping pong and singles bowling. He was honored with a bronze medal for the singles bowling, shown above - instead of me. You know what I look like.

Winning a bronze medal in the Transplant Games of America signifies more than just athletic prowess; it embodies resilience, determination, and the celebration of life after organ transplantation. These games bring together transplant recipients, living donors, and donor families from across the nation, highlighting the transformative power of organ donation. To obtain a medal in such a prestigious event, participants must not only train rigorously in their chosen sport but also maintain their overall health and well-being, showcasing the remarkable success of their transplant journey.

David's achievement is a testament to his unwavering spirit and dedication, especially significant given that he had his first liver transplant 35 years ago. Walking into the opening ceremony with the Quarter Century Club, a group of individuals who have lived 25 or more years with a transplant, David exemplified the hope and possibilities that organ transplantation brings. His story is an inspiration to all, demonstrating that with perseverance and support, life after a transplant can be filled with remarkable achievements and joy.

While I spent my time on this issue at the hotel, I joined in the emotional happiness of results each day as they returned. My message is this: Consider registering as an organ and tissue donor on your U.S. driver's license to give those in need of a transplant a chance at life. Your generous decision can save and improve lives by providing essential organs and tissues to those in critical need.

*Kathy Barnett,*  
Editor In Chief August, 2024~ ExtendedWeekendGetaways | -5-



David Derden and his wife, Kandy, our managing editor for sister publication Seasonal Eatings, had a great time in Birmingham, AL celebrating life after transplants.

# TRAVEL TRENDS **Multi-generational Fun For All**

**Multi-generational travel refers to trips that involve three or more generations of a family, typically including grandparents, parents and children**



*By Robin O'Neal Smith  
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Sometimes, even great-grandparents or grandchildren join in. This trend focuses on creating shared experiences and bonding opportunities among family members of different ages, often in destinations catering to various interests and activities.

## **Benefits**

### **Foster Strong Family Bonds**

Multi-generational trips are fantastic for creating lasting memories across generations. These shared experiences help family members understand and connect on a deeper level. Spending quality time together helps bridge the gap between generations and reduces feelings of isolation, particularly for older family members.

### **Share Wisdom and Knowledge**

Traveling together encourages the sharing of wisdom and knowledge between generations. Grandparents can share family stories and traditions, while younger generations can



King Ocean Front Room - Kealohilani Tower

introduce new perspectives and ideas.

### **Variety of Perspectives**

With family members from different age groups, you get a variety of perspectives on travel experiences, making the trip more enriching and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Travel writer, Amy Piper of the blog, FollowThePiper.com had this to say about her experience, "I love multi-generational travel because it allows me to

experience a destination from a variety of viewpoints, resulting in a more complete experience. I can see the place through the won//7r of a child and the practicality of a parent. As the grandparent, I experience the place in yet a different way."

### **Cost-Effective**

Multi-generational travel can be more cost-effective as multiple generations share accommodations and travel expenses. Many destinations offer special family rates and packages,

# Travel Generations



Wai'ula'ula Villa 415  
Photo courtesy of Mauna Kea Residences

making it easier on the wallet.

## Examples of Successful Multi-generational Trips

### Cruise Vacations

Cruises are a popular choice for multi-generational travel. They offer various activities and amenities catering to all age groups. From kids' clubs to adult-only areas, everyone can find something they enjoy.

### All-Inclusive Resorts

All-inclusive resorts are another excellent option. These resorts often provide a wide range of activities, dining options, and entertainment that appeal to both young and old family members.

### Beach Vacations

Beach vacations offer a relaxed atmosphere where the entire

family can unwind. Whether building sandcastles, surfing, or enjoying a sunset, beaches provide activities everyone can enjoy.

## Excellent Destinations

### Hawaii

Located on the Kohala Coast of Hawaii's Big Island, Mauna Kea Residences, a collection

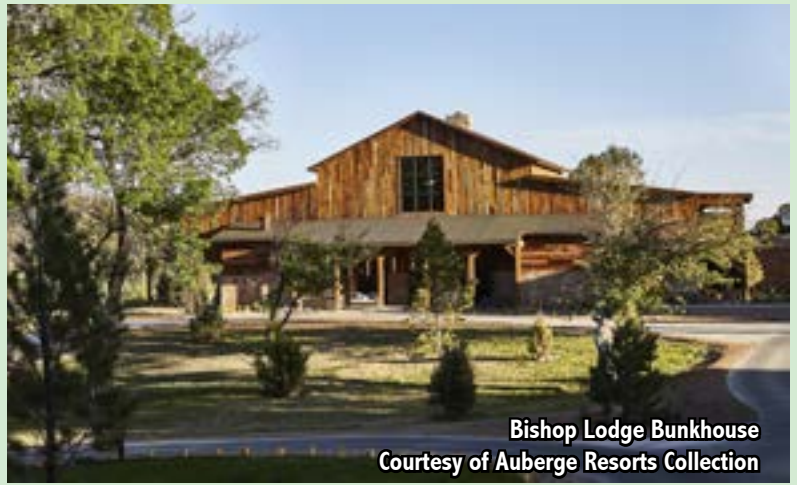
of 2 to 7-bedroom condos, townhomes, and estates available for short or long-term rental within the iconic Mauna Kea Resort, offers the perfect vacation home for multi-gen families seeking relaxation and connectivity. Wai'ula'ula Villa 415 is a charming 4-bedroom home that offers indoor/outdoor island living for up to 8 people. Guests can enjoy the unobstructed ocean, golf, and mountain views from the private swimming pool, hot tub, and lanai. Guests also receive sign-in privileges at Mauna Kea Resort to enjoy spa treatments, world-class golf courses, a variety of dining outlets, and beach activities just a mile away from the personal oasis.

### Colorado

Just 1.5 hours from Telluride and nestled in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, Dunton Hot Springs offers adventure in the Rocky Mountains. It is a restored 1800s-era mining town turned luxury Relais & Chateaux resort featuring 14 luxury log cabins and one luxurious (and insulated) tent. The property is known for its incredible and remote location, meticulously prepared cuisine made from seasonal and local ingredients, and its namesake mineral natural hot springs. The revitalized western ghost town is surrounded by picturesque views of 14,000-foot mountain peaks, aspens, rivers, and meadows for those looking for a true hidden gem rustic getaway.

### Camping in USA

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park (<http://www.jellystonepark.com>) is the nation's leading family camping, glamping, and outdoor entertainment destination, popular with kids, parents, and grandparents alike. Fall and Halloween weekends have become major events at all 75



**Bishop Lodge Bunkhouse**  
Courtesy of Auberge Resorts Collection

locations. It's common for several generations to visit Jellystone Park together, renting a large cabin, vacation home, or multiple RVs.

### Tennessee

Escape in the rustic elegance in the suites at Big Cypress Lodge in Memphis, TN. From tree-house retreats to vintage duck cabins, each suite is inspired by the great outdoors. Filled with the comforts of home, these accommodations feature views of the indoor Cypress Swamp or downtown Memphis, Tennessee. Big Cypress's Governor's Suite sits on the property's third floor and spans approximately 1,995 square feet with one king-size bed, two queen-size beds, and three bathrooms, perfect for the entire family. This multi-room suite has a fully equipped

kitchen, three electric fireplaces, and a living room with a living area and game table.

### New Mexico

The 12-bedroom Bunkhouse at Bishop's Lodge is crafted from reclaimed barn wood and is the most highly anticipated addition to the historic Bishop's Lodge, Auberge Resorts Collection in Santa Fe, NM. It is

the ideal retreat for multi-generational travelers. Featuring an expansive great room, individu-



**Campground Event**  
Courtesy of Yogi Bear



al guest rooms to maintain a sense of privacy, vaulted 36-foot-tall ceilings, and exclusive amenities such as breakfast and a chef's selection of afternoon refreshments delivered daily, The Bunkhouse is the perfect home-away-from-home with a unique cowboy feel. Multi-generational families can embark on individual adventures during their stay with a variety of activities, including horseback riding, fly-fishing, or shopping for artisan goods before reconvening back at The Bunkhouse for a private dinner or stories by the fire each night.

## Idaho

Shore Lodge, an award-winning lakefront resort located in McCall, Idaho, just 2.5 hours outside Boise, offers families a mountain retreat embodying the destination's spirit – peaceful, authentic, and vibrant. The Lake House residence is a three-suite retreat on approximately 150 feet of Payette Lake's beachfront and offers stunning lake views and exceptional mountain views. An updated kitchen, lakeside hot tub, and private dock make it the ideal destination for families to embrace lakeside living. Adventures and amenities at Shore Lodge include hiking, mountain biking, paddle boarding, kayaking, golfing, and more, making it the ultimate destination for all ages.

## Missouri

Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, MO, is a luxury wilderness resort in the heart of the Ozark Mountains region boasting several standalone accommodations, including The Villa at Integrity Hills. The 7,000-square-foot private villa accommodates up to 14 people and is perfect for a multi-generational trip. It is complete with a private infinity pool and spa with waterfalls, six bedrooms with four private balconies, five bathrooms and two half bathrooms, two gour-

met kitchens and two dining rooms, two indoor and one outdoor fireplace, a home theater, billiards room with a bar, washer-dryer, and fully furnished patio with a propane grill. The luxurious villa provides unencumbered views of Table Rock Lake and access to the resort's activities and amenities.

## Myrtle Beach, SC

The Sandcastle Oceanfront Resort at the Pavilion and The Sandcastle Oceanfront Resort South Beach sits on the sand with unbeatable coast views and convenient access to the destination's world-famous attractions. With four swimming pools and two lazy rivers, families can enjoy endless fun on the property and easily walk to the nearby Myrtle Beach Pavilion, an 11-acre amusement park. Myrtle Beach provides every activity and excursion imaginable, all at budget-friendly prices, making it perfect for a multi-gen trip.



## Florida

Orlando is a bucket-list destination for Disney lovers of all ages and a prime spot for a multi-generational trip so grandparents can experience the magic with their grandkids. The newly renovated, all-suites Caribe Royale Orlando Resort is poised to become the most sought-after deal for families traveling together. From lounging under in a cabana by the pool to riding the 75-foot water slide or visiting the Club featuring the most sports simulators in the Southeast, there is much to do for all ages.

Multi-generational travel is more than just a trend; it's a meaningful way for families to bond, share experiences, and create lasting memories. Whether you're planning a cruise, a beach vacation, or another type of trip, there's a destination that will cater to all generations in your family.

# GOING GLOBAL **Canada** Passport To Best M



*By Sarah Miller  
Freelance Travel Writer*

Ontario, Canada, wins the bet for best falls views. On the Canadian side, onlookers can gawk at both massive falls, the American Falls and the Horseshoe Falls (also known as the Canadian Falls). Together, they are a symphony of rushing waters—a natural wonder to rival the Grand Canyon. The award for most impressive falls, however, goes to Horseshoe Falls—an aquamarine, horse-shoe shaped spectacle whose beauty feels surreal.

## **Best Views**

It's all about perspective—will you be over, under, around, or through? We've already established that the Canadian side has the best view (the American view is of the fall's backside). After you've stepped out on the viewing platform with all the other tourists, it's time to break from the pack. Here's how to do it:

## **Dine Over the Falls.**

**Best Splurge:** Niagara Parks Table Rock House Restaurant is as close as it gets. Hover over the

# Niagara Falls Views

Canadian Falls with fine dining. Rotating seasonal menus with locally-sourced ingredients dazzle with tender braised beef short rib or roasted salmon in chardonnay horseradish cream. Niagara honey, pickled veggies, and fresh-fruit sorbets offer a taste of Canada.

**Best Save:** Grab a sprinkle donut or breakfast wrap at Tim

Hortons, a Canadian staple in the quick-service industry. Or, try one of the other quick service counters at the Fallsview Casino Resort's food court. Get it to go, and find a park bench with a view.

**Stay Over the Falls:**

Many hotels boast a fall's view, but the Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa is among the

best. Even the lobby appears suspended over the aqua tidal swirls before plummeting.

**Splash Into the Falls:**

Nothing compares to a voyage on the Niagara City Cruises. Board the Niagara HornBlower, the Canadian version of the Maid of the Mist. Sport red ponchos and feel the cool, refreshing mist on your face.



### **Go Under the Falls:**

One of the newest attractions is Niagara Parks Power Station + The Tunnel. Gain an appreciation for the science and history behind the falls. Self-guided audio tours take visitors inside the power station built in 1905. Try your hand at the Tesla charging station, and trek through the tunnel that leads you straight to the falls.

### **Away WEGO— Getting Around**

Getting around Niagara is fun, but can feel a bit like navigating Disney World. Come equipped with good walking shoes, a bottle of water, and a backpack. The area around the falls is highly walkable. That doesn't mean you won't want to take advantage of the WEGO bus system. You'll avoid paying for parking, give yourself a break from walking, and cover more ground.

### **Best Hidden Gems, WEGO Stops**

Most attractions are grouped together near the hotels, but explore beyond the bustle.

Niagara Glen is a natural treasure with a majestic nature center, hiking paths, and stellar whirlpool views. For a moderate challenge, hike deep in the Niagara Gorge through a Carolinian Forest with the Niagara River Whirlpool below.

Take an elevator and descend to the White Water Walk, a boardwalk that journeys past



Class 6 whitewater rapids. After all that exercise, pop into Maple Leaf Place for a free maple syrup tasting.

The Niagara Parks' Botanical Gardens and Butterfly Conservatory are another way to appreciate the beauty of Niagara outside the falls.

### **Lay of the Land**

If you stand and look directly at the falls, to the left are the American Falls and Clifton

Hills. Known as Niagara's Little Vegas, it's a popular tourist spot with kitschy attractions like a wax museum, dino mini golf, themed restaurants, and haunted houses. Kids will find some gems here like the giant ferris wheel and Hershey's Chocolate World.

Looking directly at the falls and heading right, lies the Horseshoe Falls. This area is filled with a myriad of fine dining choices, hotels, and Table Rock

Center.

Tempted to just walk around aimlessly? Don't, instead stop at one of the Niagara Parks Welcome Centres (center in French). Here, you can get maps for the WEGO bus lines, purchase an Adventure Pass—a bundle of savings for multiple attractions. Include the Niagara Falls Incline Railway to your pass. The railway provides an effortless link between Niagara Parks attractions and the upper hotels, restaurants, etc.

### **Final Takeaways**

Niagara Falls in Ontario is a world-class destination. You'll meet people from every continent converging to witness the falls' power and beauty. For best results, plan ahead. Make reservations for fallsview dining, buy your activity passes online, and search for hotels.

Spend a little extra money to watch the fireworks from your hotel window. Take the time to book an evening dinner with the illuminated falls in the background. Our neighbors to the North host something for everyone—a theme-park wrapped in the grandeur of a national park—a lively celebration of fireworks and the quiet beauty of Niagara Parks.



# SPORTS SPOT

# The Olympic Games A



As the 2024 Summer Olympic Games kicked off in Paris last week, we're excited to cheer on top athletes nationwide in their quest for gold medals. A total of 592 Americans are competing in the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics.

Tuning in to the Olympics can inspire us to run, sail, leap, or roll back into our favorite athletic pastimes—or discover new ones. The 2024 Summer Olympics, hosted in Paris from Friday, July 26 through Sunday, August 11, will feature 329 events in 32 sports, from traditional sports like tennis and track to newcomers like skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing (breaking will make its Olympic debut this year). If you'd like to get into archery, find a soccer team, or learn to surf, there are several programs across the U.S. that

can help you get moving. From programs run by city's parks to private clubs and organizations, the list is endless. Start now and get ready for the 2028 games:

## **With Archery**

As one of the world's oldest sports, archery is associated with Zen-level focus and finely-honed skill. If you'd like to take up archery, look into free apps online for instructions. Archers Advantage provides versatile software tools to assist archers in achieving maximum performance on the range and in the field. Learn the art of archery with free lessons taught by expert Urban Park Rangers in New York City. This program uses safe equipment with magnetic arrows and targets.

The Olympic category of Athletics covers 48 different

men's and women's track and field events, from the hammer throw, hurdles, and shot put to relays, sprints, and marathons. Many city parks offer track and field facilities and you can look for a nearby running club to join.

## **Basketball**

This popular sport needs no introduction, and the city's many public courts are famous for attracting players at all skill levels and fans who love to watch them play.

## **Breaking**

This urban dance style is a New York native, with roots in 1970s Bronx hip-hop culture. The men's and women's breaking competition at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will feature 16 B-boys and 16 B-girls facing off in solo battles for the first-ever

# re Now In Progress

Olympic-breaking medals. If you want to level up your bedroom breakdance routine, PMT House of Dance has programs that can help, with a variety of classes for adults of all levels.

## Women's Gymnastics

Team USA's women's gymnastics roster is short, comprising just five athletes, four of whom competed in the last Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Which makes it all the more impressive that Hezly Rivera made the cut. The New Jersey native, freshly 16 and still two years away from graduating high school, is the youngest member of Team USA across all sports. She's not sure what she'll be competing in just yet, but told *People* magazine she's strongest in the beam and bars, which makes sense given that she earned gold in balance beam at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials and fourth in uneven bars.

New statistical analysis identified the "ideal athlete" for each event based on the winners' median age, height, and weight over the past 120 years.

Conducted by JeffBet, the research analyzed over 120 years of Olympic athletic events, focusing on the phys-



The winners at the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be taking home a piece of Paris, not only in their hearts but also in their hands: Each of the 5,084 gold, silver, and bronze medals contains an 18-gram hexagonal chunk of iron from the Eiffel Tower.

ical characteristics of medalists. By finding the median age, height, and weight in each discipline, the data creates a profile that embodies the typical physical attributes of a winner in that category.

Sprinters in the 100m, 200m, and 400m tend to peak at 23 years old, while marathon champions are typically around 29. Shot putters average 260 lbs, while discus throwers, known for their height advantage, reach an average of 6 ft. The analysis also suggests the average winning male athletic Olympian is 25 years old, stands at 5 ft 9 in, and weighs 169 lbs.

According to data collected and analyzed by <https://www.jeffbet.com>, "The world now

sets its sights on the upcoming Olympics, with nations eagerly waiting to see which athletes will emerge victorious for their countries. Many argue that raw talent, rigorous training, and an unyielding spirit define an Olympic victor. After all, the Games have a rich history of underdogs who defied expectations and etched their names in Olympic glory.

However, analyzing past champions goes beyond averages. By pinpointing physical attributes that prevail in each sport, nations can identify promising athletes who fit that mold and provide them with targeted training. While it's no crystal ball, this data could be a secret weapon for some Olympic teams.

# SPORTS SPOT

# Achieve Peak Fitness

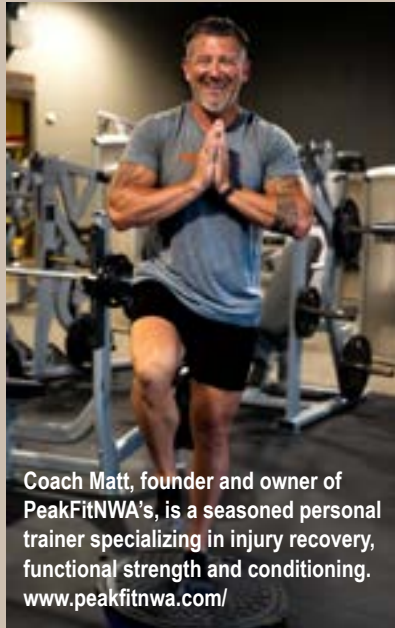
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apps make healthy eating simple and accessible.

