

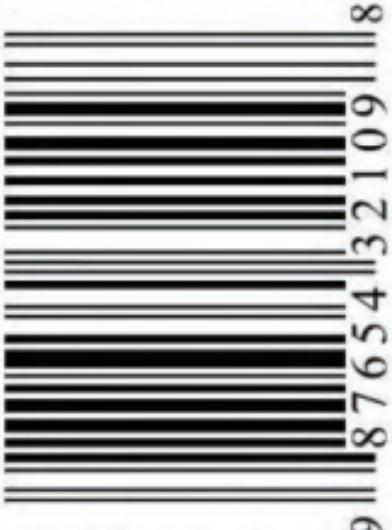
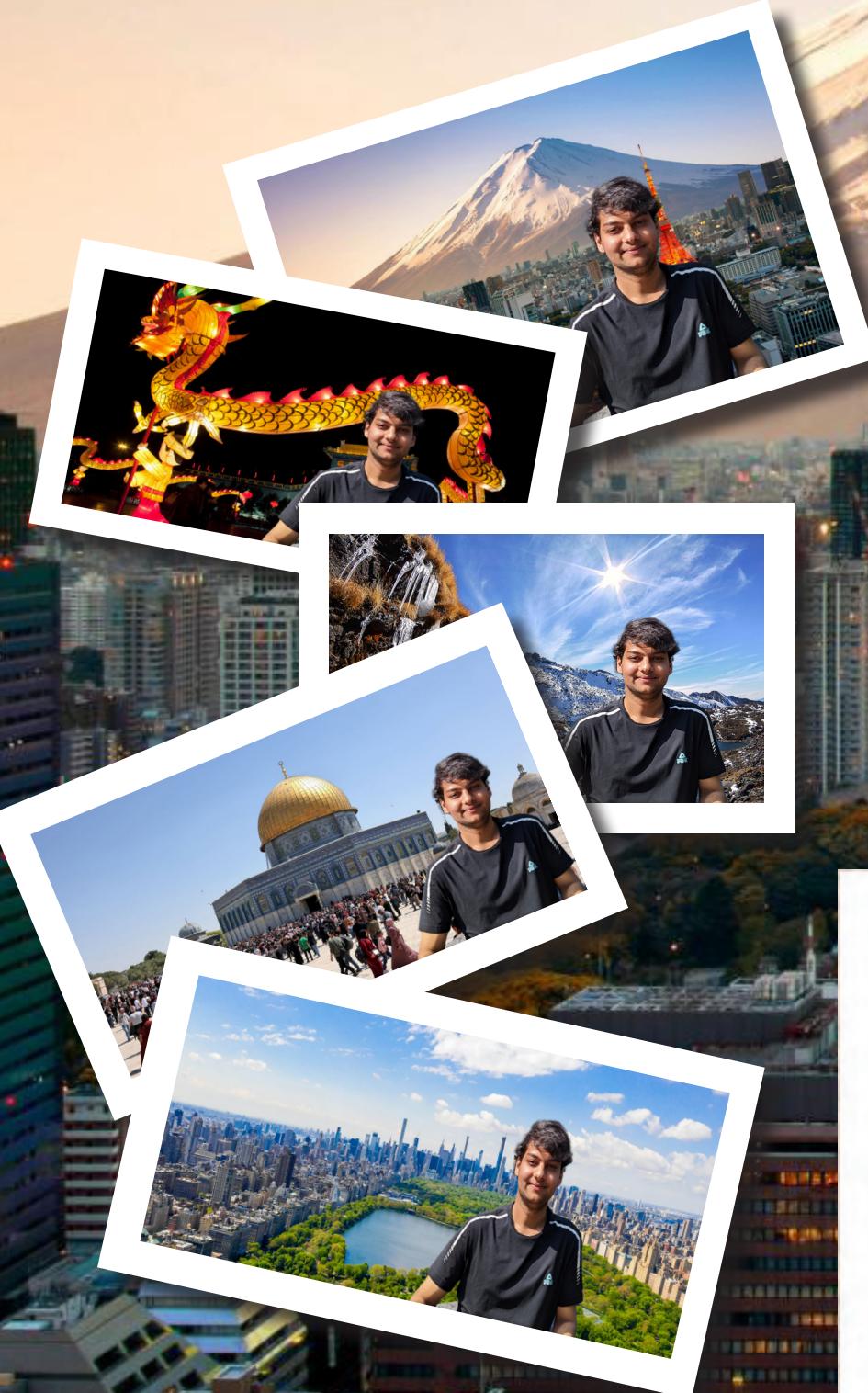
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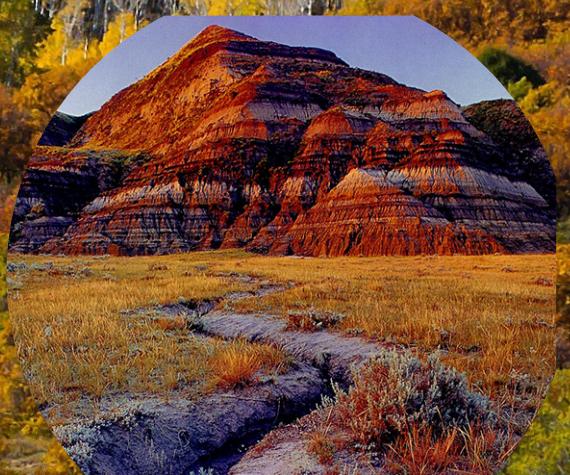


