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FALLING FOR BREVARD

Tucked into the western corner of North Carolina is a place that almost defies description: lofty mountains, deep gorges, and an almost endless supply of moving water. The result is a collection of waterfalls unrivaled in any other part of North America. In all, the Brevard area is home to over 250 cascades of every imaginable size, shape, and degree of jaw-dropping beauty.

Better yet, these waterfalls populate over 100,000 acres of public lands that are not just prime for waterfall hunting, but for every other conceivable outdoor adventure as well – hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding, paddling, fly fishing, and canyoneering – just to name a few.

At the center of it all is the town of Brevard, named one of the "coolest small towns in America" by Budget Travel. How else would you explain a craft beer culture that supports five independent breweries, a live music scene embracing everything from bluegrass jams to Beethoven symphonies under the stars, and a colony of craftspeople and artists whose work is celebrated in galleries around the world?

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AN UNRIVALED ADVENTURE DESTINATION

Between Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Recreational Forest, Gorges State Park, and Headwaters State Forest, more than 50% of Transylvania County's landmass is public land. For our visitors, that means unrivaled access to world-class, single-track mountain bike trails, hundreds of miles of hiking and equestrian trails, prime trout fishing waters on one of America's top 100 trout fishing rivers (the Davidson), and paddling opportunities on the 3rd oldest river in the world, the French Broad.

Even if you are not a hard-core outdoor adventurist, the opportunities for deep woods recreation are abundant. Sliding Rock, located in Pisgah National Forest, has delighted families for decades with its 80-foot, smooth granite slide into a natural, cold plunge pool. Nearby, the 6,500-acre Cradle of Forestry offers interpretive nature trails, a fascinating forestry museum, historic cabins, and a 1914 Climax logging train. And practically everywhere you turn, you'll find waterfalls. In Gorges State Park, discover beautiful Rainbow Falls – and be sure to take in the park's informative and engaging Visitor Center. Or venture into DuPont State Recreational Forest and experience the enduring wonder of Triple and High Falls.

Photo by Cliford Mervil

THE PERFECT RECIPE: ART, CULTURE, AND GREAT FOOD

You can work up an appetite and a thirst exploring the great outdoors. Thankfully, Brevard and Transylvania County offer lots of flavorful options. Brevard boasts five stellar craft brewers along with a wide assortment of tap rooms, cafés, pubs, and restaurants where you can sample an array of one-of-a-kind drafts along with genuine North Carolina bar-b-que, piled-high burgers, and super-stuffed burritos. On the fancy side, there's destination dining at our legendary inns and restaurants. Enjoy Carolina Mountain trout at a window table overlooking a lake. Or try a braised pork bourguignon in an al fresco setting in downtown Brevard. You'll also find a wonderful constellation of dining choices in our charming smaller communities like Lake Toxaway and Cedar Mountain.

The soundtrack to your Brevard adventure is provided by a live music scene that is as dynamic and varied as you'll find in any big city. The difference is an intimacy that puts you right in the middle of the music – whether it's being performed on the street, around a fire pit at a local cantina, on a mini-stage in a local brewery, or lakeside in the open-air Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium at Brevard Music Center. •

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Burnsville, NC

Main Street Shopping
Photo by Sean Busher

Blue Ridge Parkway
Photo by Sean Busher

Welcome to **Burnsville, NC**, where the air is fresh, the temperature is ideal, and the people are friendly. Established in 1834, Burnsville is the perfect small-town mountain getaway, just 40 minutes northeast of Asheville. Burnsville is home to expansive mountain views, a walkable Main Street, colorful street murals, and quaint art galleries. Our friendly, locally-owned brewery, eateries, and restaurants bring quality, one-of-a-kind dining experiences to locals and visitors. Wander historic downtown for the perfect gift, antique, or the latest in home décor, jewelry, and more. No matter where you go in Yancey County, you'll feel our warm hospitality.

Cast Iron Kitchen *Photo by Sean Busher*

Mount Mitchell State Park
Photo by Sean Busher

Burnsville is home to Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi River at 6,684 feet. Mount Mitchell State Park, one of the country's first state parks, has an easily-accessible observation deck, concessions, a museum, camping facilities, and hiking trails that allow visitors to explore short hikes near the summit and challenging treks to adjacent wilderness areas. Access Mount Mitchell State Park's unmatched views via the Blue Ridge Parkway, "America's Favorite Drive" at milepost 355.4 in Yancey County.

With more than 100 miles of hiking trails, there's no better place to explore than in Yancey County. Chart your own course or partner with a local outfitter to explore the great outdoors. Find pristine forests, clean rivers, dramatic views, and cool waterfalls including Crabtree Falls, Roaring Fork Falls, and Setrock Creek Falls. Discover endless opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, kayaking, tubing, bouldering, and cycling.

Homeplace Beer Company

After an awe-inspiring day in the outdoors, come back into town to stay at one of our cozy cabins or local inns. Unwind at Mount Mitchell Eco Retreat, a former dude ranch turned mountain escape, or find yourself immersed in history at the newly restored Nu Wray Hotel, reopening in 2024. With high-speed internet in the Blue Ridge Mountains, catching up on work or disconnecting entirely while on your stay are both easily accessible.