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## Track Your Progress

Monitoring your progress is crucial for staying motivated and seeing tangible results. Coach Matt offers robust tracking features that allow you to log workouts, record nutrition intake, and measure key health metrics. With easy-to-read graphs and reports, you can visualize your

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## Community and Challenges

Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who are also on their fitness journeys. PeakFitNWA's app offers community features where you can connect, share experiences, and participate in challenges. These friendly competitions and group activities add an element of fun and accountability, making your fitness journey more engaging.

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One of the greatest advantages of PeakFitNWA's app is the flexibility it offers. Whether you're at home, at the gym, or on the go, you can access your training and nutrition plans anytime, anywhere. This convenience ensures that your fitness routine is adaptable to your lifestyle, allowing you to stay consistent and committed.



# TRAVEL TREASURES

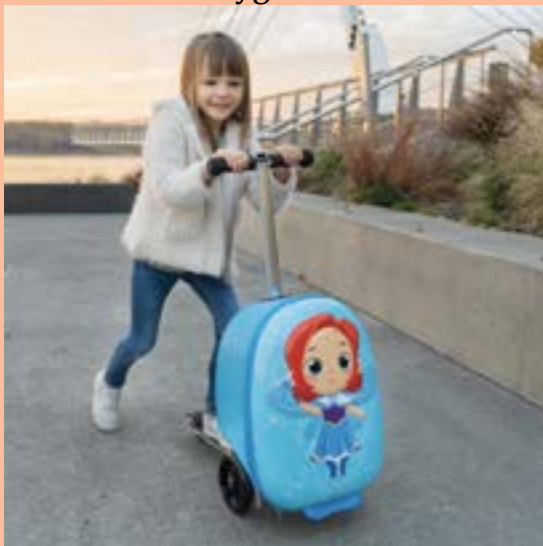
## Hot Summer Items

### Boost Oxygen

This oxygen in a can will help increase oxygen intake, helping with jet lag, low oxygen in the air, and other travel conditions. Add to that environmental hazards like wildfires, air pollution, and allergies There's even more reason to keep a Boost Oxygen canister nearby. 95% Pure Oxygen in a portable, easy-to-use, completely recyclable handheld canister. Prevent shortness of breath, headaches, dizziness, and nausea.

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### Kiddietotes Scooter Luggage

These luggage pieces are TSA and IATA compliant and fit in overhead bins. The scooter deck folds up into the back of the luggage and can be pulled like traditional luggage with the handles extended. Kids will have so much fun riding this lightweight scooter luggage. The light-up LED wheels are smooth-rolling, and the luggage is made from waterproof plastic that won't crack or lock up. In fun colors and styles like Robot, Space Boy, Unicorn and Race Car. 110-pound weight limit and recommended for children 4+.

Price: Starting at \$129

<https://kiddietotes.com/>

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Workman Publishing. A celebration of birds of all kinds, contains more than 675 beautifully illustrated stickers any avian enthusiast will covet. With birds that flock along the shore to those that flit among meadows, deserts, and ponds, the book is also filled with unique feathers, colorful eggs, intricate nests, and more. Each lovingly hand-painted image is perfect for decorating a nature journal, a birder's diary, or the pages of a favorite birding guide.

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# HOTEL HOSPITALITY

# Chautauqua Harbor



*By Robin O'Neal Smith*  
Associate Editor

The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is a luxurious nine-acre resort on the shores of sparkling Chautauqua Lake in the town of Celoron, NY. This charming town is known for its connection to Lucille Ball and offers a variety of attractions and amenities. My husband and I enjoyed some lake-side luxury there in June.

## **Guest Rooms**

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is reminiscent of the grand hotels of yesteryear, with the addition of fantastic modern amenities. The hotel's 135 beautifully appointed guestrooms and suites are generously sized. They feature luxurious bedding, wood floors, plush bathrobes, in-room

refrigerators, and green amenities. Each room has luxurious sleep sets, spa-inspired amenities, and fluffy plush robes for two.

Our room featured a king-sized bed, lots of storage space, two comfy cushioned chairs, a love-seat, a coffee table, a desk, and a balcony with a lake and pool view.

The bathroom was large and well-lit, with a walk-in shower and plenty of space for personal toiletries.

## **Attention to Details**

I loved the many extra special touches and attention to detail, such as evening turndown service with chocolates on the pillow, excellent desk lighting, wine glasses, a bottle opener, Q-tips and

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chairs and other group seating. A state-of-the-art fitness center, an indoor pool, and a hot tub is available.

## Restaurants

The Lakehouse Tap and Grille is on one end of the hotel and serves American Cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There is indoor seating, and weather permitting, guests can enjoy outside dining with a view of Lake Chautauqua. We ate dinner and two breakfasts at the Tap and Grille.

The Carousel Bar is the perfect spot for a drink and pizza. It offers local micro-brews and space to relax and meet friends. Enjoy the tranquility with seating along the lake, or cheer for your favorite team on the wide-screen TVs at the bar.

cotton balls in the bath, and small bags of potpourri in the closet with the robes. Fresh-brewed Starbucks coffee and specialty teas are available on guest room floors each morning in a common area near the elevators. There is also a sitting area overlooking the lake where you can relax, read a book, wait for others, or just enjoy the view. Vivid fresh-cut flowers grace the public areas within the hotel.

## The Grounds

With its gorgeous, landscaped grounds, the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel offers a lakeside playground, with gorgeous flowers blooming everywhere, an outdoor pool, al fresco dining, expansive patios with fire pits, a putting green, and an outdoor Carousel Bar. There is plenty of outdoor seating with rocking



## Nearby Attractions

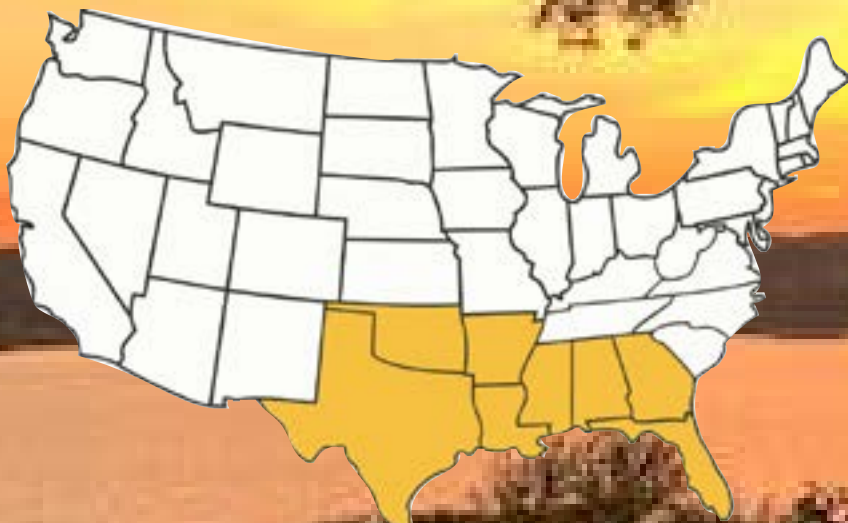
The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel's prime location is next door to the Lucille Ball Memorial Park, where Lucy's statue is. The hotel is a great place to stay in the area to enjoy water sports and nearby attractions such as The Grape Discovery Center, wineries, the Dunkirk Lighthouse, the Lucille-Desi Museum, the National Comedy Center, Bemus Point, Panama Rocks, golf courses, and

the Chautauqua Institution.

## Hotel Details

The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is open year-round, is ADA accessible, and offers free parking. The address is 10 Dunham Avenue, Celoron, NY 14720.

# Southern States



# Cool Down at Magic Springs



**HOT SPRINGS** - Looking for the perfect summer escape? Look no further than Magic Springs Theme and Water Park. This family-friendly destination offers thrilling rides, refreshing water attractions, and live entertainment, ensuring fun for all ages.



ticket or come after 6 p.m. and pay only \$39., See Hawthorne Heights and Lit Aug. 3, LECRAE with opener Crutchfield on Aug. 10, Night Ranger with opener DeFrance on Aug. 17 and country artists Aaron Tippin, Collin Raye and Sammy Kershaw on Aug. 24. The final concert of the season will be Banda La Chacaloza on Sept. 1.

## Theme Park Thrills

Magic Springs boasts a variety of roller coasters and rides that cater to both adrenaline junkies and families. Experience the heart-pounding excitement of the "X-Coaster," or enjoy a leisurely spin on the classic "Diamond Mine Coaster." Little ones will love the "Looney Ballooney" and "Kiddie Carousel." Water Park Fun

Cool off in Crystal Falls Water Park, where you can float down the lazy river, ride the waves in the expansive wave pool, or speed down one of the many water slides. For a more relaxing experience, lounge in one of the shaded cabanas while the kids splash around in the "Splash Island" play area.

## Live Entertainment

Magic Springs is also known for its live concerts and special events throughout the season. From rock and country to pop and Christian music, the park hosts a variety of artists that will keep your toes tapping all summer long.

Concerts are free with a one-day admission

## Unbeatable Savings

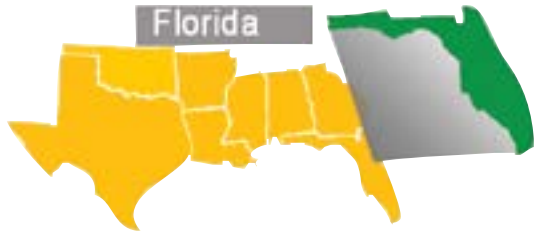
This summer, take advantage of Magic Springs' fantastic offer: Buy a one-day ticket, and get the rest of the season free! This means you can enjoy all the park's attractions and events for the entire season at the price of a single day. It's the perfect opportunity to make lasting memories with family and friends without breaking the bank.

## Plan Your Visit

Magic Springs is conveniently located in the heart of Hot Springs, making it an ideal destination for a weekend getaway or a longer vacation. With nearby accommodations and dining options, you'll have everything you need for a fun-filled adventure.

Don't miss out on this incredible deal! Visit Magic Springs today and make this summer one to remember. For more information, visit <https://magicsprings.com/>

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# Cool Off In Lakeland



*By Julie Diebolt Price  
Freelance Travel Writer*

**I discovered that Lakeland and Polk County have a lot of fun activities, good places to eat and affordable hotels and motels. It's an area worth exploring and staying in rather than simply passing through.**

You might think of Central Florida as just a place to drive through to bigger vacation spots like Orlando's Walt Disney World, the Palm Beaches on the Atlantic coast, or the Gulf Coast cities of Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Petersburg.

On this road trip, I was traveling solo. However, there are lots of fun activities that families could enjoy, too.

Visit Central Florida hosted me, but all opinions are my own.



## **Florida Southern College**

Florida Southern College is the most extensive single-site Frank Lloyd Wright architecture collection. If you are a fan like me, this site is significant.

The college campus has 13 buildings designed by the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. These include the Usonian Faculty House, one of Wright's designs that had never been built before. The campus also features Wright's largest water fountain, the Wa-

ter Dome, as well as the well-known Annie Pfeiffer Chapel.

## **Bonnet Springs Park**

Bonnet Springs Park is a 650-acre park in Lakeland that protects natural wetlands and forests. It was created in the late 1990s to save this prominent area of important wildlife habitats from being destroyed by the construction of houses and businesses. Local environmental groups and concerned citizens realized how valuable the land was for nature, so they

pushed to protect it.

People can go to Bonnet Springs Park to hike on nature trails, go birdwatching, observe wildlife, and attend educational programs about the environment taught by the park staff and partner groups.

### **Circle B Bar Reserve**

One morning in February, I went to the Circle B Bar Reserve, even though it was unusually cold for Central Florida. The Reserve is about six miles from downtown Lakeland. As I entered, I saw huge oak trees draped in Spanish moss and resurrection ferns hanging from their branches. The morning sunlight shining through the trees made them look magical.

The Circle B Bar Reserve is 1,267 acres of land that used to be a cattle ranch. Now, it is being transformed back into wetlands. This restoration project is ongoing, but visitors can see the progress. Miles of nature trails go through different wildlife habitats, allowing visitors to get close to nature.

While there, I spotted two bald eagles and their nest high up in the trees. Countless ducks and other water birds were preening and stretching in the morning sun. I also saw alligators, turtles, small American kestrel falcons, and sandhill cranes. In 2008, the Reserve became an



official stop on the Great Florida Birding Trail.

### **Polk's Nature Discovery Center**

The Nature Discovery Center has a fun and interactive exhibit hall. Visitors can touch things and learn all about the water and natural areas in Polk County. Volunteer rangers are available to answer questions, and visitors can sign up for nature workshops and activities once a

month.

### **Bok Tower and Gardens**

If you want to take a day trip from Lakeland, visit Bok Tower and Gardens. It's about 35 miles southeast of Lakeland in Lake Wales. Bok Tower and Gardens is a great place to go with your family. You can spend the whole day there because they have a restaurant with tasty food and fun activities for kids. Bok Tower Gardens was voted Florida's

best garden and is a National Historic Landmark.

### Singing Tower Carillon

The Taylor Carillon has 60 bells weighing from 16 pounds to almost 12 tons. The bells play music throughout the gardens every 30 minutes, with full daily concerts at 1 pm and 3 pm.

When I visited, the magical sounds of the carillon bells were beautiful and followed me around the grounds.

### Chain of Lakes

The Chain of Lakes is a group of 50 lakes, 24 connected by man-made canals, forming a chain.

One of the best ways to experience the Chain of Lakes is by going on a pontoon boat tour through the canals and lakes. The top-rated Living Water Boat Cruises in Winter Haven offers detailed tours with interesting information at different stops along the way.

On our cruise, we saw ospreys, white ibis, otters, people jet skiing, boaters, fishermen, million-dollar homes, a Gilligan's Island set from the TV show, and alligators.

We cruised across Lake Eloise, the biggest lake in Winter Haven, where water skiing became popular. Cypress Gardens, now the Legoland theme park, is where the Pope family used to put on water ski shows for

guests on the lake.

### Where To Stay

**Home2Suites** During my visit to Lakeland, I stayed at the Home2Suites by Hilton in Lakeside Village. This hotel is located inside the Lakeside Village shopping center, which has many restaurants, including casual dining. It's also conveniently close to the I-4 highway and Polk Parkway, only a 10-minute drive from downtown Lakeland.

### Where To Eat



**Grillsmith** is a restaurant in the Lakeside Village shopping center. It offers an extensive menu and craft cocktails, which my waiter explained in detail.

When I go to a new restaurant, I like to order the signature dish. I ordered the Port Wine Filet Mignon, and they delivered the steak precisely how I liked it.

**Nineteen61** is an upscale restaurant in downtown Lakeland across the street from Munn

Park. They serve Latin American food but with a modern, updated style.

I ordered their signature dish, Seafood Paella. This traditional Spanish seafood dish includes bay scallops, lobster, shrimp, and clams, a special type of rice called Calasparra, Spanish chorizo sausage, bell peppers, onions, peas, saffron, sofrito sauce, and cilantro. It was delicious and beautiful on the plate.

For dessert, I had a three-layer cake called Tres Leches, which was stacked tall like a tower. I love dishes with three-dimensional designs like that!

**Harborside** When my pontoon boat tour was done, I went to the Harborside Restaurant for dinner. The Harborside has a great lake view, so it's an excellent place for sunsets.

I ordered their Signature Crab Cake, a baked potato, and coleslaw on the side for dinner. It was the perfect way to finish an enjoyable day on the water.

Central Florida is a great place for people who enjoy being outside, learning about history, and doing fun, unique things. Whether you're a woman traveling alone, part of the older baby boomer generation, or going with your family, there's something for everyone in Central Florida.

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# Escape to Savannah

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Start spreading the news! Beyond Times Square just added two fabulous new additions to our luxury portfolio - the stunning cities of Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina. These Southern sister cities were chosen for many reasons – their beauty, their history, their cuisine – and so much more – and we wholeheartedly believe that they should both be on everyone’s list of must-see cities in the US. That said, I am here today to not only share all the amazing experiences that await you, but also why exploring them with us is the way to go! So pull up a rocker, pour a glass of lemonade and check out why your next luxury escape needs to be to Charleston and Savannah – with Beyond Times Square of course!

## History 101

Charleston is a vibrant coastal city that has been around since 1670 and thanks to its tolerance for all religions earned the nickname the “Holy City.” And that nickname is well-represented thanks to a skyline



full of beautiful steeples. With rice and cotton as the main exports, it became the wealthiest city in colonial America and several of the plantations where it all came from are still standing proudly and open to tourists. And let’s not forget that Charleston’s Fort Sumter is where the very first shots of the Civil War rang out.

Charleston’s history is a complex one, and as you roam the streets you can almost feel yourself being transported to

the past – thanks to its architecture – Colonial, Victorian and a host of other influences proudly on display – its cobblestone streets and the unmistakable sound of the clip-clop of those popular horse-drawn carriages that are always on the move.

It’s hard not to fall in love with a city that blends the past into the present in such a charming way – and we’ve made it easy to immerse yourself in Charleston’s storied past thanks to our Charleston Histo-

# Savannah and Charleston



ry Multiday Experience. From walking tours that center on the Civil War, slavery and the conflicts that shaped the city to a visit to a picturesque plantation that's home to America's oldest landscaped gardens to an iconic horse and carriage ride and more – our completely customizable experiences allow you to take it all in seamlessly.

Savannah – which came along 63 years later in 1733 – is credited with being America's first planned city – featuring wider

streets and its now infamous squares – 22 to be exact. Being a port city, it was held by the British for years during the American Revolutionary War. It also played a part in the Civil War – after which it became one of the most historically significant African American cities in the country thanks to former slaves who stayed and rebuilt it. And like its sister city, cotton was a main export and made many of its residents quite wealthy – and fun fact – the cotton gin was invented on a plantation just outside of Savannah.

Like Charleston, Savannah also feels like a step back in time. Wandering through its storied squares or along the historic riverfront complete with iconic riverboats makes you feel like you're part of history. Strolling under the massive oaks, all draped in Spanish moss, just adds to the charm, making every street and corner look like a picture from an old storybook.

It's easy to get lost in the magic of it all as you take in the sights and sounds of this beautiful Southern city thanks to our Savannah History Multiday Experience. From an insightful walking tour with one of the city's most popular and

animated guides to an exploration outside the city limits that delves into the broader history of Georgia's Lowcountry to a visit to the beautiful – and eerie – Bonaventure Cemetery - these private tours ensure a personalized journey through time, making history accessible and engaging.

Our history-centered experiences are all about getting up close with the places and stories that make Charleston and Savannah unique – from historic landmarks to the stories behind them. Led by local experts who know every hidden gem, you'll feel like exploring these destinations with a friend who's in the know.

## **Foodies Rejoice!**

Both Charleston and Savannah are renowned for their culinary scenes, which blend traditional Southern flavors with contemporary cuisine – making for some of the most delicious comfort food in the country. Think fried green tomatoes, shrimp and grits, fried chicken, cornbread and more. It's because of this fabulous fare that we have no shortage of private food experiences for you to dig into!