Colorado Dreams

Life's Great (Continental) Divide

The Continental Divide in Rocky Mountain National Park is a place of reckoning and a place of choices. To a young man who came of age here, it offers perspective on paths not tak-

To the clap of late-afternoon thunder and the splatter of rain, I make up my mind. Fear of stray lightning overwhelms my fear of pushing through a herd of elk—even three bulls brandishing massive racks. I shoulder my pack and march purposefully down from the exposed tundra of Rocky Mountain National Park through scattering wapiti and into the safety of the trees. Great ionic exchanges between sky and ground are core to my memories of the park. Just above timberline on Longs Peak my ice axe once hissed with electrical charge as I ran headlong for the forest. Another time I watched a bolt sear the ground just across a valley, burning into it like a yellow tornado. This afternoon's weather isn't violent yet, but I'm taking no chances. It's my first day deep in Rocky Mountain in



over a decade, and sometimes I'm not sure where the memories leave off and the present picks up.

These peaks along the continental spine are where destinies divide, mine included. A drop of rain, sweat, or a tear strikes the ground and begins its journey. A small ravine, a rock bulge, and the moisture flows eastward, over ragged cliffs, and toward the Mississippi. Or maybe the landscape twists a nip here, turns a tuck there, and the droplet slides westward into the Colorado River and off toward the Pacific. Rocky Mountain is a place of life-altering consequences.

Or at least it was for me.

I first came to the park when I was 23, half-way through a two-year effort to purge climbing from my system so that I could concentrate on a life in science. Five years later I waved good-bye, by then a professional mountain guide writing a series of climbing guides. In hindsight I should have known that you can't expunge mountains from your psyche, especially in a place as enchanting as Rocky Mountain National Park.

In the morning I wake to the eerie whistles of bugling elk, to a cow and calf grazing a stone's throw distant, to glorious solitude. This park greets 3 million visitors each year, but I wouldn't know it from my chosen hiking route. I saw half a dozen people yesterday during the first couple miles of hiking, I'll see just four more later today, then none until I drop out of the high country at the end of my journey.

Once again I've found that with creativity and a bit of extra effort I can be as lonely as the black bear I watched crossing the divide earlier.



USA



Apart from my bias of being an American, I truly believe that everyone needs to explore the USA – yes, even those that already live here! The more I travel around the states, the more I realize that we have SO much to offer!

If you're the goal-oriented, list-making type, visiting Utah ain't easy. You want to see everything, you really do, but you just can't.

A tidy little three-day weekend in Zion might inspire a trip to Coral Pink Sand Dunes, which leads to Rocking V Cafe in Kanab, then Highway 12 Scenic Byway, then the Burr Trail, and the next thing you know you're

becoming a True Aggie under a full moon. In a rock climbing harness for some reason.

Well, Utah is here to pile on. We've made it our mission to aggregate all the always-awesome, often-obscure adventures that could only occur in our lovely Deseret. It's a local view of weird and awesome stuff you didn't know you couldn't live without. We've done our best to help you see them efficiently with essential Utah information and help-

ful trip itineraries, but touring Utah is like falling into quicksand: Every move you make sucks you deeper into its thrall.



It's a **big** country and you can spend a whole year exploring just one city (seriously, we move to a new city every year). Don't try to see everything at once, but get to know the charm of each area you explore, then come back and explore a new spot!

O' Canada!

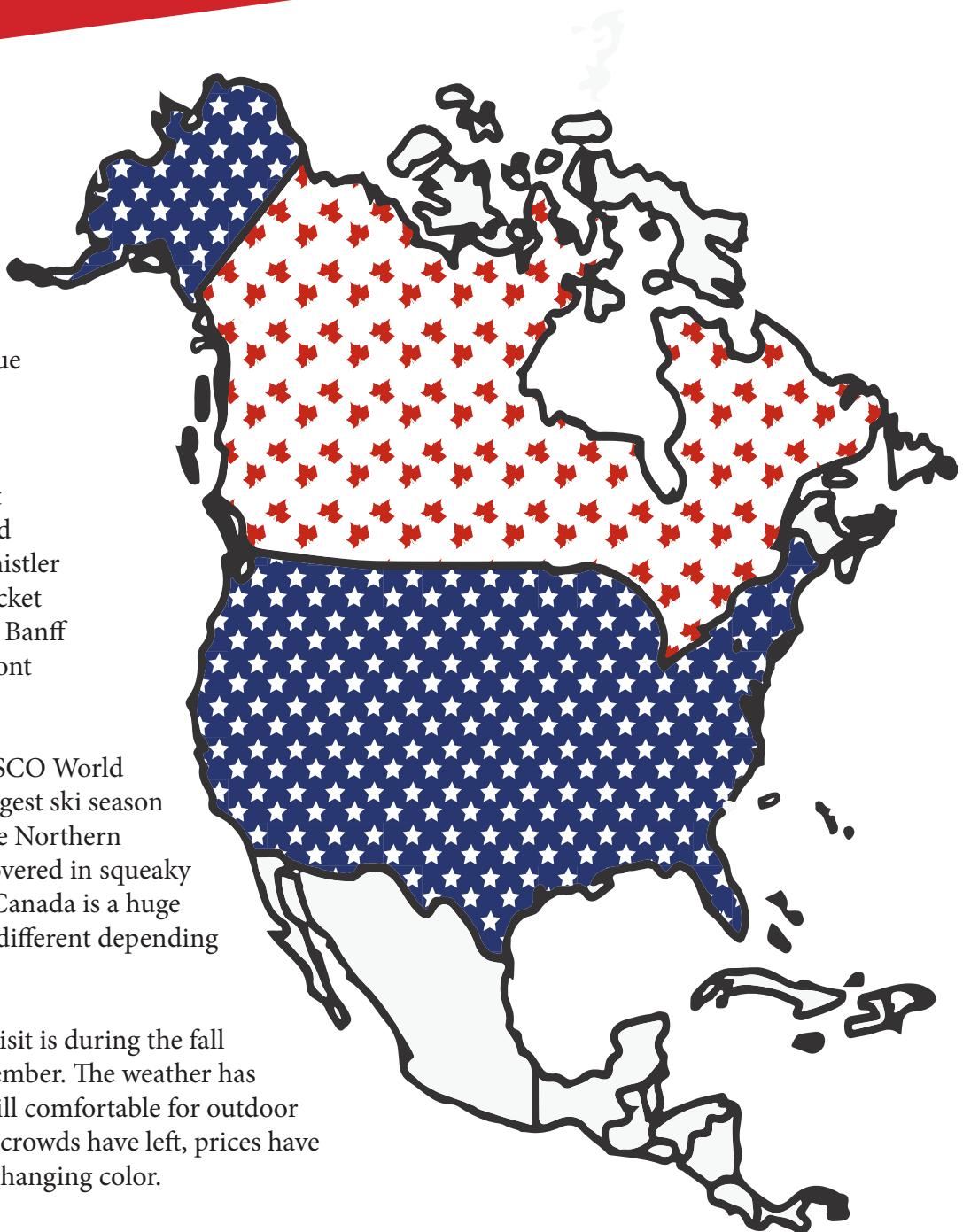
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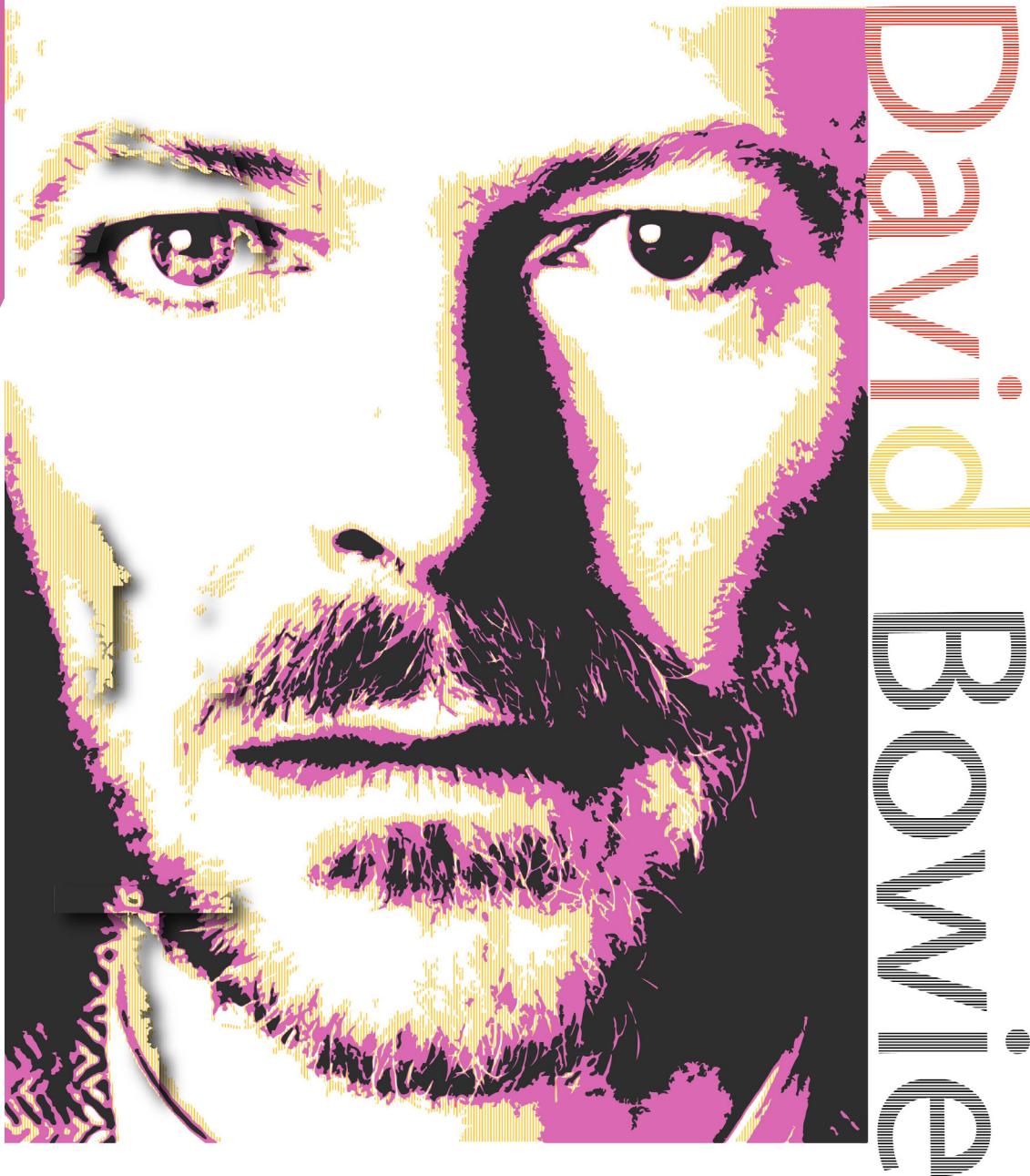
is one of those countries that continuously finds itself on “top 10” destination lists. Whether it’s for the country’s incredible natural beauty, delicious food, unique culture, or unbeatable road trips—Canada has it all!