Let's start with our Charleston Culinary Multiday Experience,



which offers an in-depth exploration of the city's gastronomy through a variety of experiences. From a Downtown Food Tour where you'll wander through the French Quarter and City Market, to the Upper King Street Culinary Tour which is perfect for food lovers eager to explore the eclectic side of the Lowcountry's food scene via the trendsetting restaurants in this area to a farm-to-table experience where you get to choose the ingredients straight from the farmer's market – there's something for every taste!

And of course, the culinary experiences are just as mouthwatering in Savannah. Our Savannah Culinary Multiday Experience includes unique offerings such as the Walktails & Bar Bites Pub Tour which takes advantage of Savannah's open-container policy and is a wonderful way to start your night out, filled with fun, flavors and good company, a private cooking class where guests learn to prepare classic Southern dishes from a renowned chef in the heart of the city and an introduction to five distinct foodie spots around the city's infamous – and very first – historic squares.

Our foodie experiences in Charleston and Savannah are the perfect way to not only get a taste of the local flavors but also to learn about each city's rich cultural tapestry along the way - making each meal a memorable part of the journey.

### **The Best of Both Cities**

So you want to learn about the history, and you can't wait to taste the food, but you prefer not to focus on either exclusively, but instead want a little bit of everything the city has to offer? Not to worry – that's the thought process behind our "Best Of" experiences!

With our Best of Charleston Multiday Experience, you'll step back in time on a captivating journey that blends luxury with history, mystery, food and more! Hop aboard for a quaint horse and carriage tour throughout the city streets, join an expert guide for a unique walking tour where you'll hear captivating tales of society and scoundrels of old and partake in some spooky fun courtesy of a ghost and graveyard private experience. Also on the agenda? You'll set sail on a relaxing harbor cruise, enjoy a traditional Lowcountry pri-

vate culinary tour and visit an 18th-century plantation!

Heading to Savannah? Opt for our Best of Savannah Multi-day Experience where luxury meets local charm. Hop in the “Buzzer Mobile” for a trek to the infamous Bonaventure Cemetery where you’ll hear tales of its spooky history while taking in its eerie beauty. Savor every bite on a yummy culinary tour that gives you VIP access to some of Savannah’s top eateries before they open their doors to the public.

But that’s not all! You’ll also enjoy the city’s stunning views from the deck of an iconic riverboat as well as on a relaxing pedicab ride, where you can

sit back and soak in the sights on a delightful tour.

As you can see – our “Best Of” experiences in Charleston and Savannah are designed for those who want a little bit of everything. These multi-day experiences capture the essence of each city, ensuring a journey filled with unforgettable moments. The best part? Every experience is personalized to your interests, ensuring your trip is unforgettable!

Choosing Charleston and Savannah for your next luxury escape means immersing yourself in cities that offer not only historical depth and culinary richness but also the warmth of Southern hospitality. With Beyond Times Square you not only get all that – you

also get private luxury airport transportation, 5-star accommodations, complimentary restaurant reservations, exclusive experiences, personalized itineraries and an attention to detail that means your journey to these captivating cities will be transformed into a luxurious, unforgettable escape.

Contact our Experience Designers today to discover how we can elevate your next vacation by crafting a journey that uniquely reflects your tastes and interests, leaving you with lasting memories of the South’s most charming cities!

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# Head To A Coastal Summer Wonderland

Coastal Mississippi is a must-visit oasis for sun-lovers, thrill-seekers, and adventurers alike. Spanning an impressive 62 miles, visitors can indulge in an array of unforgettable experiences – celebrating the very essence of the summer season and vibrant, welcoming communities across the region’s three counties. From exploring Coastal waters to tantalizing summer treats, outdoor escapades, heritage tourism, and more, Coastal Mississippi promises an unparalleled retreat.

## **Wonders by the Water:**

Travelers can immerse themselves in the tranquil rhythm of the waves, stroll along the pristine white-sand beaches, or find offshore offerings. Experiences include:

Gulf Islands National Seashore, America’s largest national seashore spans 160 miles from Mississippi to Florida with thirteen distinct areas to visit, six of them in Coastal Mississippi. From the region’s barrier islands of Cat Island, Horn Island, Petit Bois Island,

and Ship Island – each one has something unique and special to offer visitors to the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

In addition to the barrier islands, the Gulf Islands National Seashore Davis Bayou Area is located onshore in Ocean Springs and offers fishing, hiking, biking, bird watching, picnicking, camping, and ranger-led programs. The park also features the Davis Bayou Trail, which takes visitors through a coastal forest and over two local bayous with a

fishing pier and boat launch. Pack your swimsuit and sunscreen for a day on Ship Island, the only barrier island accessible by passenger ferry through Ship Island Excursions. Enjoy the sun, shells, surf, and a bit of history by touring Fort Massachusetts near the Ship Island Ferry landing. The Fort is part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Heritage Area, once used by the British to stage their invasion of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

Journey along the many Coastal Blueways. For short, exciting trips, travelers can paddle the Wolf River to Bay St. Louis or through the stunning Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, one of the most biologically productive ecosystems in the northern Gulf of Mexico. For a longer adventure, travelers can explore routes from the upper Pascagoula River to the Mississippi Sound—the longest free-flowing river in the nation. Visitors looking for a kayak, canoe, and other rentals in Coastal Mississippi can visit the link here.

To experience the fresh gulf breeze to its fullest, travelers can embark on a nautical day of fun with North Star Sailing Charters. Cruises offered include morning, afternoon, and sunset charters of 2.5, 4, and 6-hours in length – all featuring magnificent views of the Mississippi coastline, barrier islands, and marine life.

Just a short half mile offshore from Biloxi, Deer Island Coastal Preserve is a petite treasure waiting for day trippers looking for adventure. Although it's technically not a barrier island, Deer Island is home to ten types of endangered species. Easily accessible by boat, canoe, and paddleboard, Deer Island is a must. As always, please mind the first rule of beachgoing: leave only your footprints behind.

### **Delectable Treats:**

Travelers can find the flavors of the season with irresistible summer treats from snowballs to milkshakes and more. Frosty eateries include:

Tucked away in downtown Ocean Springs, travelers can visit Caboose Cones for snowballs and ice cream straight out of an historic train caboose. With over 50 flavors to choose from, like Blue Bubblegum, Cream Soda, and Pink Lemonade, and sugar-free

options, it's a must-try treat on a warm summer day!

For indulgent ice-cold treats, ranging from specialty milkshakes to floats, and more, The Yard Milkshake Bar in D'Iberville is a perfect summer stop. Travelers can find endless flavors and toppings, including gluten-free and vegan options.

A coastal favorite with locations in Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, and Ocean Springs, Pop Brothers features artisanal popsicles in a variety of all-natural inventive flavors made with fresh fruits & spices.

For a New Orleans-style dessert, travelers can visit Tropical Treats New Orleans Style Sno-Balls in the Long Beach Harbor, serving ice-cold sweet treats sure to make any beach trip a little cooler!

Inland Outdoor Adventures: For outdoor and nature enthusiasts, Coastal Mississippi is





a paradise waiting to be explored. From traversing scenic trails and bayous to biking along the coast and more, there's a plethora of experiences to be had, including:

The Historic Pascagoula Bike Trail for a mix of cycling, history, and culture spanning 15 historical sites, including the La Pointe Krebs House, the oldest structure in Mississippi, the Round Island Lighthouse, and Jimmy Buffett's childhood home.

Escape to a whimsical trail known for invoking imagination. The Enchanted Nature Trail at Henderson Point Children's Interactive Playground features everything from bug hotels to butterfly gardens and a beautiful vine tunnel – a perfect family activity for any summer day.

In Gulfport, travelers can visit the Brickyard Bayou Bike Park, a 21-acre natural bike trail that joins the community's amenities together, including an outdoor classroom, Bark Park, the 34th Street Holistic Garden, and Brickyard Bayou's Disc Golf Course.

A one-of-a-kind byway in the United States, Logtown Scenic Byway to Space, located in Bay St. Louis, is one of the six different routes that cover over 30 miles near and through the NASA Stennis Space Center's buffer zone. This picturesque route winds through hardwood trees and sleepy moss-covered oaks that capture scenic views along the now-extinct town – telling a story of a once-booming community dating back to the mid-1800s.

For summer golf, Coastal Mis-

issippi offers 12 golf courses, including stunning views of the region's wetlands, pine forests, and shorelines. A few highlights include The Oaks Golf Club, an 18-hole course spanning through wetlands and timberlands, or Grand Bear, offering challenging play for all levels at a Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

"Summer in Coastal Mississippi is a symphony of sights, sounds, and sensations," said Judy Young, CEO of Coastal Mississippi Tourism. "Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a locally made sweet treat, our 62-miles of shorelines offers endless possibilities for creating new summer memories this year."

For more information and to plan your stay, visit [CoastalMississippi.com](http://CoastalMississippi.com).





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**OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**  
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**RIDGELAND, MS**

Discover the Magic of Ridgeland: The 16th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest and Natchez Trace Parkway Ridgeland is set to host the 16th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto & Motorcycle Show, an event that car enthusiasts and adventure seekers won't want to miss. Scheduled for Oct. 4-5, 2024, at the Renaissance at Colony Park, this event promises to be a captivating blend of automotive excellence and scenic beauty, making it a perfect extended weekend getaway.

### **Experience the Euro Fest Magic**

The Renaissance Euro Fest brings together an impressive array of classic European automobiles and motorcycles, along with the latest 2024 models from local import dealers. The event kicks off on Friday, October 4, with the popular "Renaissance Road Rally" Escorted Drive from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. This scenic drive through the charming Town of Livingston and back to the Renaissance offers an exhilarating start to the festivities. Following the rally, participants, media, and sponsors are invited to a reception at Lee Michael's from 5-7 p.m., setting the stage for a weekend of camaraderie and celebration.

On Saturday, the main event features a grand display of over 150 classic European autos and motorcycles, judged for their excellence. The

Renaissance at Colony Park, a world-class shopping and business hub, provides a sophisticated and scenic environment for the event. It's not just about the cars; it's about the experience, with exclusive previews, in-depth stories, and interviews with car owners and enthusiasts.

### **The Scenic Natchez Trace Parkway**

Ridgeland is perfectly situated along the historic Natchez Trace Parkway, offering a picturesque drive through Mississippi's stunning landscapes. This scenic route is an ideal complement to the Euro Fest experience, providing visitors with the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the area. The Parkway is renowned for its rich history, lush forests, and breathtaking vistas, making it a must-visit for anyone attending the Euro Fest.

### **Accommodations in Style**

The Hyatt Place Jackson/Ridgeland Hotel will once again serve as the headquarters hotel for the 2024 Renaissance Euro Fest. With its prime location and luxurious accommodations, the Hyatt is a popular choice for attendees. A limited number of discounted rooms are available, with reservations opening on July 1. Book early to secure your spot, as specific room types are subject to availability. Reservations must be made before September 12, 2024, to receive the group rate, valid for stays from October 4-5, 2024.

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# Cool Down With "ICE!"



Grapevine, the Christmas Capital of Texas, is excited to announce that tickets for ICE! at Gaylord Texan Resort are now on sale! Gaylord Texan has also revealed the beloved classic: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is this year's theme.

Rudolph and his friends will be carved out of two million pounds of ice by 40 master artisans from Harbin, China. It's always such an impressive display and a beloved tradition in the Christmas Capital of Texas.

Telling the legendary story of a young reindeer who used his luminous red nose to save Christmas, the magical walk-through display features more than 10 immersive scenes, six thrilling two-story tall ice slides, awe-inspiring passageways, and photo-worthy moments the entire family can enjoy.

The dazzling ICE! holiday attraction is masterfully carved by a team of 40 expert artisans from Harbin, China, home of the world-famous Harbin Ice Festival. These skilled craftsmen spend about 40 days creating a vibrant, icy spectacle that fills the 17,000-square-foot



attraction. Visitors will journey through vivid floor-to-ceiling scenes hand-crafted from 2 million pounds of ice. The attraction is kept at a chilly 9 degrees Fahrenheit to preserve the intricate, frozen detail. To help stay warm, guests will don the attraction's signature complimentary blue parkas.

In addition to ICE!, the resort will feature an enchanting line-up of over-the-top Christmas activities from an ice tubing hill, ice skating rink, and gingerbread decorating corner to live shows, dining experiences, and photos with Santa – just to name a few! Additionally, the resort property will display over two million twinkling holiday lights, 15,000 sparkling ornaments, and

a 54-foot-tall rotating Christmas tree.

Beginning today, guests can book special early bird packages or tickets by visiting [ICE.marriott.com](https://www.marriott.com) to receive their limited-time discount. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. Overnight guests will be able to access resort-only benefits including the Extra Cool Hour and Chill Pass, which allow overnight visitors early admission into ICE! and the Christmas Village, as well as front-of-the-line access to the attraction. ICE! featuring Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer™ will be presented from Nov. 15, 2024 – Jan. 5, 2025.

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# Hot Summer Events



Green Turtle Bay Resort celebrates its 40th anniversary Aug. 10th and invites you to attend for an unforgettable day filled with free, thrilling activities and entertainment for all ages. The day starts at 10 a.m and will continue well into the night.

Food lovers can indulge in a delicious selection of food trucks, while young adventurers will enjoy engaging kids' crafts and magical face painting. Thrill-seekers can take advantage of kayak rides and fun inflatables.

Explore a variety of vendor booths showcasing unique merchandise and challenge yourself with the Fire Department obstacle course. FREE shows will feature "The Science Guy" Jason Lindsey! The grand finale will bring a fireworks display to light up the night.

This is your one-stop shop for fun on a weekend getaway! Visit <https://www.greenturtlebay.com/>



Also on Aug. 10, stop by the Sugar Creek Flower Farm as they hold their Largest Event of the year. Flowerfest will feature 40+ vendors; find things like a bead bar, hat bar, permanent jewelry, plants, giveaways, raffles, and tons of shopping to fit everyone's interests! Enjoy the delicious food from at least seven food trucks, live music and flower picking. Join in the fun activities of face painting, fun photo opportunities and several giveaways. Good clean family fun for everyone to enjoy!

- Entry will be at two places: Flower Farm Driveway & Church end, there you will purchase jars for picking. You must always pay before picking.
- You are allowed to bring blankets, chairs whatever to make your day the best. We provide tables & chairs but we usually run short.
- There will be a lot of parking attendants & it's a short walk. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/sugarcreekflowerfarm/>



Fish on the Cumberland River with registration at the Grand Rivers Community Center starting at 4 p.m. Aug. 9 and Captain's Meeting at 6 p.m. Weigh-in will take place at Little Lake Park on the day of the tournament and will open to spectators.

King Kat is an established catfish tournament trail owned and operated by Bob Denen, Andy Denen and TJ Perkins. Tournament sites are located in different markets offering us a chance to promote sponsor products in different areas.

The vision of the King Kat Tournament Trail is to educate on how to better catch catfish, to entertain experienced and new anglers, and to promote the conservations of catfish populations, waterways, and towns.

Register at <https://kingkat.profishingtournaments.com/tournament.php?id=154>

# Ark Encounter To Host



For the fourth year in a row, the world's largest Christian music festival returns to the Ark Encounter, now through-September 7, 2024, in Williamstown. "40 Days & 40 Nights of Christian Music" will feature more than 150 music artists, playing a variety of music styles.

The award-winning group Cain, best known for the hit song "Rise Up," and popular singer Crowder will be top highlights at the themed attraction south of Cincinnati. The Grammy Award-winning group Casting Crowns will close out the festival. Abraham Productions has organized these multiple concerts Monday through Saturday at 4 p.m. daily. A special music and praise service will be held each Sunday, also at 4 p.m.

The musical roster features artists who will perform Contemporary Christian, Worship, Southern Gospel, Country and Bluegrass Gospel, Inspirational, and other musical styles over 40 days and nights at the attraction's huge 2,200-seat Answers Center. Musical performances will also be held at the Creation Museum, 45 minutes away in Petersburg, on Wednesdays and Thursdays mornings at 10:45 a.m. (free with museum admission that day).



The hugely popular group Cain returns to 40/40 in 2024.

In addition, outdoor concerts will be held during the day at Noah's Village at the Ark Encounter, Monday-Saturday, with the main-event concerts at 4 p.m. in the Answers Center. On Sundays at 4 p.m., the Ark's resident artists TrueSong will lead a special worship time along with speakers from Answers in Genesis, operators of the Ark and museum.

Music artists and groups include:

- Cain
  - Casting Crowns
  - Crowder
  - Mac Powell
  - The Isaacs
  - Triumphant
  - The Inspirations
  - Karen Peck and New River
  - TrueSong (the Ark's resident artists)
  - And dozens and dozens more.
- For a full lineup of artist by date

go to [www.40DaysOfChristian-Music.com](http://www.40DaysOfChristian-Music.com)

Music enthusiasts will also hear from speakers such as Ark founder and popular speaker Ken Ham, plus dynamic speaker Ray Flynn, President/CEO of Abraham Productions and other guest speakers.

Cain declared: "We're coming to the number one Christian attraction in America. The Ark is amazing and we want you to join us for this incredible event." The Ark Encounter attracts more than one million guests a year.

Ham noted: "Millions of people across America love the various styles of Christian music we offer. Abraham Productions, the Ark Encounter, and the Creation Museum present a unique combination of award-winning groups." Ham added: "The Ark



# Lost Christian Music Festival

and Creation Museum are the top family friendly Christian destinations in America. Festivalgoers can tour the life-size Ark, explore the beautiful grounds, take their children or grandchildren to the playground and large carousel, and meet the zoo animals."

Abraham Productions is well known for producing large Christian music events, such as "Singing in the Sun," a 6-day event with 30 major artists and national speakers, held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and also co-hosts the musical cruise experience, "Crystal Caribbean Christian Cruise."

Daily admission to the Ark Encounter gives free access to all the concerts and speakers that day and allows guests to explore the Ark. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, concerts are free to Creation Museum ticketholders for the musical events held there.

## What's New at the Ark

This week, the Ark Encounter launches the Macropod Experience. The zoo's Macropods (animals with big feet) the red kangaroos and Bennett's wallabies can be enjoyed up close in a behind-the-scenes experience. Tickets are limited, with portions of the proceeds going to the humanitarian group, Samaritan's Purse, for its work in Oceania. Guests can feed

and touch these remarkably designed creatures and take photos with them. Also at the growing zoo, guests can now observe giant anteaters (they grow up to seven feet long) and a stunning green anaconda (growing up to 10 feet long). See: <https://arkencounter.com/zoo>

Admission prices, discounts, hotel options and additional details are available at [www.40daysofchristianmusic.com](http://www.40daysofchristianmusic.com). Tickets can be purchased through [www.arkencounter.com](http://www.arkencounter.com) or by calling the Ark Encounter at 800-721-2298. Concert attendance is free with regular admission to the Ark Encounter for that day.

The "40 Days & 40 Nights" music festival at the Ark is

sponsored by the Museum of the Bible, along with Illuminations12 VC, Destiny Rescue, Singing News, and Singing at Sea, and is produced by Abraham Productions. At 510 feet long, the Ark is the largest timber-frame structure in the world. Built according to the dimensions in the Bible, the Ark features three decks of striking teaching exhibits. Nearby is the high-tech VR Experience.

For more information on the two attractions, visit <http://www.creationmuseum.org> and <http://www.arkencounter.com>. \*The festival's 40 days, 40 nights name is a nod to Genesis 7:4 and the number of days it rained during Noah's Flood.

*More on Kentucky >HERE*



*The Ark Encounter, host of the 40 days/nights music festival, sometimes attracts 9,000 guests a day. Guests enter the attraction through a rainbow arch, a representation of God's covenant with the world never to send another global flood (Genesis 9:13).*



# Newberry: A Hot T



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There are some hidden treasures in the midlands of South Carolina. Newberry showcases the best of small-town Americana..

## **Newberry Opera House**

Newberry Opera House became the heart of Newberry in 1882. It's a beautiful example of Victorian civic architecture. A French Gothic clock towers over the red brick building. It was considered "the entertainment center of the Midlands."

But over the years, tastes change. As movie popularity declined, the building began to decay. The city used it for offices, the firehouse, and the jail until the mid-1990s.

Local citizens didn't want to see the historic building destroyed, so they formed the Newberry Opera House Foundation. We met with Anne Pinckney Smith, the foundation's executive director, who told us the story and took us on a tour of the Opera House. It's currently

undergoing renovation and will be closed until Sept. 12, 2024.

Since the renovation is cosmetic, we could see the good bones. The theater has a large stage with a pit for an orchestra. The dressing rooms are convenient to the stage. One advantage they have is a rehearsal space that is the same size as the actual stage. They currently show mostly live shows now. Over the years, celebrities from Ed-



win Booth and Tallulah Bankhead to present day stars like Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, and Olivia Newton-John have performed here.

Anna told us there are presences in the theater but the story of Penelope the ghost was mostly made up as promotion. She said when she is working alone in the building there are

lots of unexplained strange happenings with the lights and there are things she sees "out of the corner of her eye."

## **Downtown Newberry**

Newberry, South Carolina was founded in 1789 and has preserved its history well. The opera house isn't Newberry downtown



# Town For A Getaway

historic district's only treasure. The Greek revival style former courthouse, built as the fourth town courthouse in 1852, now houses the chamber of commerce and welcome center.

The former Bank of Newberry, built in 1908, is now home to Ameris Bank. Central United Methodist Church's bell tower with its four narrow arched openings in a tiled pyramidal roof draws your eye. The Revival style church dates to 1832. With so many historical buildings, there are lots of antique stores here.

One place you might mistake for just a hardware store is C. T. Summer, Inc.

The name on the window is a clue. It says, "established in 1884" although a historical plaque on the post says, "Established 1886." Bill Shull inherited the store in 1972. He's the grandson of Clarence T. Summer, the store's namesake. Bill told us about his father, Dr. Clifford G. Shull, a physicist who worked at Oak Ridge Laboratories and developed the neutron diffraction technique, used for CAT scan and other procedures, who was

awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1994. Bill proudly displays a replica of his of his father's Nobel Prize among the millions of hardware items and antiques in the shop.

As displayed on the store window, Bill and the store were featured on American Pickers. The show aired in March 2011 on Season 2, Episode 23. Bill and C. T. Summer Store along with the Newberry Opera House were also featured on Our Vanishing Americana South Carolina, a one-hour documentary on South Carolina TV in August 2022.

## Art



What was once a Romanesque Revival hotel built in 1880 is now the Newberry Arts Center. Sharon Graham, program coordinator for the Newberry Arts Center, took us through

the center and explained how the community embraces art. The center showcases not only paintings, but many varieties of art created by local artists. I saw Sharon's jewelry. Erin White is a potter who was a former preschool teacher at First Baptist Church Preschool. She teaches some of the pottery classes for kids that are part of the program at the center.



## Food

Art and food merge at Tiny Paris Carolina. Alexandra La Noue Adler, of Tiny Paris, wanted to bring to life a design she loved on an antique water pitcher. Ricardo Ramirez did that on the outside wall with his brightly colored mural of red and gold poppies with blue forget-me-nots and green leaves while not losing the antique look of the wall. Inside, Tiny Paris combines a boutique and a bistro.

Their use of local farm products adds a rustic touch to their classic French dishes and carefully paired wines.

The Gallery and Tea Room is

another merging of art with food and boutique items. The Gallery showcases beautiful handmade items and local art for sale. To the rear, the tearoom would be at home in one of London's finest restaurants. Even the local coffee shop, Genesis Hub, has a selection of Fair Trade purses, handcrafted baskets, beautifully decorated cups, and other arty items along with food items like coffee, teas, spices, and snacks. They offer a wide selection of coffee and tea, both hot and iced, and baked goodies.

We ate lunch at Bar Figaro, two historic buildings that have been beautifully repurposed. The side the bar is on was once a feed store. The pressed tin ceiling, the floor, built with boards from the Apollo Theater in New York, and original red brick walls set off the 1940 Brunswick Bar, one of only about six left in the world.

We entered the meeting venue through an original arch in the brick wall. This building



was once a pharmacy. Today, the local historic features are overpowered by a 400-year-old stained glass mosaic dome from Paris. They have live music every Friday and Saturday night. Besides the bar, Figaro has Figaro The Dining Room and Figaro Market.

John Worthington, the executive chef and manager, told us the menu changes every 90 days to provide seasonal dining. My Italian Sandwich was

perfect, with tasty meat and cheeses.

On a warm afternoon, nothing beats a refreshing glass of wine. We visited Enoree River Winery and the owner, Richard LaBarre, offered us a tasting of 11 of their local, hand-crafted wines. The vineyard is beautifully tended and offers an

outdoor deck or indoor tasting room.

The wines range from an oaked dry red, Montepulciano, to their sweet Blackberry, one of my favorites, along with Barbarian, a blackberry Moscato Riesling. In the whites, Curiously White, a sweet white muscadine, caught my fancy. Yes, I am partial to sweet muscadine wines.



### **Carter and Holmes Orchid Nursery**

We switched from history to nature at Carter and Homes Orchid Nursery, although the nursery has an interesting history. It began in 1947 when two cousins, Owen Holmes and Bill Carter opened a shop to sell cut orchids for corsages. They began hybridizing orchids a few years later in a small



greenhouse. As the demand for cut flowers decreased, they began producing orchids to grow at home. They began selling using mail-order catalogs and as the internet became popular, now online. Today, they have 18 greenhouses with a wide variety of orchids in many colors and variations and are one of the top orchid nurseries in the United States.

Bridget Uzar took us on a tour of several of the greenhouses and explained the hybridization process to us. She has been at Carter and Holmes for over 20 years and does just about everything from watering plants to pollinating them. She is proud that some orchids she hybridized are named for her or her family members, like Tolumnia Bridget Uzar. Current owner, Mac Holmes, told us "It's hard to hold things together without her."

Listening to her, I learned so much about

orchids, like how they are pollinated and the different temperature requirements for different species of orchids. I was surprised at how long some orchids must be grown before they flower. She showed us many orchid species, from the tiny Butterfly Orchid, which grows wild in Florida, to the large flamboyant Cattleya Alliance. Since she is so knowledgeable, I am not surprised she travels around the country speaking about orchids and offers classes.



You can tour the greenhouses Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Wells Japanese Garden**

Newberry has another garden you don't want to miss, Wells Japanese Garden. It's small but beautifully put together with a traditional bright red gazebo set against a background of muted green bamboo and ponds with a waterfall and a traditional looking red bridge. Fulmer Wells began it as part of his family home garden in 1930 based on the Golden Gate Japanese park in San Francisco. Forty years later, the Wells family donated it to the City of Newberry. Although it has a traditional feel, there are a few South Carolina elements that Fulmer added, like bald cypresses and some saw palmetto.

Newberry has been named one of the "Most Charming Small Towns in America" by the Travel Channel.



# Let's Head To Lake



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Lake Murray in the midlands of South Carolina is famous not only for its history but for an annual natural phenomenon, the purple martin flights. Each summer the birds return to Bomb Island to roost and prepare for their migration to Brazil.

## **Roy's Grille**

Since we were on a tight schedule, Chef Chris Williams of Roy's Grille prepared a tasty trio of his BBQ sliders for us to enjoy on our boat tour. Chef Chris has been featured on South Carolina TV and in Food Network Magazine. He is one of South Carolina's 2022 Chef Ambassadors. His sandwich placed the fifth best sandwich in the world at the 2022 World Food Championship and number two at the 2023 competition. He's hoping for the top spot in this year's event in November. He named his restaurant Roy's Grille as a tribute to his late grandfather, Leroy Carter.

## **Bomb Island**



We took an evening sailboat tour with Captain Ben Stickney, who owns Pilot Cove Ventures on Lake Murray, to watch a million purple martins



take to the skies from their roost on Bomb Island. (Normally you would take the tour on his powerboat rather than the sailboat.) If you want to arrange a tour with him, he will pick you up at any dock on Lake Murray.

Captain Ben said the Purple Martins have become so used to people in that they became accustomed to nesting in dried gourds or birdhouses and no longer use natural cavity nesting spots. They come back to the same house each year. He is trying to draw them into a place he built for them with no luck so far.

It's part of their natural behavior to congregate on Bomb Island before they migrate to Brazil. The island, about a mile from the nearest inhabited land, offers a lot of protection from predators, like birds of prey or land-based predators like snakes and raccoons. South Carolina, as an agricultural state, welcomes them as they feed on bugs and pests that may harm crops. Late June to early August is the best time to view the flights with the number of birds peaking in mid to late July. The birds are visible twice a day, in

# e Murray: Cool Waters



the early morning and at twilight. Bomb Island is North America's first officially designated Purple Martin sanctuary.

Watching these magnificent birds swarm above the island is an amazing experience that no words or picture can do justice.

Captain Ben told us people are not allowed on Bomb Island because it was used by the air force for bombing practice during WWII. There could still be bombs there. Its original name was Dolittle Island, for Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who led the mission.

## Lake Murray

The lake itself is a fascinating story. It covers approximately 50,000 acres and has 650 miles of shoreline, providing lots of outdoor fun like boating, water-sports, private tours, and fishing excursions. However, it began when South Carolina Electric and Gas/Dominion Energy needed a dam to generate electricity and they created the lake from 1927 through 1930. They moved many of the towns and people living where the lake is today.

There are still stories about what's still under the lake. The relocated towns-people didn't want their loved ones dug up and moved, so more 2,300 graves remain under the waters of Lake Murray. Scuba divers can visit an old rock house still standing beneath the water. There are railroad tracks, an old trestle bridge, three churches, six schools and more. Throughout the war, while B-25s conducted practice runs over the island five of the planes ended up crashing into Lake Murray. Four were recovered and in 2005 after 62 years, a Lake

Murray B-25 was recovered from the depths of Lake Murray.

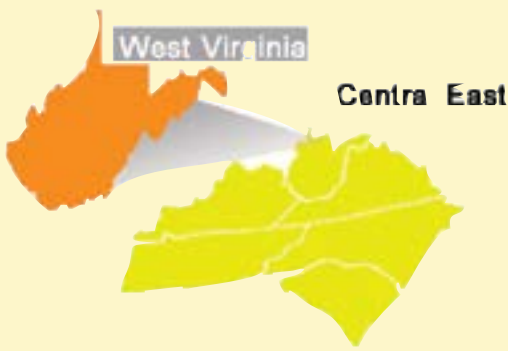
There are two public parks on Lake Murray managed by the energy company. On the Irmo side, the park is open 24 hours year-round. You'll find a boat launch, picnic facilities, fishing docks, and restrooms. Pets on leashes are allowed.

On the Lexington Side, the park with picnic facilities, swimming, and restrooms is only open April to Labor Day. No pets allowed. There is a \$5 per vehicle fee at parks from April to Labor Day or a season pass for \$50.

## Lake Murray Dam

We drove over the dam on our way to the marina and passed near it on our boat tour. There is a walking pathway along the top called Lake Murray Dam Walkway. It's 1.7 miles each way for a total walk of 3.4 miles and offers spectacular views of Lake Murray and the 11 mile away downtown Columbia skyline. If you're searching for watery fun, Lake Murray is the place to go. [More on South Carolina >HERE](#)





# Beat The Heat On The Gorge

**Adventures on the Gorge (GOTG), the state's leading rafting outfitter, has a trip for paddlers of all abilities and experience.**

FAYETTEVILLE – With extreme heat to deal with, a whitewater rafting trip on Southern West Virginia's New River or jet boat ride on Hawks Nest Lake sound pretty good.

"You can choose a fast-paced adventure like rafting or jet-boating or a slower adventure like hanging out by our pool, but no matter what you choose, you'll feel cooler," said Roger Wilson, CEO of AOTG. "Rafting is particularly cool when it's so hot, and we are running on all cylinders with our Upper and Lower New trips offering the perfect cool-down experience."

Rafting choices include the Upper New River suitable for rafters as young as six and the Lower New River with a minimum age of 12.



## **Here are details:**

The Upper New River is a perfect introduction to rafting and is available to those as young as six. With mostly Class I and II rapids and occasional bigger waves of a few Class IIIs, the Upper New River is an ideal river for beginning rafters who paddle the river in large rafts or small one- or two-person inflatable kayaks called duckies. Rates start at \$129 for an adult and \$84.50 for a youth for full-day trips including lunch. Kids

six-11 raft free with a paying adult (one free rafter per paying adult) every day except Saturday when the rate is half the adult rate.

The Lower New River is the most popular section with big whitewater in the spring and early summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating. Because the river runs south to north, water levels are dependent upon rainfall in North Carolina and Virginia. The 25 named rapids



can be as large as Class IV. Minimum age is 12. Rates start at \$129 for an adult and \$119 for a youth for full-day trips including lunch. Rates start at \$109 for an adult and \$99 for a youth for the rapid run.

Glade Creek Canyon is another family favorite that trip begins with a hike to a waterfall along Glade Creek on a path that winds through rhododendron thickets and hemlock forests. After a swim in the pool below the waterfall, guests return for a picnic lunch and a half-day of rafting on the New River. Minimum age is eight. Rates start at \$169 for an adult and \$159 for a youth.

Overnight rafting options are available for New River trips as well.

### Jet Boats

The outfitter has also added Jet Boat Tours at nearby Hawks Nest State Park to its lineup of adventures this year.

The two-hour, 16-passenger tours travel upstream from the New River Jet Boats Marina at Hawks Nest State Park. The trips depart multiple times a day, and there are no age restrictions. Trips cost \$39 for adults and \$29 for



youth. Jet Boat Tours are available from May 1 through Oct. 31.

### Other Adventures

Other popular adventures include TreeTops Canopy Zipline Tour, TimberTrek, Bridgewalk, guided rock climbing, guided hiking and mountain biking.

### Lodging and more

There are numerous lodging options including deluxe cabins with multiple bedrooms and

private hot tubs and bunk-house-style cabins – great for larger groups - with multiple beds in a sleeping loft. Options also include RV sites, tent sites and glamping tents. The resort also features restaurants, bars and shops, hiking trails, overlooks and on-campus adventures like a disc golf course and laser tag course.

Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge online, calling 1-855-379-8738, connecting on Facebook or Twitter and signing up for AOTG e-newsletter and following the AOTG blog.

For more information or to make reservations, visit online at <https://adventuresonthegorge.com/>

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# A Dining Ge



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My first visit to Lynchburg was when I was in high school. My parents invited my grandmother along so I wasn't given any input on where to go, what to do or who to see. Fast forward 50 years. This time things were different. I still didn't have much say in what we did or where we went. However, it didn't matter because my traveling companions enjoy all the same things I like.

We stayed at the Craddock Terry Hotel, a unique destination because it is housed in a former shoe factory. The rooms have been refurbished into homey suites with large bathrooms and lots of details to make your stay enjoyable.

Let's start with breakfast. As a guest you may make your breakfast selection from the choices given and have it delivered to your door first thing in the morning. It comes in a rather unique container. Since the entire place is based on the shoemaking theme, there is a shoeshine box in each room. Leave it outside your door at night and they will deliver your Shoeshine Box Breakfast via the



same container. We had a yummy muffin, fresh fruit and juice the first two days.

On day three we opted for something different because, well, who doesn't love fresh, hot cinnamon rolls for breakfast? No one I know. We love them but not just for breakfast. We'll eat them any time we can, which is most any time of day. On occasion I've made them in the afternoon in preparation for the next morning. For some reason someone always manages to convince me we should do some 'quality control' before then.



Such was the case while visiting Lynchburg. Adjacent to our hotel was a shop called Cinn City. I stopped in around 2 p.m. and purchased some wonderful smelling cinna-

# Getaway In Lynchburg

mon rolls straight from the oven. I didn't even try to resist them. Fortunately, I picked up extras so we still had some for breakfast the next day. They were still just as good as the afternoon before. The same can be said for the next day also. Day three the same. Ready for this? The last two were eaten four days after purchase and by warming them slightly in the microwave, they were just as soft and gooey as day one. As a disclaimer I should point out that the sales clerk told me it would work best for reheating if we left the icing off. She was right. I added a bit of butter on top, popped them in the microwave and then added the glaze, allowing it to ooze into every cinnamon crevice. Delish! It would have been worth the trip to Lynchburg just for that.



But wait, there's more! Our hotel offers bicycles for those who wish to ride through the area. There is a lovely, paved trail suitable for cycling, skateboarding, scooters, jogging or simply walking.

This hotel is also an excellent spot for large groups. There was a wedding on the premises the day we arrived, but there was still ample



parking. An employee was stationed nearby to assist guests by providing information, directions or help with carrying gifts and packages to the wedding venue or luggage to hotel guest rooms. Even with a party in full swing, our rooms were quiet and comfortable.

For lunch one day we visited Waterstone

Pizza, a restaurant in the hotel. Rather than pizza, we opted for sandwiches which were served with some of the best French fries I've eaten. One member of our party ordered an Italian Sub with a variety of meats and toppings. Another enjoyed Waterstone

Scampi while I stuck with something a bit more traditional. I had a chicken parmesan sandwich.

Shopping for souvenirs can be time consuming if you don't really know what you want. It can take even more time if you do know what you are looking for but can't find it. For example, over the years, my souvenir shopping has been reduced to three things: a deck of cards decorated to represent the region, a glass paperweight for my collection and/or a refrigerator magnet. We never saw playing cards at any of our stops, paperweights get heavy and are bulky to wrap for travel protection. So this trip was all about magnets.

I found a lovely shop close to our hotel and had a very nice chat with the owner while making my selections. In addition to a representative magnet, I found some lovely items to use as prizes for our recipe contest in our sister magazine, *Seasonal Eatings*. If you're ever in the area, be sure to visit Accents, home of Great Gifts and Home Décor.

One evening during our stay, we ate at Shoe-



makers American Grille. Like Waterstone Pizza, this restaurant is located within the hotel building. Experience fine dining with a unique selection of appetizers, an exclusive wine list and great entrees. We each had steak, although each was different. One chose ribeye, another a NY strip and I opted for the filet mignon. Each was prepared beautifully seasoned with a delicious garlic butter and attractive sides.