On my first trip to the Great White North, I snowboarded the snowy mountains of Whistler and have since ticked off bucket list-worthy destinations like Banff National Park, Montreal, Mont Tremblant, and Vancouver.

Canada is home to 16 UNESCO World Heritage Sites! It has the longest ski season in the world, polar bears, the Northern Lights, and poutine (fries covered in squeaky cheese and gravy! *drool*). Canada is a huge country, and the weather is different depending on the region you’re visiting.

Generally, the best time to visit is during the fall months of August and September. The weather has cooled down a bit, but it’s still comfortable for outdoor activities. Plus, the summer crowds have left, prices have dropped, and the foliage is changing color.





British icons don't come much more symbolic than David Bowie—except for maybe The Rolling Stones. Both represent the very best that this country has to offer musically and, with the Starman arriving on the scene a little after The Stones, he had a chance to witness the group as an audience member.

When Bowie appeared on Michael Parkinson's much-loved talk show in the 2000s, he sat beside Tom Hanks and revealed that his wife Iman had recently bought him one of Little Richard's stage jackets for their anniversary—it was a discussion that moved him on to the topic of speaking about his musical heroes.

“I saw him first in 1963, I think it was and I think it might have been at the Brixton Odeon. Somebody will remember the tour, everybody remembers everything these days.”

DANCE!

A vibrant, close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair and a red headband, smiling broadly and looking towards the camera. She appears to be in motion, possibly dancing, with other people and festival elements visible in the blurred background.

Hinterland Music Festival St. Charles, Iowa

All the deets for Summit's 30th anniversary bash

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Summit Brewing Company is celebrating 30 years with a backyard bash on September 10 // Image via Summit Brewing Company

Summit Brewing Company is celebrating 30 years with a backyard bash on September 10. Years past have seen artists like Haley Bonar . Bob Mould will headline this year's bash. Summit Brewing Company will celebrate its 30th birthday on Saturday, September 10, with a big old backyard bash, it announced today via press release.

The party will go from 12pm to 8pm and feature Bob Mould as the headliner. Other artists include: Bully, deM atlaS, Bad Bad Hats, Apollo Cobra, and Nooky Jones. Hot-pants DJs will spin vinyl between sets.

Admission to the 21-and-older event is \$30 in advance and \$40 the day of the show. Children ages 12 and younger will be allowed in free of charge with parental supervision. Tickets are on sale as of today.

Just like past Backyard Bashes, a portion of the party's proceeds will go to the Minnesota Music Coalition (MMC), a local nonprofit supporting independent artists.

The day will also feature a wide variety of Summit brews, cask tastings, water stations, and a variety of food, including Pizza Lucé, Anchor Fish and Chips, Bennett's, World Street Kitchen, Signature on Wheels, and Black Forest.



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