Our biggest dilemma was making a decision regarding dessert. With the server's help, we finally chose a local specialty called Derby Pie. They started with a basic pecan pie but made it better by adding bourbon and chocolate chips inside. Then they added a topping with a vanilla sauce very similar to ice cream. Just when you think some things can't be improved upon, they come up with something which makes a classic dish even better!

**More on Virginia >[HERE](#)**



# New England States





# Theme Activities

**W**ater Wars are coming to a Spacious Skies Campgrounds near you. And if that's not cool enough, you can head to outer space as well. Then celebrate your camping adventures with an old-fashioned BBQ.

Throughout the year, Spacious Skies Campgrounds stages themed weekends at each of its 15 campgrounds which dot the East, from Maine in the North to Georgia in the South. While each campground creates and organizes its own events, the themes are the same throughout the collection. And in the late summer and fall when the temperatures can soar, that weekend fun can go a long way towards keeping campers cool and entertained.

"It's fascinating to see how creative our staff can be as they as they interpret the themed weekends," said Ali Rasmussen, co-founder of Spacious Skies Campgrounds. "Whatever they come up with – from crafts to talent shows to camper decorating contests – themed weekends are always great fun. And those staged activities always lead to increased camaraderie among



our friendly camping guests."

"Winter Wonderland."

Upcoming themes include "Water Wars," "Outer Space," "Happy Birthday" and "BBQ" in August. In September, themes will be "Around the World," "Farm Life," "Fall Fun," Oktoberfest" and "Halloween Spooktacular." In October, guests can experience "Monster Mash," "Haunted Halloween Fest," and "Halloween." November brings "Hollywood," "Glow in the Dark," "Prehistoric Park," "Music Mania" and "Gathering with Gratitude. And in December, winter campers can cap the year with "Mindful Moments," "Winterfest" and

## Cool down

During the hottest months, campers can also cool off at facilities like swimming pools, jumping pillows (in-ground trampolines), fishing ponds, golf cart rentals, boating, hiking trails and gaming arcades. Each campground has different amenities, and most have a variety of lodging options in addition to RV sites, such as glamping accommodations and cabins.

## Fall fun

While enjoying themed weekends during the months of

# Help Campers Cool Off

September, October and November, guests may also encounter fellow campers who are participating in the Spacious Skies Campgrounds Fall Color Trail. The trail highlights fall color as it progresses from campground destination to destination from the North to the South. The trail begins in Maine in

early September and wraps up in Georgia in mid-November, so campers with the time and a meandering spirit can experience fall color fun for nearly 2½ months.

## Save a few bucks

Campers can who are members of the Spacious Skies Loyalty Program – called Cosmic Campers – receive a 12 percent discount on all RV site, cabin and glamping reservations, including holidays. The annual fee to join the program is \$31.90 and enrollment is quick and convenient online.



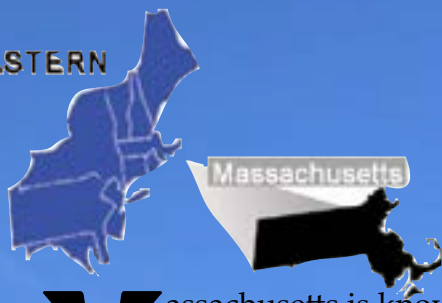
## Join the Team

Spacious Skies Campgrounds is actively seeking campground management and staff with a shared passion for the outdoors and an interest in working for a dynamic, fast-growing company. More information about employment opportunities can be found online.

## About the Campgrounds

Spacious Skies Campgrounds is a fast-growing owner and operator of RV campgrounds with RV, tent, cabin and

glamping sites across 15 locations from Maine to Georgia. The company's mission is to offer a fun, relaxing and authentic campground experience in destinations with abundant outdoor recreation and attractions. Spacious Skies Campgrounds is executing a regional growth strategy while at the same time improving amenities at all properties to provide guests consistent and reliable accommodations, service and access to the great outdoors. For more information, visit [www.spaciousskiescampgrounds.com](http://www.spaciousskiescampgrounds.com).



# Massachusetts Beaches

**M**assachusetts is known for its miles and miles of coastline and stunning strands, so it's a tall task to choose the "best". While sunning and swimming are glorious, these beaches we've chosen are also great for activities, from hiking trails to historic sites to dune tours to surfing. They are also close to Boston so you can make a weekend out of beaching and exploring the town, if you choose. Or, just get beachy the whole time. Also, these seashores and beach towns are also close enough to each other that you can visit one of two in one extended weekend if that floats your boat.

## SCITUATE

Scituate is a lovely seacoast town less than an hour south from Boston. There are 21 miles of coastline and darling Scituate Harbor is the

town's centerpiece. In fact, one of the sought-out beach attractions here is that you can walk into town for lunch or if you need a respite from the sun. Egypt Beach is loved for its surfing, as well as the challenge of the thrill of climbing over a berm to get to the shoreline. And Humarock Beach is especially popular, a three-mile stretch of barrier beach that sits between the Atlantic and the South River, and within walking distance of many of Scituate's best shops and restaurants—and there's also a good chance you'll spy seals. A plus: Lifeguards during the summer.

## Inn at Scituate Harbor

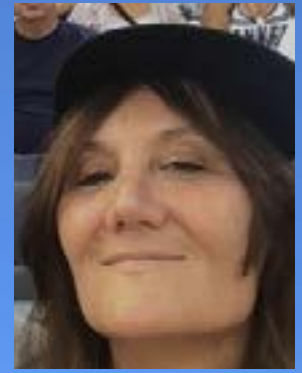
Expect lovely harbor views and sunrise views, too, from this in-town, no-frills, family-friendly inn. Also, an indoor heated pool is kiddie heaven and a complimentary breakfast buffet to enjoy on the outdoor deck sweetens the deal. [www.innatscituateharbor.com](http://www.innatscituateharbor.com)





# beaches

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Freelance Writer



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## CAPE COD

An iconic Cape beach in North Falmouth, Old Silver Beach is especially loved for its warm waters (many of the Cape's waters can be chilly even in summer so this beach is celebrated for its swimmable warm sea, although this is sure to change with the climate crisis.) The beach hugs Buzzards Bay and the views are endless, and sunsets are legend. Shallow waters and gentle waves make it especially family-friendly. And lifeguards are a bonus, as well as bathhouses. Kiddies love to explore the tidal pools at low tide for crabs and minnows. And they might spy egrets and herons, too.

Stay

## Sea Crest Beach Hotel

Beachfront doesn't get better than this sprawling resort with prime real estate on Old Silver Beach. Just a scant few miles from Woods Hole, the recently renovated resort sits on the Cape's iconic Old Silver Beach. Some guest rooms tumble right onto the beach. There's a pool and a collection of fun dining options from lobster rolls to pizza to ice cream cones. [www.seacrestbeachhotel.com](http://www.seacrestbeachhotel.com)

## AutoCamp Cape Cod

Airstreams are the Cadillacs of camping. And this sprawling glamping property is located next to the Cape's 10.7-mile Shining Sea Bikeway that hugs the coast and winds through woods to Old Silver Beach; guests can jump on one of the comp cruiser bikes to arrive in cool Cape Cod style.



The airstreams are all about memory foam beds; private bathrooms with rain showers; flat screen TVs; fully-functional kitchens, Bluetooth audio systems; and outdoor fire pits and grills. There are also stand-alone structures with private bedrooms and living areas with flat-screen TVs, “spa-inspired” bathrooms include walk-in showers with Ursa Major organic bath products, kitchens with modern appliances and outdoor fire pits. Luxury Canvas Tents, too (game-changer for some: bathrooms located in nearby clubhouse). And, pine cabins with porch swings and Tempur-Pedic beds. [www.autocamp.com](http://www.autocamp.com)

## PROVINCETOWN

The Cape Cod National Seashore is home to a necklace of iconic beaches on the eastern edge of the Cape’s coast from Chatham to Provincetown. It is a fragile ecosystem and great lengths have gone to protecting the treasure through the years and continue. Race Point is one of the most popular beaches.

For a special treat, take one of the dune buggy tours with Art’s Dune Tours, through the majestic Provincetown dunes, to see the weather dune shacks where literary greats have stayed and still do, and mind-bending barren landscapes. There are a handful of tours to choose



from sunset tours to clambake tours. The company has been around forever and is a highlight of vacationers. The tours are mindful of the surroundings, and only take place in designated roadways approved by Cape Cod National Seashore Park. [www.artsdunetours.com](http://www.artsdunetours.com)

## AWOL

Go for it, it’s a fun, very Cape Cod 30-room Provincetown hotel owned by Lark Hotels, and is all about being laid back with simple summer loving ‘tude and lovely marsh views, yet within walking distance to town. [www.larkhotels.com](http://www.larkhotels.com)

## IPSWICH

Celebrated Crane Beach is just north of Boston, less than an hour drive, and tugs at the hearts of in-the-know New Englanders. It is, in fact, a spot so special, that they wish it remained secret.

The Atlantic Ocean is a sought-out spot to swim here. But it’s about much more, especially the five miles of hiking trails that snake through the dunes. It’s also got many amenities for beachgoers such as outdoor rinsing stations, restrooms, beach wheelchairs and a snack shack.

### Where to Stay

The Inn at Castle Hill is located in what’s known as the Crane Estate, an expanse of

stunning gardens, gorgeous landscapes and a mansion. There are ten guest rooms with views of the Great Marsh and the Atlantic at the inn, and complimentary gourmet breakfast is served daily in a lovely dining room. The porch is where you'll want to hang—with the wild turkeys—when not at the beach. Interesting: Chevy Chase spent summers here, it's a family connection. [www.theinnatcastlehill.com](http://www.theinnatcastlehill.com)

## **BOSTON**

Unique for a big city, Boston actually is blessed with city beaches that are popular with locals and tourists. Carson Beach, also known as L Street Beach, has been loved for a century. Look, you need to keep in mind that it is a city beach, so don't expect miles of dunes and picturesque seascapes, but what you will find is uniquely Boston and New England, like lobster rolls

served at the snack stand. Also, you can walk or bike along the Boston Harborwalk to the Kennedy Library and Castle Island. And, yes, you can swim in the water, it gets high-rated safety scores annually.

## **The Omni Seaport Hotel**

Located in the shiny Seaport District, Boston's newest nabe, with a big splashy outdoor pool is just minutes from Carson Beach, and where you'll continue the beachy nautical vacation theme with lotsa lobster, fresh fish and that big outdoor pool. And for families, the Children's Museum and Boston Tea Party Museum are also in this Seaport neighborhood for rainy day fun. Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport | Hotels in Boston, MA ([omnihotels.com](http://omnihotels.com)).

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# Lucille Ball Comedy



Laugh it up in Lucille Ball's hometown of Jamestown at the annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival! Your favorite comedians will take the stage at dozens of venues throughout the city, including the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum. Jeff Ross, Nate Bargatze, and Nicole Byer headline this year's festivals which features more than 50 live events, including Comedy Late Night, a musical celebrating "I Love Lucy," a block party, plus lunch and dinner at the Tropicana Club. Various locations and prices.

## STAND-UP SHOWCASE

Aug. 2 at the Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, see comics from across the nation whose credits include Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, Conan, Last Comic Standing and more! Each performer will bring their own unique brand of humor to the stage and take the audience on a journey of laughs from observations to silly to irreverent, and best of all, funny! Tickets are \$20 and available at <https://tickets.comedycenter.org/ActivityBooking.aspx>

## THE BE FUNNY TOUR

Aug. 3 at the Northwest Arena, Grammy nominated stand-up comedian Nate Bargatze is widely known for his clean and relatable comedy for all age groups and for his Netflix specials "The Tennessee Kid", "Greatest Average American" and "The Stand-ups". His latest special "Hello, World" can be found on Amazon Prime Video. Currently touring and selling out shows all over the world with his new "The Be Funny" Tour, Nate is also an avid golfer and sports enthusiast.

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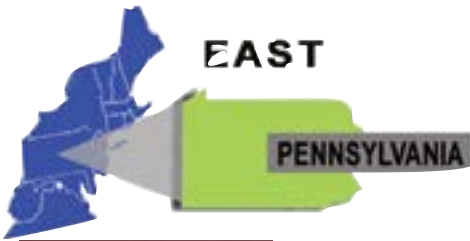
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# This City Takes



*By Renée Gordon  
Travel &  
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CHRISTIANA - An excellent way to gauge the political climate is to examine the laws that are deemed necessary and enacted and the response of the population. In the inexorable march to the Civil War the most impactful law was the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act, strengthening the law enforcement of the 1793 Fugitive Slave Act. The 1850 law, enacted as part of the 1850 Compromise, was created to facilitate the recapture of those identified as southern slaves. Southerners felt that Northern sentiment was not in their favor and abolitionism was on the rise.

The law added a number of federal commissioners with the power to issue warrants permitting the removal to the South of escapees. Commissioners were paid \$10 per authorization for removal. They received only \$5.00 if the arrestee was later found not to have been a slave. Legal and physical hindrance of recapture was punishable by 6-month's incarceration and a \$1,000 fine. Escapees could not

testify in their own defense. Northerners objected to the use of federal officials and dollars to enforce Southern rights but in 1859 the Supreme Court ruled the law constitutional in *Ableman v. Booth*. Resistance began almost immediately and Pennsylvania became one of its first battlegrounds and a flashpoint for the North and the South.

John Brown's October 16, 1859 raid on Harper's Ferry tends to be the incidence of armed resistance to slavery with which people are most familiar but eight years prior, on September 11, 1851, a significant resistance took place. The Christiana Riot/ Resistance took place in a farming village outside Lancaster, PA, approximately 20-miles from the Maryland border. Numerous white abolitionists and African Americans, both fugi-



tive and free, were settlers in the area. #visitpa

On November 7, 1849 four slaves, Noah Buley, Nelson Ford, George Hammond, and Joshua Hammond escaped from Edward Gorsuch's Re-

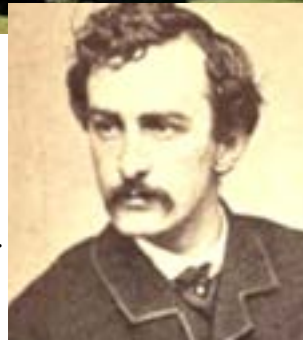
# A Stand For Freedom

treat Farm in Baltimore County. Gorsuch felt stunned and betrayed because he considered himself a “benevolent” owner. The 1850 Act provided incentive for Gorsuch to recover his “property” and on August 28, 1851 he was told that three of his slaves were in Lancaster County along with nearly 3,000 other blacks and active Underground Railroad stations.



Warrants were obtained on September 9th in Philadelphia where the plan was overheard by a black UGRR operative. William Still was informed and sent Samuel Williams, another black operative, to Christiana to warn the men. On September 11, 1851 eight men, including U.S. Deputy Marshal Henry Kline, Gorsuch and his son Dickinson, entered the village to make arrests.

Two of the freedom seekers were protected on a farm owned by an African American, William Parker, who fled Maryland slavery in 1839. He headed a group created to protect the community from slave catchers. The posse took the train to Parker’s house, arriving around 4 am at the two-story stone fenced house. They demanded the men and Gorsuch quoted the Bible, Parker, countered with Bible verses. The family residents retreated to the second floor as the Gorsuch party entered. One of his men fired and Eliza, Parker’s wife, blew a tin fish horn to signal for assistance. Gunfire was exchanged before the posse retreated to the yard.



Armed African American assistance began to arrive in numbers varying from 15 to 150. Tensions grew and two white men, Quakers Castner Hanway and Elijah Lewis arrived. They examined the warrant but refused to assist. At this point the accounts differ but we know Dickinson fired on Parker and was critically wounded with more than 60 bullets. Gorsuch again attempted to retrieve his property and was beaten and ultimately killed. The remaining posse members fled.

The three fugitives fled to Canada. Parker, Pinckney, and Johnson fled via Rochester, NY, where they stayed with Frederick Douglass, and then to Buxton, Canada. Eliza and her sister were arrested, eventually freed, and reunited with their husbands in Canada.

A cadre of 45 marines was sent from Philadelphia on September 13th to hunt down the rioters and arrests were made. Lancaster County indicted 38 men on 117 counts of treason and imprisoned them in Moyamensing Prison in Philadelphia. Castner Hanway was identified as the leader and tried first. His federal trial began on November 24, 1851 and lasted 18 days in the Old Pennsylvania State House, Independence Hall.

The Maryland Attorney General led the na-

tionally famous trial prosecution team and PA Congressman Thaddeus Stevens led the defense team. Abolitionists helped finance the trial and Lucretia Mott attended daily, supplied clothing and sat beside the defendants. Hanway was judged not guilty and charges against the other men were dismissed.



escapees in hidden compartments.

Mount Zion AME Church on Newport-Zion hill Road was the core of the African American community. It was established in 1822 and became a mecca for runaways. During the search after the riot the militia fired through the front door believing

Historic Zercher's Hotel is the site of the Christiana Underground Railroad Center. The museum offers guided and self-guided tours that relate a holistic story of the Christiana Resistance. The story is presented chronologically and in an easy to follow format. Documents, photographs, maps, artifacts and informational plaques greatly enhance visitor's understanding of the event. [zerchershotel.com](http://zerchershotel.com)

fugitives were inside. The original door is displayed inside the church.

Descendants of the participants remain in the area. You may be lucky enough to take a tour led by Darlene Colon. To take the journey with her is to live the experience.

The riot was a microcosm of the coming Civil War with both factions willing to bear arms

Immediately outside the hotel is a 4-sided monument commemorating the resistance. One side lists the names of the arrested men and a southern facing side is dedicated to Gorsuch.



over the legality and morality of slavery. It hardened the resolve of the two sides and convinced each of the righteousness of their cause.

Gorsuch's youngest son Thomas was incensed by the murder of his father and the verdict. He wrote to a close friend who was even more outraged. The friend later stated that the Christiana incident shaped his anti-slavery feelings and allowed him to see that a complete separation from the North was just, necessary and inevitable. That friend was John Wilkes Booth.

A detailed map of UGRR locations in Lancaster and Chester Counties is available in the center. Christiana is part of PA's Quest for Freedom Trail. [paquestforfreedom.com](http://paquestforfreedom.com)

Spanning nearby Pine Creek is the 1830 Stone Arch Railroad Bridge. Trains ran across this bridge, some with private cars that were used to hide

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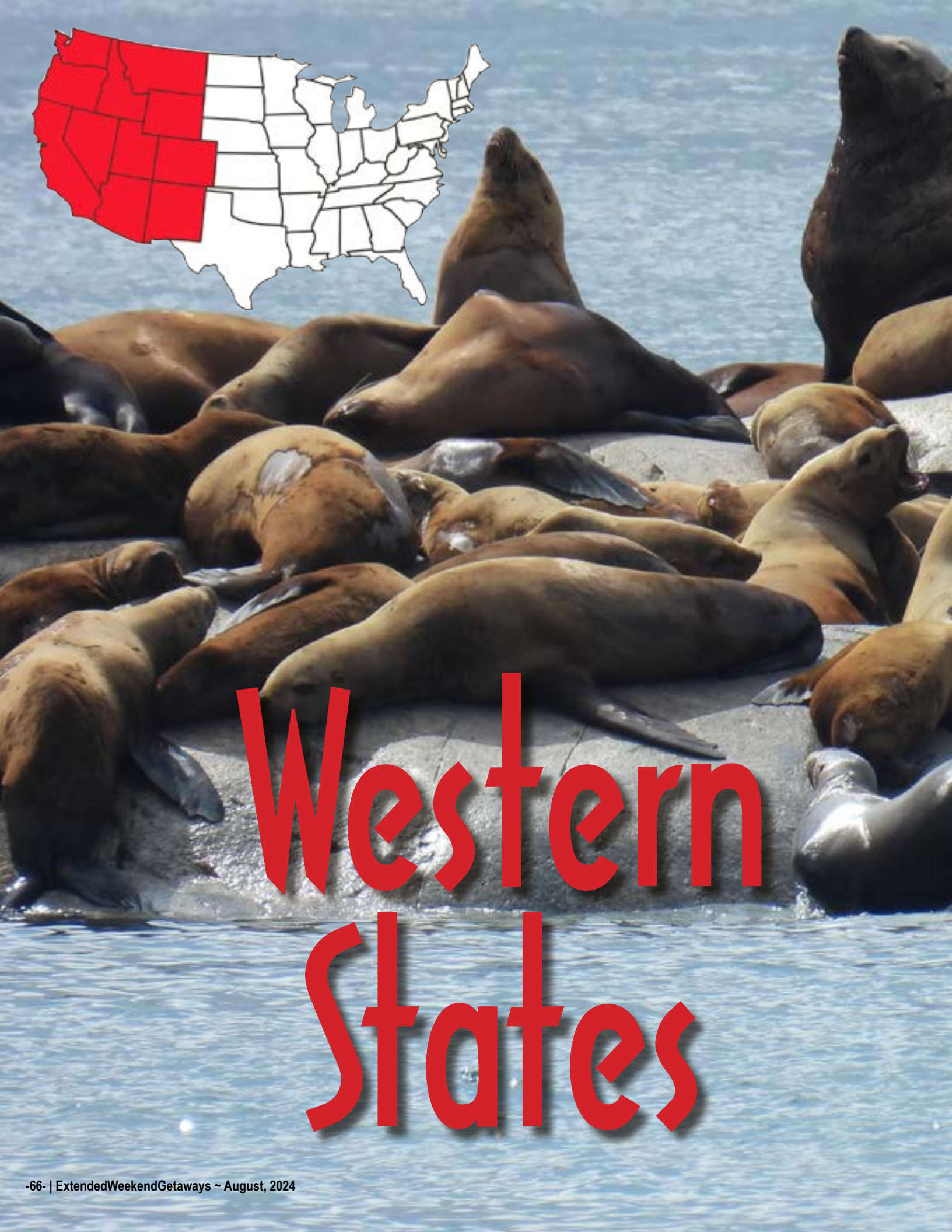
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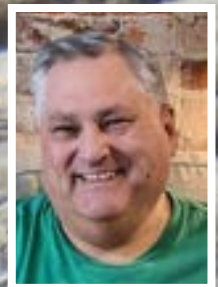
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# Western States

# Aboard An Alaskan Dream Cruise



*By Tm Trudell  
Freelance Travel Writer*

**G**laciers, wildlife and Alaska Native culture are the highlights of a small boat experience with Alaskan Dream Cruises. Exploring Southeast Alaska's nooks and crannies, the Indigenous-owned cruise line goes where the bigger ships can't even dream of visiting.

With five vessels carrying 40-80 passengers, tours travel the Inside Passage between Ketchikan and Sitka. With tours focusing on wilderness exploration to glacier and wildlife watching, cruises range from five to nine days. Don't call them ships, as the small boat adventures take place aboard Alaskan Dream vessels 143-209

feet long, dwarfed by the much larger cruise lines.

Nature hikes, kayak tours, skiff rides for shoreline bear watching and even a polar plunge highlight some of the activities people experience during trips. History and cultural tours are hosted at Indigenous villages such as Metlakatla, Kasaan

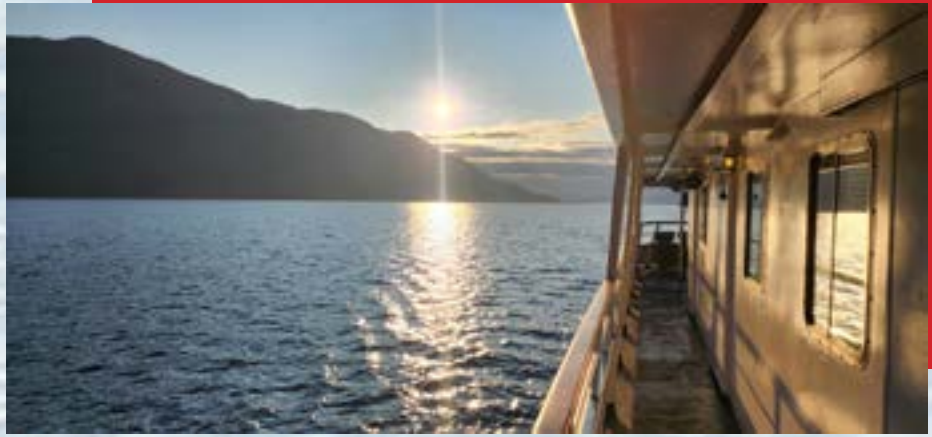
and Wrangell, homes to the Tshimshian (Sim she in), Haida (Hi Da) and Tlingit (Klink it) tribes, respectfully. Other cities included on an Alaskan Dream cruise include Juneau and Skagway.

Soaking in Southeast Alaska's Inside Passage - a series of straits and channels connecting islands, fjords, coves and bays - is the mission of Alaskan Dream's Inside Passage Sojourn. The eight-night, nine-day adventure encompasses the company's goal, bringing passengers up-close to glaciers and forest-carpeted mountains as the 143-foot-long Baranof Dream travels between Ketchikan and Sitka.

Along the way, passengers learn the history and culture of totems and clan houses, as well as traditional Alaska Native songs and dances, including the significance of the eagle, killer whale and raven to clans.

Quickly assuaging the misnomer about "low man on the totem pole," a totem's story is told from bottom to top, with the bottom figure actually being the most important. A totem's story is owned by its creator, and only they can tell the story, while others need permission to share it.

Alaskan Dream is one of a handful of small boat cruises that takes passengers through Misty Fjords National Monument. Sand-



wiched between steep cliffs rising 3,000 feet skyward, the Baranof Dream floats through a series of coves showcasing majestic views of forests and waterfalls. New Eddystone Rock, a small island featuring 65-foot-tall rock formed by basalt, is a popular sight.



Humpback whales highlight a float through Tracy and Endicott Arms, a pristine area once referred to as a "wild, unfinished Yosemite," by naturalist John Muir.

Glacier viewing showcases a visit to Glacier Bay National Park, with Margerie and John Hopkins Glaciers the stars. Booming like dynamite blowing a hole into the side of a mountain, the John Hopkins Glacier calves, sending chunks of itself falling into the water, creating icebergs that will float for miles, often acting as resting spots for seals and sea lions.

Anchoring at the national park's visitors center, passengers go ashore, spending three hours exploring the park's trails, which run deep into the forest, or enjoying a drink at the park's lounge.

Before departing for its final leg of the journey, some passengers participated in the Alaskan Dream Cruises' infamous Polar Plunge. Dozens of people, donned in swimwear and life jackets, stand at the edge of the

park's dock and dive into 35-degree water.

While aboard the Baranof Dream, passengers also learn about the region's geological past and Alaska Native history and culture. And the food is amazing, with daily specials.

Whether your tour begins in Ketchikan or Sitka, it's recommended to arrive a few days before the cruise, so you can enjoy the flavor of each community. You'll want to spend a few days after disembarking for the same reason.

In Ketchikan, grab a spot aboard the Bering Sea Crab Fishing Tour aboard the Aleutian Ballard, once a star crabbing ship on the television series "Deadliest Catch." Or maybe go kayaking in scenic Orca Cove. Learn more about totems at the Totem Heritage Center. Catch a lumberjack competition featuring four of the best in the country.

Travel back in time, walking the Married Man's Trail to the Creek Street boardwalk, home to quaint shops and art galleries. Creek Street was once a haven for saloons and brothels, with its history told at Dolly's House museum, the most-famous of the houses of ill repute.



In Sitka, walk the waterfront trail, taking you from Castle Hill - the spot overlooking the town and site of Russia turning over possession of Alaska to the United States - along the waterfront to Sitka

National Historical Park, home to Totem replicas.

Nature enthusiasts will enjoy exploring Sitka's trails, as well as visiting the Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bears, which provide sanctuary to animals unable to survive in the wild.



Whether you prefer kayaking near glaciers, hiking mountainside trails or learning about Indigenous culture, Alaskan Dream Cruises has a tour for you.

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# Sun, Sea and R



*By Renée Gordon  
Travel & History Writer*

Situated approximately 30-minutes south of LA, Long Beach is a coastal gem with more than its share of lures for the traveler. The city, deemed one of the most ethnically diverse big cities in the country, has an average high of 82° and low of 64° with negligible rainfall. It was named Long Beach in 1888 because the beach winds 28-miles bordering the Pacific Ocean along San Pedro Bay. Today it offers a 4.5-mile bike trail, 11.5-miles of inland waterways and bays and greater than 30 water view restaurants. The city has world-class attractions and provides metro bus service as well as water transport, AquaLink and AquaBuses, for easy access to sites. [ridelbt.com](http://ridelbt.com)

The city's uniqueness extends to its history. When Juan Cabrillo sighted the coast in 1542 Native Americans had inhabited the region for

more than 10,000 years. They inhabited three large settlements, Tevaaxa'anga, Ahwaangaand and Povuu'nga, but were moved to Spanish missions in the 1800s and became known as the Gabrieliño after the San Gabriel Mission.

A 1784 Spanish Land Grant provided the land laid out as Long Beach in 1880 and the 1884 Rancho Cerritos. Cogged stones were uncovered at Rancho Cerritos in 1930 that dated from 2-5,000 BC, verifying an early indigenous presence. The Monterey-Colonial 2-story adobe rancho interprets the intersection of Spanish, Mexican and North American cultures. Tevaaxa'nga to Today: Stories of the Tongva People relates the story of the Tongva through artifacts and displays in the visitor Center. Constructed by Native Americans, the rancho is furnished with antiques from the 1870s sheep ranch era. Guided tours, an

# Royalty



orientation film, special programs, a reference library and 4.7-acre garden are on-site. [rancholoscerritos.org](http://rancholoscerritos.org)

Long Beach's most renowned resident is the RMS Queen Mary, regally docked since December 1967, in the harbor. Since its maiden voyage in 1936 it has served as an exquisite symbol of art deco and the Gilded Age and was once the largest, fastest and most luxurious ship afloat. It is equipped with fireplaces, 25 public rooms and made 1,100 crossings. The ship served in WWII in a variety of functions and was known as the Grey Ghost. Winston Churchill sailed aboard 10 times and in suite M114 was briefed on the D-Day plans.



The Queen Mary is one of the world's most haunted sites. Paranormal Investigations and Haunted Encounter tours and Illusions of the Past, a theatrical séance, are offered in addition to a menu of specialized tours. Note: stateroom B340 is said to be the most "active" room.

The ship is a hotel featuring online reservations, a museum and offers shopping and dining. Sir Winston's Restaurant and Lounge and the Queen Mary Royal Sunday Brunch are singular culinary experiences. All of the guides are excellent and offer truly awesome tours.

Rainbow Harbor is home to the Aquarium of the Pacific, Southern California's largest aquarium. Over 50 exhibits include more than 11,000 animals in the main galleries and exterior display areas including an interactive Shark Lagoon. The 2019, \$53-million, biomorphic glass, wing, Pacific Visions, was created to foster an understanding of modern environmental challenges using displays, interactives, exhibits, educational programming and a 130-ft. wide and 32-ft. tall theater. [aquariumofthepacific.org](http://aquariumofthepacific.org)

The 1996 Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) is the sole museum in the country dedicated to the presentation and preservation of modern and contemporary Latin American art. The complex encompasses interior galleries, a screening room, art studio, library and a 15,000-sq. ft. sculpture garden. [molaa.org](http://molaa.org)

Shoreline Village, reminiscent of a fishing village, provides some of the area's best shopping and panoramic viewing options. Here you can dine, stroll, rent a bike or watercraft, ride a carousel and shop in a variety of eclectic stores. Louisiana Charlie's BBQ & Cajun Cuisine is a waterfront eatery that puts a southern spin on seafood you will long recall. [shorelinevillage.com](http://shorelinevillage.com)

Naples is an Italianesque community

established in 1905 on 3 islands. It has winding streets lined with gracious homes fronted by circuitous canals. You can stroll the streets, pause in the plaza and take a 1-hour Gondola Getaway Cruise on Alamitos Bay in an authentic gondola. GGC TIP: Request a serenading gondolier. [gondolagetawayinc.com](http://gondolagetawayinc.com)

Two musts are trips along Retro Row and a visit to the Long Beach Antique Market. Fourth Street between Cherry and Junipero, Retro Row, is a recognized source of vintage-inspired clothing and furnishings. Film set designers are known to purchase items there. The antique market has more than 800 vendors spread over 20-acres. Plan to spend substantial time at both venues. It has been named the US best flea market in the country. Lola's Mexican Cuisine crafts authentic Mexican dishes homemade with fresh ingredients from family heirloom recipes. Eat retro in Lola's. [www.lolasmexicancuisine.com](http://www.lolasmexicancuisine.com)

Before Ferris Bueller took his day off, Gilligan set sail for his 3-hour tour or Star Fleet Academy were filmed in Long Beach, in 1910 it was the first West Coast movie center. By 1918 Long Beach's Balboa Studios was the world's most productive independent studio. Numerous silent films were made with Fatty Arbuckle and Buster Keaton. Arbuckle's home still stands. The industry relocated to Hollywood around 1921 when oil was discovered on Signal Hill and



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Long Beach is a great hub for touring the area and you can channel your inner royalty by plunging headfirst into all the city has to offer. Long Beach is a traveler's dream. [www.visit-longbeach.com](http://www.visit-longbeach.com)

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# Cooling Off In Idyllwild



*By Kathy Condon  
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One thing we can count on is that the temperatures in Palm Springs will soar starting in the middle of June and lasting through the middle of September. This year is no exception, as the temperatures hover around 110 degrees for many days straight. Tired of watching movies, we Palm Springs residents often plan an escape route, which includes time in Idyllwild, California.

## **Where is Idyllwild**

It is only 50 miles from downtown Palm Springs, at an elevation of 5500 ft. We can pretty much count on it being 20 to 30 degrees cooler because Palm Springs is at sea level.

The winding roads up to the town can be intimidating, for there are many twists and turns. However, I love the drive up and stopping to see the outstanding vistas, including



320-degree views of Coachella Valley.

On the way up, cacti, succulents, and palm trees are slowly replaced with large mesquite bushes, and then giant evergreen trees intermix with deciduous trees. It should be noted that before one arrives in the actual town of Idyllwild, the road straightens at the top of

the mountain and passes large ranches, which harken back to when cowboys and cowgirls ruled this whole region.

## **First Stops**

We parked the car and smiled as we saw the sign for the brand-new Idyllwild Visitor Center in the heart of town. It opened on the weekend of July 4th and is a very welcome



addition because there is now one place to get information about the whole area. Public restrooms were spotless, and we were impressed that sustainability was evident by their recycled rubber floors.

Admittedly, if you are the driver, a time to sit down with a cup of coffee is welcome, for the driver has to keep her eyes on the road. It is never difficult to talk your traveling partner into stopping at Higher Grounds Coffee House in the nearby town circle. Chances are, if you only plan to stay the day in Idyllwild, you get up very early to take advantage of the entire day.

At Higher Grounds Coffee House, every conceivable drink is available to satisfy the most discriminating person's taste. Pair your drink with one of the outstanding pastries and head to the patio. There, you can breathe in the fresh moun-

tain air; if you are fortunate, a local musician will play in the nearby small grandstand.

### **A Walking Town**

Rejuvenated, a short walk brings you to Idyllwild Garden, which I consider a must-visit. It never fails to make me smile, for creativity flourishes on the various paths through plants available for sale that thrive in this environment.

Hundreds of brightly-covered pots in all sizes and colors are on the left. As you walk along, whimsical characters appear, like smiling metal flowers and brightly colored butterflies fluttering their mechanical wings in the breeze. Soft, happy music plays in the

background.

A turn in the path brings you face-to-face with a vintage camper with doors flung wide open. Upon entering, you discover an array of vintage clothing, tablecloths, and napkins, which hold their own stories about their past lives, waiting for you to purchase them.

Across the street from Idyllwild Garden is the retail store Wooley's. It is recognizable because it has a giant 3-D hat on its roof, marking its location. Family-owned since





vation office. Since it is a retreat center, we were impressed with the variety of accommodations—separate cabins, duplexes, and a hotel-like building. Evening walks through one of the many paths under the starlit sky are more than nurturing to the soul.

Strawberry Creek Inn is luxurious yet rustic, and it best describes the décor of this Inn, which is tucked in among the giant pine trees. Imagine taking a nap in a hammock or a romantic walk along the Strawberry River.

### **A Community that Supports Each Other**

Walking into one of the many galleries, a conversation with John Marin at the Wildwood Studio and Gallery was the final stop of my day adventure. Here, John shared his experiences of kindness from his neighbors and other merchants who work together to welcome visitors who travel up the mountain.

Idyllwild is a special place in the summer, for there is so much to see and do, and the temperatures are much lower. Frankly, you can drive up there and easily spend a weekend without moving your car while enjoying the fresh mountain air. I assure you that you will return rejuvenated with a new attitude to face the rest of the Palm Springs summer heat.

More on California >[HERE](#)

2001, it is a place for buying hats and hiking gear. Specializing in sheepskin, this is the place for people in colder climates or planning a trip and seeking warm clothing.

There are many small, independently-owned retail stores, so shopping is a pastime for many visitors. There is everything from tasty jams made from local produce to antiques.

### **Dining in Idyllwild**

Yes, we go to Idyllwild for the day for a terrific lunch. Sitting on the patio among the giant ancient evergreen trees causes one to stop, relax, and use an old cliché to smell the flowers. Here are some of my favorites:

The Peak Restaurant. This restaurant was my recent discovery while exploring roads near Idyllwild. It is located at Tahquitz Pines Retreat. It is open to the public, and every morsel, from appetizer to dessert, is perfect.

Café Aroma is where I had

lunch when I visited Idyllwild for the first time. Parking is easy; if you aren't hungry, visit the Golden Pine Galley before you head into the restaurant. It has a large inventory of everything from paintings to beautiful jewelry. My favorite spot to sit at the restaurant is the patio that extends into the forest. Sometimes there is live music. Their salads are outstanding.

Restaurant Gastrognome offers three dining options. The main dining room has high-beamed ceilings, archways, and a fireplace. The café is cozy with a ski resort feel, while the patio is perfect for people-watching since it is in the middle of downtown. It has an ever-changing menu with various items to fit anyone's taste.

### **Staying in Idyllwild**

Driving under the arch to Tahquitz Pine Retreat revealed beautiful, landscaped grounds. Driving past the tennis courts and swimming pool, we wound our way up to the reser-



# To Pikes Peak at Sunrise

The United States boasts an array of exceptional rail journeys, each offering its own unique slice of Americana. You can traverse the historic tracks that carried Abraham Lincoln to deliver the Gettysburg Address, or indulge in luxury aboard a vintage train winding through the country's most celebrated wine region. Yet, few rail experiences can rival the breathtaking vistas provided by the Broadmoor Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway. This iconic journey ascends to the summit of Pikes Peak, a location so stunning it inspired Katherine Lee Bates to pen the timeless poem, "America the Beautiful" in 1893.

The Broadmoor Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway holds the distinction of being the highest railroad in America and the highest cog railway in the world. This remarkable journey spans nine miles and approximately 3.5 hours, starting from the charming Manitou Depot and culminating at the 14,115-foot summit of Pikes Peak, a National Historic Landmark since 1961.

No matter the season, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway promises awe-inspiring views year-round. However, in 2024, there are four special dates—September 11 and October 14—when the ride becomes even more magical. On these days, early risers can board the Sunrise Train to witness the first light of dawn breaking over the summit of "America's Mountain."

Booking your ride on the Sunrise Train is a breeze; simply visit the Pikes Peak Cog Railway's



website to secure your spot for \$99. This memorable experience has been enhanced by extensive renovations completed in 2021, which included updates to the Manitou Depot, rail tracks, visitor center at the summit, and the introduction of new trains.

The Manitou Depot, your departure point for this extraordinary journey, is conveniently located just 15 minutes outside of Colorado Springs and 1 hour and 15 minutes south of Denver. Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a rail adventure that combines historic charm, modern comfort, and some of the most stunning views in the country.

Book your Sunrise Train adventure today and let the Broadmoor Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway take you on an unforgettable journey to the top of Pikes Peak.

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DARBY - This year marks the 11th consecutive year as a World's Best Award winner. Triple Creek Ranch received the highest honor when it was named The World's Best Hotel in the Travel + Leisure 2014 Awards and has ranked consistently at the top ever since.

"We are proud to be named Montana's Number 1 Resort Hotel yet again," said Molly Smith and Kristen Snavelly, Co-General Managers, in a joint statement. "We want to thank the readers of Travel + Leisure for supporting us. Many of them are loyal guests of Triple Creek Ranch. We look forward to welcoming them back and encouraging more readers to experience the Ranch and the beauty of Montana in the coming year."

Triple Creek Ranch is a treasure of the American West, a classic guest ranch elevated to an exceptional level of hospitality and service in one of the most dramatic locations in Montana. It offers seclusion, tranquility, and an all-inclusive experience for a select number of guests who stay in one of the Ranch's 25 western-style log cabins. They're outfitted with wood-burning fireplaces, log frame beds, and peaceful views. Each cabin is unique, a private retreat, and most have their own alfresco hot tubs. A museum-worthy collection of original Western art from the owners' private collection can be seen throughout the cabins

and the main lodge. Triple Creek Ranch's five-star food, wine, and service make it a true standout.

Executive Chef Jacob Leatherman is lauded for combining his classical French training with creative and innovative techniques to bring out the best flavors of the American West. His creations are paired with selections from the wine cellar, which has been awarded a Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence each year since 2012. The service throughout the Ranch is anticipatory, warm and welcoming, whether in the dining room, during in-cabin service, or while enjoying the array of Western



# At Triple Creek Ranch



activities on offer.

A day at Triple Creek Ranch can include horseback riding, cattle drives, hiking, mountain biking, sport shooting, archery, ATV adventures, and more. As an Orvis-endorsed lodge, Triple Creek Ranch offers guided flyfishing raft float trips on the trophy waters of the adjacent Bitterroot River. Yoga and guided meditation sessions are also a perfect way to unwind after a day outdoors. Many of these experiences are included in the room rate.

Winter is one of the most remarkable times of year for a

visit to Triple Creek Ranch. It's the ideal season for horseback riding in freshly fallen snow, snowshoeing,

dog sledding, cross-country skiing, and alpine skiing. Famed for its Vintner Events with acclaimed winemakers, the ranch also has a notable Artist in Residence program, Artist Workshop Weekends, Culinary Weekends, Cowboy School, and a yearly Stave Puzzle Weekend.

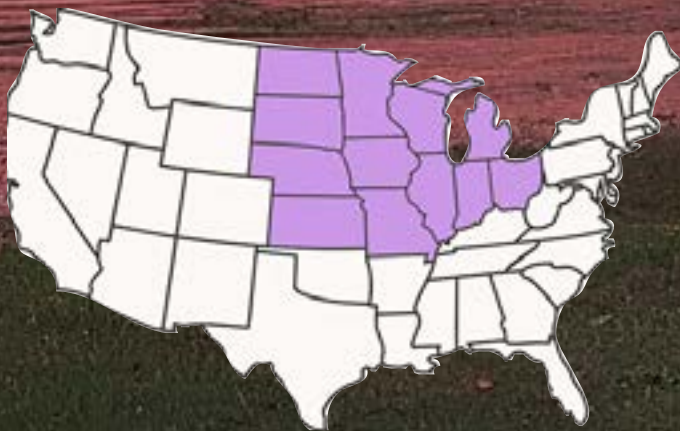
Visit [www.triplecreekranch.com](http://www.triplecreekranch.com) for more details.

The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2024 is an essential, trusted source for inspiration and guidance as travelers make plans to set out on trips around the globe. This recognition is a powerful testament

to the experience Triple Creek Ranch provides, as the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards is a leading barometer of the places and companies that satisfy some of the most passionate and discerning travelers in the world. Additional information about the methodology, including criteria, can be found here.

Each year, the readers of Travel +Leisure, the largest travel media brand in the United States, share their thoughts on destinations, hotels, resorts, spas, airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, trains, and luxury villa rental companies. The World's Best Awards are the travel industry's leading barometer of the hotels and places that appeal to the most passionate and discerning travelers.

# Midwest States



# Oak Street Beach Is Tops



Located along the scenic shores of Lake Michigan, Oak Street Beach in Chicago emerges as the top choice for an affordable beach getaway this summer. Offering a shaded sunbed for just \$20 per day, it provides the perfect escape with its refreshing breezes and average summer temperatures hovering around 69°F.

Data analysts from the travel booking platform Omio researched 35 beaches across the United States to uncover where a beach day would be particularly affordable. This is the second year travel experts from Omio, the leading booking platform for trains, buses, flights and ferries, have released their ranking, highlighting the most affordable beach destinations for escaping the scorching summer heat in the city.

The study analyzed data including public guest ratings, average summer temperatures, and this year's retail prices and rental fees for essential beach items. This city shore delights beachgoers with affordable options



including shaded sun beds, ice cream, and drinks.

Whispers at Oak Street Beach is the perfect spot to enjoy a meal and a drink while taking in the beautiful view of the Chicago skyline. A wide selection of delicious cuisine and craft drinks can be enjoyed right on the beach.

Don't miss the Whispers' 64th Annual Chicago Air and Viewing Party on Aug. 10 & 11 from 10:30 to 3:30. This year's perform-

ers include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels & the U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights.

Whispers tickets will include a buffet themed from beaches & BBQ's around the world with an open bar including frozen cocktails. DJ music will be provided between broadcasting the show. Tickets are available at <https://www.whispersgroup.com/airshowinfo>

More on Illinois >[HERE](#)



# Beat the Heat by Going to Santa Claus

When you visit the Santa Claus, Indiana, area during the summer, you can count on a fun time for the whole family. You can also count on hot southern Indiana temperatures!

But there are also plenty of ways to beat the heat throughout the area. So, when temps start going up, here's where to cool down during your visit to the Santa Claus, Indiana, area.

Just Add H<sub>2</sub>O—and Water Slides! A water park is the perfect place to spend a hot summer day. At Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, you can take



a thrilling race on the Cheetah Chase Water Coaster. Slip-slide down Watubee with the whole family (click here to see it in action!). Or enjoy a lazy ride on Bahari River. Throw in air-conditioned stores and dining, plus free unlimited soft drinks throughout the park, and summertime has never felt cooler!

## **Embrace the Lake Life.**

Lake Lincoln beach inside Lincoln State Park is a no-brainer on summer days. And while you might feel the burn of the sun as you relax on the sand, you're just steps away from taking a refreshing dip in the lake. Need refreshments? The park's camp store has you covered!

## **Stay. Swim. Repeat.**

For a lot of travelers, a pool is a must-have amenity when choosing lodging. And this area has some really great options to choose from! Santa's Lakeside Cottages and Lincoln Pines Lakefront Resort offer both swimming pools

and splash pads. And Sun Outdoors Lake Rudolph has a pool, splash pad, and onsite water park! For a hotel experience, stay at the Baymont Inn & Suites, Motel 6, Santa's Lodge, or Stones Motel.

### Ice is Nice.

You've braved the high temps, and now you deserve a treat. A frozen or iced treat! The famous frozen hot chocolate at Santa's Candy Castle offers an instant cool-down. Ice cream is on the menu at Fat Daddy's Grill & Chill, Fat Santa's Pizza & More, Scoops Ice Cream, and Sweet P's Frostbite. Get a caffeine kick with an iced coffee from Treemans Coffee. Or enjoy BOTH ice cream and iced coffee at Sycamore Street Coffee House and Annie's Ice Cream & Coffee

Escape to the Great Indoors. Sometimes there's only one way to beat the heat of the great outdoors: Head inside! Spend a hot day learning about the area's unique history at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial visitor center, Lincoln Pioneer Village & Museum, and Santa Claus Museum & Village. Soak up some A/C (instead of the sun) while shopping at the Santa Claus Christmas Store and other great stores throughout the area. Or savor both local wines and comfy indoor temps at Monkey Hollow Winery and Distillery and Pepper's Ridge Winery.

Summer in the Santa Claus area is always great fun. But



if you're craving cooler temperatures, you might choose a different season for your trip.

Plan a fall trip for colorful leaves, festivals and fairs, and not-so-spooky Halloween fun. Or experience the magic of the holiday season in America's Christmas Hometown and visit during the Santa Claus Christ-

mas Celebration.

Regardless of when you come to the Santa Claus, Indiana, area, our convenient trip planner can help you build a memorable visit the whole family will love... no matter the weather!

**More on Indiana >[HERE](#)**





# John Deere Is Honored Brand

Step back in time and experience the rich heritage of American agriculture at the 35th Annual Greensburg Power of the Past Reunion, hosted by the Greensburg Power of the Past Club. From August 14 to 18, 2024, the Decatur County Fairgrounds in Greensburg, Indiana, will come alive with the sights and sounds of yesteryear.

Founded in 1989, this non-profit organization is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of antique tractors and equipment. The event showcases machinery that is at least 40 years old, celebrating their historical, technical, and social impact.

Visitors can marvel at a wide array of antique machinery, including plows, disks, combines, planters, and cultivators, and watch them in action. The powerful steam engines will be on display, demonstrating saw milling and other impressive feats, with the noon whistles echoing throughout the fairgrounds.

Beyond the machinery, guests can explore the bustling flea market, featuring antiques, arts,



crafts, and collectibles.

The event also includes an antique tractor pull on Thursday and Friday nights at 6 p.m., where farm tractors made before 1959 test their pulling power and showcase their restoration. The weekend is filled with tractor games, a parade of antique power on Saturday, grocery bingo, quilt displays, an old-fashioned fiddle contest, horse and pony pulls, and kids' games on Saturday evening. Don't miss the toy show on Saturday and Sunday, and the annual consignment auction on

Sunday morning.

Join us in celebrating Greens

burg's heritage and enjoy the fun-filled activities at the Greensburg Power of the Past. This beloved event has become one of Greensburg's most recognized and well-attended attractions, drawing visitors from across the United States and Canada. While in town, be sure to visit the famous Courthouse Tower Tree and other local sights. Come and enjoy a nostalgic journey through history, community, and tradition at the Greensburg Power of the Past.



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# Explore The Toy Trucks



By *Kathy Barnett*  
Editor-In-Chief

Looking for a unique and exciting weekend getaway? Head to Indianapolis for the 34th Annual National Toy Truck & Construction Show, where enthusiasts and collectors gather for a three-day extravaganza celebrating toy trucks and construction models. The event runs from August 9-11, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West. With show hours noon - 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, there's plenty of time to explore everything this incredible event has to offer.

To fully immerse yourself in the experience, stay at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, the official hotel for the show. Conveniently situated, it provides easy access to all the activities and amenities. Secure your room by calling 877-361-4511 or 317-248-2481, or book online. Be sure to use the code 080624TOY when making your reservation.

There will be activities for attendees of all ages. The event features thrill-



ing remote-control model demonstrations, a variety of vendors on the 1st floor and in the Hall of Champions ballroom offering a wide range of collectible models and accessories, and a live auction Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Golden Ballroom where you can bid on rare and valuable models.

One of the highlights of the show is the 1/64th scale custom truck build-off, featuring categories such as Show Class, Working Class, and Antique Class. Awards will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of the participants.

This year, the official show model is the 1:64 Peterbilt 379 Single Axle Day Cab with Utility Dual 28.5' Flatbed Trailers, featuring a dual hay load, from Maggini & Son Trucking. It's a must-have for any serious collector and a highlight of the event.

Whether you're a collector, hobbyist, or just looking for a fun weekend activity, the National Toy Truck & Construction Show promises an unforgettable experience. Make your reservations today and get ready for a weekend of miniature marvels and big fun in Indianapolis! For more information, visit [toytrucker.com/2024](http://toytrucker.com/2024).

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# Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Show

Mark your calendars for a weekend brimming with nostalgia, tradition, and family fun at the 53rd Albert City Threshermen & Collectors Show from August 9th to 11th. This annual event is a cherished celebration of agricultural heritage, featuring a lineup of activities that promise to entertain and delight visitors of all ages.

On Aug. 9, kick off the weekend on Friday evening with the much-anticipated Sweet Corn Feed from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Indulge in all-you-can-eat sweet corn, perfectly paired with hamburgers and refreshing drinks available for purchase. Following this delicious start, the excitement ramps up at 7 p.m. with the Greased Pig Contest. Participants across four age groups—ages 5-8, ages 9-12, ages 13-17 (2-person team), and ages 18+ (2-person team)—will compete for prizes in a hilarious and slippery chase. Ensure you register ahead of time to join in on the fun and vie for the top spots.

Saturday morning invites all baking enthusiasts to the Cinnamon Roll Contest. Dust off your favorite recipe and bring at least three of your best cinnamon rolls to the Main Lunch Stand by 9 a.m. for judging. With generous prizes sponsored by United Bank of Iowa—\$500 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third—this contest is a delectable highlight of the show.

The weekend culminates on Sunday with the Bring Your Pie to Church Contest. Bakers, prepare your finest double-crust pies and submit them to the Main Lunch Stand by 9 a.m. Judging takes place during the Threshermen Church service, with winners announced at its conclusion.



This year's prizes, sponsored by Fareway, include \$500, \$50, and \$25 in grocery cards.

## **A Tribute to John Deere**

This year, the feature area will proudly showcase John Deere tractors, organized by the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors. Expect a vibrant display of New Generation tractors, along with rare unstyled and styled models. This club, with its rich history dating

back to 1991, brings together enthusiasts who celebrate all makes of tractors and machinery.

## **Collectible Toys and Raffle Tractors**

This year's collectible toy is a John Deere 4010 Narrow Front with loader, commemorating the 10th year of this fundraiser. Toys are priced at \$165, including shipping, with a \$20 reimbursement if picked up at the show. Additionally, the 2024 raffle tractor, a John Deere MT, offers an exciting chance to win. Tickets are available at \$5 each or five for \$20, purchasable at the show or via the show office for those unable to attend.

## **Future Show Highlights**

Looking ahead, the 2025 Show will spotlight Case tractors, hosting the J.I. Case Collectors Club's international summer show and the International Case Heritage Foundation's annual show. In 2027, the National Rumely Collectors Show will feature the entire Rumely product line. Join us for a weekend filled with agricultural marvels, delicious treats, and community camaraderie. For more information and to register, visit [albertcitythreshermen.com](http://albertcitythreshermen.com). Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a beloved tradition in Albert City!

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OTTAWA - Join us at Forest Park on Sept. 13-15 for the 29th Annual Power of the Past Antique Engine & Tractor Show. This popular event celebrates more than gas engines and tractors. It is a journey through history, preserving the rich agricultural heritage of Ottawa, home to Warner Manufacturing and Union Foundry.

The Power of the Past Antique Engine and Tractor Association aims to bring the past to life, offering a unique learning experience for younger generations. Visitors will enjoy demonstrations of vintage farm equipment, showcasing the evolution of agriculture from horse-powered implements to early gas engines.

In addition to the captivating demonstrations, the event features an impressive lineup of activities for all ages. Attendees can explore an array of antique engines and tractors, marvel at the craftsmanship of yesteryear, and engage with knowledgeable enthusiasts who are passionate about preserving these mechanical marvels. The show also includes a flea market, offering a treasure trove of

vintage items and unique finds, as well as a variety of food vendors to satisfy your cravings.

What began in 1995 as a small gathering of enthusiasts at the Franklin County Fairgrounds has grown into a significant annual event, now drawing nearly 400 members. The show moved to Forest Park after its initial years and continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication of its founding members: Bob and Donna Saile, Richard and Mary Mullins, Ray and Doris Reed, Cecil and Jewell Spratt, and Lewis Reed, the first president.

This year, attendees can also look forward to the daily parades of power, where meticulously restored tractors and engines are proudly displayed in motion, creating a vibrant spectacle that highlights the ingenuity and hard work of past generations.

Additionally, the event will host educational seminars and workshops led by experts in the field, providing insights into the history and mechanics of these antique machines, making it an enriching experience for both novices and seasoned

collectors.

For the younger visitors, the show offers a dedicated children's area with interactive activities and hands-on experiences, such as pedal tractor races, ensuring that the event is enjoyable for the entire family. Whether you're a history buff, a farming enthusiast, or simply looking for a fun family outing, this show has something for everyone. Don't miss the chance to witness the fun and enthusiasm that fuels this community.

For more details and to preview past events, visit the Show and Events page. If you like what you see, consider joining the Power of the Past Antique Engine and Tractor Association for a host of member benefits and a trip down memory lane.

Admission: \$5 for the weekend (children under 12 free). Come and experience a piece of agricultural history and be part of preserving the past for future generations!

For more information, visit <https://powerofthepast.net>

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# Go Back In Time

**S**tep back in time and immerse yourself in the enchantment of the Michigan Renaissance Festival, a beloved annual event held in Holly, Michigan. From August 17 to September 29, 2024, the festival grounds will come alive with the sights, sounds, and flavors of a 16th-century village. This year's festival promises an array of exciting themed weekends, attractions, and activities for visitors of all ages.

Each weekend at the Michigan Renaissance Festival features a unique theme, adding an extra layer of excitement to your visit. Here's a glimpse of the themed weekends for 2024:

- Opening Weekend (August 17-18): Celebrate the festival's grand opening with special events and discounted tickets.
- Highland Fling (August 24-25): Enjoy Scottish music, dance, and athletic competitions.
- Viking Invasion (August 31 - September 2): Embrace your inner Norse with Viking battles, crafts, and games.
- Wonders of the World (September 7-8): Explore cultures from around the globe with international performances and cuisine.
- Shamrocks & Shenanigans (September 14-15): Get into the Irish spirit with traditional music, dance, and merriment.
- Harvest Huzzah (September 21-22): Celebrate the autumn harvest with food, drink, and festive activities.
- Sweet Endings (September 28-29): End the festival on a sweet note with desserts, chocolate tastings, and more.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival offers a variety of attractions and activities to entertain and delight visitors. Enjoy continuous live performances on multiple stages, including jousting



tournaments, comedy shows, and musical acts. Artisan Marketplace: Browse the wares of over 300 artisans, featuring handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, and more.

Test your skills with archery, ax-throwing, and other medieval games, or enjoy a ride on a human-powered carousel.

Feasting and Drinking: Savor the flavors of the Renaissance with turkey legs, meat pies, and a variety of beverages, including mead and ale. Kid's Kingdom is a special area just for children, featuring interactive activities, games, and performances.

Tickets for the Michigan Renaissance Festival are available for purchase online or at the gate. Adult (ages 13+): \$25.95 in advance, \$29.95 at the gate. Ages 5-12): \$15.95 in advance, \$17.95 at the gate. Children under 5 are free

For a truly memorable experience, consider purchasing special event tickets for activities like the Royal Feast or Pub Crawl. For more information, visit [www.michrenfest.com](http://www.michrenfest.com).

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# 61st ANNUAL STEAM ENGINE SHOW Back to the Farm Reunion

## September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Gate opens at 8am each day of the show

### ADMISSION

Daily Entry - \$10      Sunday Only - \$5

Wristband - Good all 4 days - \$15

Kids 12 & Under - FREE

### DAILY ACTIVITIES

- Train Riders for Kids
- Parade of Power
- Flea Market
- General Store
- Hit & Miss Engines:
- Petting Zoo
- Brady Farmhouse Tours
- Food Concessions
- Live Music Daily

2024 Feature – Side Shafts and Hercules

- Blacksmith Demonstrations
- Threshing and Rock Crushing with Steam Engines
- Field Demonstrations – Horses and Tractors
- Straw Baling with a Stationary Baler
- Lumber Sawing with Steam Engine
- Horse Powered Sweep and Threshing
- Historic Life Skill Demonstrations
- Military and Early American Displays



### SHOW FEATURE

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2024 HPOCA National Show



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# Step Into History



Mark your calendars and join us for this beloved tradition that brings history to life in the most engaging and entertaining way. This year, we are honored to host the National Show for the Hart-Parr/Oliver Collectors Association, making it an event you won't want to miss!

Event highlights include threshing and rock crushing with steam. Experience the power and ingenuity of steam engines as they operate threshing machines and crush rocks. Witness the raw power that fueled the agricultural revolution and transformed farming.



Step back in time and watch skilled blacksmiths at work, forging tools and demonstrating techniques used for centuries. Field demonstrations will showcase traditional farming methods and equipment, giving you a glimpse into the hard work and innovation of past generations.

See how straw baling was done before modern machinery, with demonstrations using a stationary baler. This fascinating process highlights the evolution of farming technology.

Watch as logs are transformed into lumber using vintage saws, a testament to the craftsmanship and skill of early woodworkers. Explore a diverse array of stalls offering antiques, collectibles, and unique finds. The flea market is a treasure trove for those who love to hunt for hidden gems.

Kids will delight in train rides and getting up close with friendly farm animals at the petting zoo. There will also be Tractor Games and Classic Cars and Trucks Don't miss the impressive Parade of Power, featuring a stunning lineup of steam engines, tractors, and vintage vehicles. Enjoy a variety of delicious food from local

vendors. From classic fair food to regional specialties, there's something to satisfy every palate.

## Brady Farm House Tour

Take a guided tour of the historic Brady Farm House and learn about life on the farm in the early 20th century. The house is filled with period furnishings and artifacts, offering a rich educational experience.

For the ladies, marvel at the artistry of quilters and learn about essential life skills that were crucial to daily living in the past. These demonstrations preserve and celebrate traditional crafts and knowledge. Visit the recreated general store, stocked with goods reminiscent of a bygone era. The miniature tractor display is sure to impress with detailed models representing various makes and models.

Cheer on competitors in the feature fun pull, a test of strength and power. Antique hit and miss engines will be on display, showcasing the technology that powered early machinery. And so much more! This event promises fun for all who attend.

**More on Missouri >HERE**

# Full Steam Ahead. . .

PLATTE CITY - Experience the captivating allure of yesteryear at the Missouri Platte County Steam Engine Show, taking place August 9-11. This annual event promises a delightful weekend filled with historic marvels, hands-on activities, and family-friendly fun. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a vintage machinery aficionado, or simply seeking a unique outing, this show offers something for everyone.

## **A Trip Down Memory Lane**

The Platte County Steam Engine Show is a tribute to the golden age of steam power and early agricultural machinery. Visitors will be greeted by an impressive array of steam engines, tractors, and antique farm equipment, meticulously restored and in full working order. The showgrounds will come alive with the rhythmic chug of steam engines, the hum of old tractors, and the sight of vintage vehicles parading through the grounds.

## **Featured Attractions and Demonstrations**

This year's show boasts an exciting lineup of demonstrations that highlight the ingenuity and craftsmanship of the past. Watch in awe as



skilled operators showcase steam plowing, threshing, and sawmilling, bringing to life the labor-intensive processes that were once the backbone of rural America. The blacksmith shop will also be in full swing, offering a glimpse into the art of metalworking with live demonstrations.

One of the standout attractions is the daily parade of power, where attendees can witness an impressive procession of steam engines, tractors, and vintage automobiles. This parade is a visual feast, capturing the essence of a bygone era with each puff of steam and roar of an engine.

The Platte County Steam Engine Show is a family-friendly event with activities for all ages. Children will be thrilled with the dedicated kids' area, featuring interactive exhibits, games, and even a chance to

ride on a mini steam train. For those with a competitive spirit, the tractor pull competitions are a must-see, showcasing both skill and power as participants vie for the top spot.

Food lovers will not be disappointed either. The event will host a variety of food vendors offering classic fairground fare, from

hot dogs and burgers to funnel cakes and ice cream. Enjoy a delicious meal while taking in the sights and sounds of the show.

## **A Rich Historical Experience**

The Missouri Platte County Steam Engine Show is not just an event; it's a journey through history. Each exhibit tells a story of innovation and progress, providing a rich educational experience for visitors of all ages. The knowledgeable volunteers and exhibitors are always eager to share their expertise and passion, making the show both informative and entertaining.

The show will be held at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 a.m. each day, and admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6-12, and free for kids under 6. Parking is ample and free.

# Platte County

## Steam Engine Show

### PLATTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Located 1st Street & Trebble Street Tracy, MO 64079



**Friday, Saturday & Sunday • August 9, 10, 11, 2024**

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- Working 1914 Hay Press
- Farm Bureau's "Touch a Tractor"
- Antique Tractors
- Corn Shelling
- Steam Engines
- 3 Scale-Model Steam Engines Powering a Full Scale Sawmill



#### Thursday, Aug 8

##### Tractor Cruise

Approx. 37 miles

8:30 am

Contact: Alan Lintner 816-808-2329

Jerry Hagg 816-806-1957

##### Flea Market All Weekend

Contact: Jason Turnbull

816-830-1894

JasonTurnbull62@gmail.com

#### Friday, Aug 9

Demonstrations ..... 2:00 pm

Parade of Equipment ..... 3:00 pm

Car Cruise In / Show 5:00 - 9:00 pm

50/50 Raffle (must be present to win)

Jim Turnbull 816-830-1891

Live Music

Curtis Baker ..... 6:00 - 8:00 pm

#### Saturday, Aug 10\*

##### Farm Bureau's "Touch a Tractor"

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Train Rides, Barrel Ride ... 10:00 am

Kids Tractor Drive ..... 12:00 pm

Kids Pedal Pull ..... 1:00 pm

Demonstrations ..... 2:00 pm

Parade of Equipment ..... 3:00 pm

##### NWMO Garden Tractor Pullers Association

Featuring Stubborn Mule Sled ... 6:30 pm

Live Music

Grandview Station ..... 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Free Admission**  
**Donations Accepted**  
**Food on Grounds**

#### Sunday, Aug 11

Train Rides ..... 10:00 am

Barrel Rides ..... 10:00 am

Demonstrations ..... 10:00 am

Parade of Power ..... 1:00 pm

**Children under 16 years  
of age are NOT allowed to  
drive equipment without  
adult supervision**

**\*Full Schedule of Events  
Available at Gate**

#### INFORMATION

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# Trust Us! Don't Miss It



**S**tep into a world where history comes alive at the Old Trusty Antique and Collectors Show. This annual event, held in Clay Center, invites visitors to immerse themselves in a rich tapestry of the past. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Hopeville's historic fairgrounds, the show promises a delightful journey through time, filled with unique finds and fascinating stories.

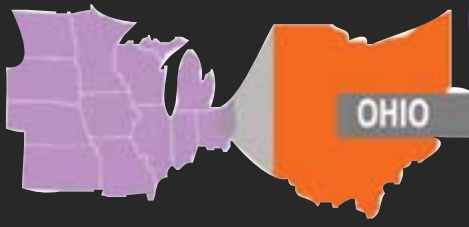
As you stroll through the bustling aisles, you'll encounter an impressive array of antiques and collectibles. From intricately designed Victorian furniture to vintage jewelry that whispers of bygone eras, every piece tells a story. Enthusiasts and casual visitors alike will find themselves captivated by the vast selection, which includes rare coins, classic toys, and memorabilia from various decades.

One of the highlights of the Old Trusty Antique and Collectors Show is the chance to meet knowledgeable vendors and collectors. These passionate individuals are eager to share their expertise and the histories behind their cherished items. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a curious newcomer, you'll gain insights and appreciation for the craftsmanship and significance of these timeless treasures.

Beyond the allure of the antiques themselves, the show offers a range of activities and attractions. Workshops and demonstrations provide a deeper understanding of antique restoration and preservation techniques. Attendees can also participate in appraisals, discovering the hidden value of their own heirlooms and collectibles. The event is family-friendly, with engaging activities for children, ensuring that visitors of all ages can enjoy the experience.

To complement your visit, indulge in the delicious offerings from local food vendors. From homemade pies to hearty sandwiches, the culinary delights of Hopeville add a savory touch to your day. Additionally, the fairgrounds' scenic beauty, with its lush greenery and charming architecture, provides the perfect setting for a leisurely afternoon.

The Old Trusty Antique and Collectors Show is more than just an event; it's a celebration of history, craftsmanship, and community. Mark your calendar and join fellow enthusiasts in Hopeville for a weekend of discovery and nostalgia. Whether you're searching for a specific piece to complete your collection or simply looking to spend a day immersed in the past, the Old Trusty Antique and Collectors Show promises an unforgettable experience.



# Cruise In To The Machinery Show

Looking for a weekend filled with nostalgia, history, and excitement? Look no further! The Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show is calling all antique enthusiasts and curious travelers for an unforgettable journey through time August 8-11, in Georgetown, Ohio. Don't miss this hub of vintage machinery and classic memories, celebrating its 54th Reunion in style, as they will be featuring Steam Engines, Steel-Wheeled Tractors, Walk Behind Garden Tractors, and Maytag Gas Engines.

The Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show is an annual extravaganza that pays homage to the region's rich agricultural and industrial heritage. Showcasing a remarkable collection of antique tractors, steam engines, vintage vehicles, and other machinery from a bygone era, the event has become a must-visit for history buffs and machinery aficionados alike. This year organizers are leaving no stone unturned to make it a truly memorable affair. See all the antique tractors and equipment, engaging demonstrations, and interactive displays. Appreciate craftsmanship of the past. Marvel at the impressive lineup of beautifully restored tractors, and admire the hissing and clanking of the lovingly maintained steam engines that once powered the industrial revolution.

Visitors can witness the operating the on-site sawmill, shingle mill, rock crusher, threshing machines, and other vintage machinery, watching crafting demonstrations, blacksmithing, woodworking, and other time-honored trades. The friendly exhibitors are always eager to share

their knowledge and passion for these historical marvels, making it a truly enriching experience for everyone.

As usual, there is a wide variety of live entertainment scheduled to take the stage each day. Don't miss the daily tractor parades, The Great Lakes Timber Show, the expansive flea market and Saturday's Antique Tractor Pull. The festival style food is always a crowd favorite, especially our signature corn on the cob that is cooked with a live steam engine. Stick around Saturday night,

and enjoy the Old Fashioned Steam Engine Spark Show, and on Sunday, the Antique and Classic Car Cruise In.

While the Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show steals the spotlight, don't forget to explore the charm of Georgetown itself. This idyllic town boasts a welcoming atmosphere, friendly

locals, and delicious home-cooked meals in local diners. Take a leisurely stroll down Main Street, explore quaint shops, and soak in the small-town vibes.

For nature lovers, nearby parks and hiking trails offer a chance to unwind amidst the beauty of Ohio's rolling hills and lush greenery. And if you're a history buff, you'll find more to explore in the area, with historical sites and landmarks waiting to be discovered.

Admission is \$6 each day and children 12 and under are free with a paying adult. For more information, visit their website [www.ovams.com](http://www.ovams.com) or find their Facebook page "Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show"



54<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

# OHIO VALLEY ANTIQUE MACHINERY SHOW

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 Old Fashioned Spark Show  
 Garden Tractor Pull - Friday  
 Antique Tractor Pull - Saturday

Daily Parades  
 Good Food  
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 Crafts & Demonstrations  
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 Rock Crusher  
 Veneer Mill  
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Church Services  
Sunday - 8:30 AM



Thursday - 7:00 PM



Friday - 7:00 PM



Saturday - 7:00 PM

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# Clyde



## *America's Famous Small Town!*

Clyde, Ohio, a charming small town nestled in the heart of the Buckeye State, is a place where history meets modernity. With its rich heritage, picturesque landscapes, and welcoming community, Clyde offers a unique blend of small-town charm and contemporary living.

One of Clyde's standout features is its deep-rooted history. Established in 1836, the town has witnessed the passage of time while preserving its historical treasures. Clyde, Ohio fits the bill as America's Famous Small Town. In fact, the city served as the backdrop for author Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio: A Group of Tales of Ohio Small-Town Life*, a series of short stories based loosely on Anderson's memories of Clyde.

Despite its small size, Clyde boasts a thriving local business scene. Strolling down Main Street, you'll discover a diverse array of shops, that cater to a wide range of tastes. Whether you're in the mood for a coffee from Wild Brew, a delectable meal from Blue Collar Bistro or a glass of locally made wine from Copper Whale Winery, Clyde has something for everyone.

Each winter, the residents of Clyde celebrate an idyllic hometown Christmas with Winesburg Weekend. This city-wide celebration on Main Street features holiday lights, decorated storefronts, Christmas Tree Lane, a horse and trolley, the holiday parade, visits with Santa and much more.

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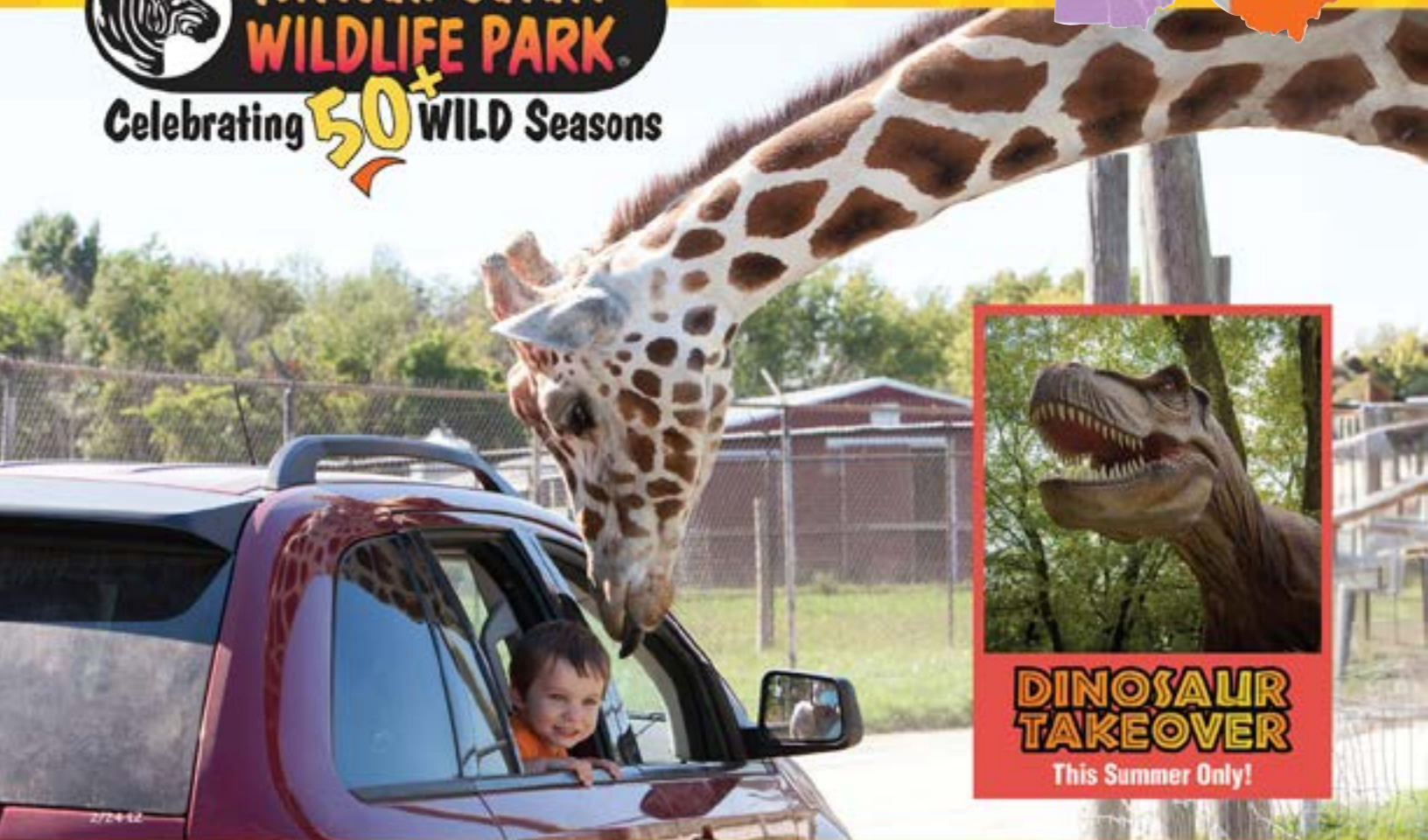


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# Dive in and Cool off!

When the temperatures go up, it's time to get down to the Clyde Aquatic Center for a fun day at the Community Pool. The pool features a huge play structure for kids, 2 waterslides and a concession area. The pool is located at 330 Fair St, Clyde.





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