Start your morning with an Appalachian-inspired breakfast at Pig n Grits, a local favorite, or grab a coffee at Appalachian Java. Be sure to save your appetite in the evening for a beer at Homeplace Beer Co, followed by dinner at Snap Dragon, a local spot named after the vessel of Otway Burns, an American privateer. The Town of Burnsville was named in his honor.

Mount Mitchell State Park
Photo by Sean Busher

Spend the day exploring town at local shops and galleries. Burnsville is home to hundreds of artists and crafters making unique, original objects in clay, glass, wood, metal, and fiber, as well as furniture and musical instruments. The annual Toe River Arts Studio Tour, is a free, self-guided tour of artists' studios and an opportunity to view their work, processes, and studio spaces. Be sure to check out the variety of other stores on Main Street, including Monkey Business, a local toy store that will make you feel like a kid again, no matter what your age.

Arthur Planetarium
Photo by Sean Busher

Peer into the night sky at Bare Dark Sky Observatory through the Southeast's largest telescope dedicated to public use. View wonders of our galaxy and beyond at this certified International Dark Sky Park. Each 2-hour stargazing session offers visitors a chance to soak up 360-degree views of the moon, planets, and stars. Take your stargazing adventure indoors at the newly opened Arthur Planetarium, connected to the observatory. View the world's skies, experience places around the globe, and enjoy laser light shows in the 60 seat planetarium with a 36' projection dome.

While honoring its deep roots in Appalachia, Burnsville's pioneering spirit lives on through its diverse experiences for visitors to enjoy. •

EXPERIENCE THE *Magic* OF BURNSVILLE, NC

Burnsville, NC is nothing short of magical. From a variety of family-friendly winter activities, to staying in a local cozy cabin, your perfect holiday getaway awaits.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Franklin & Nantahala are the perfect blend of secluded vacation and small-town life. Centrally located to the Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway, offering visitors the perfect base camp to venture out and explore nature's paradise. That's why we call our area...

Your Gateway to Adventure

Sunrise faceing SSW towards Franklin & Otto

Cullasaja Falls
Photo by Eric Haggart

Dry Falls

Tucked away in the mountains of western North Carolina, Franklin & Nantahala are two communities that work together to offer visitors a myriad of ways to get outside and explore the many bounties of the Nantahala National Forest.

The Mountain Waters Scenic Byway will take you through the Cullasaja River and the Nantahala River Gorges. Along the way, you'll pass beautiful waterfalls as the rivers twist and turn through the Nantahala National Forest. Parking areas along the Cullasaja River allow you to explore Bridal Veil Falls, Dry Falls, and the popular swimming hole, Bust Your Butt Falls, with many places to stop and have a picnic.

Whitewater fans need to look no further than the Nantahala River. Year-round kayaking along with scheduled recreational dam releases, offer Class III & IV rapids. If a gentler paddling experience is up your alley, the Little Tennessee River flows north into Franklin from Georgia and continues all the way in to Fontana Lake. The Cullasaja, Little Tennessee and Nantahala Rivers also offer fantastic spots for fly fishing. Set out solo or contact a local fishing guide to help you find the best places to cast a line and relax.

The Bartram Trail has over 100 miles of trail, most of it within the Nantahala National Forest. Together with the world-famous Appalachian Trail, avid hikers will have numerous trails to explore. The two trails also intersect at one of the most popular historic and scenic locations in all Western North Carolina, Wayah Bald Lookout Tower that sits at over one-mile high in elevation. From the tower, you can see the Blue Ridge, Nantahala, and Great Smoky Mountains.

Franklin has plenty for the foodies, music lovers, and craft beer aficionados. Franklin is home to the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, a world-class venue that offers entertainment from all genres of music and Broadway shows. Head downtown Franklin on Saturday evenings from Memorial Day thru late October for Picking' on the Square, a free concert right in the heart of the historic district. Country, Blue Grass, Classic Rock, Beach Music, and more!

We invite you to walk Main Street in Franklin and see some of the handmade local item made by local crafters. We also have two full-service craft beer breweries in Franklin, bookmarking opposite ends of Main Street. They are both family friendly venues and are great places to enjoy an evening enjoying locally crafted beer. If you're looking for a finer fare to dine on, check out Café Rel or Gracious Plates. Exquisite cuisine and a refreshing way to end the day!

After a day of retail therapy head over to Nantahala Lake, a water-sports enthusiasts happy place. From paddle boarding to pontoon boats, jet skiing to speed boating, with over 80% of the lake's shoreline undeveloped and owned by the National Forest Service, ensuring the lake remains a serene and peaceful getaway. Have your own boat? Bring it along to one of our two public boat launches. Need a boat of just about any kind, head over to Lake's End Marina and rent a boat of your choosing. Make sure you stop in at the Café & Grill for lunch and dinner! •

Pickin on the Square

Nantahala Lake

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SOUTH CAROLINA

If one is looking for a true hidden gem in Upstate South Carolina, Greenwood will exceed your expectations. Serving as the regional hub for retail, dining, lodging, healthcare, education, and more, Greenwood's hospitality and charm is one of the many reasons why visitor and newcomer traffic is ever increasing.

Uptown Greenwood is a great example of a smaller city thinking big. It has emerged once again as a key economic driver for the city, despite the distinctive challenge of forging a sense of community from an area that was once divided by railroad tracks, and then hundreds of feet of blacktop. By modernizing the downtown (including free WiFi) while keeping an eye on the historic character of Main Street, Uptown Greenwood truly embodies its mission of "Embracing the future and preserving the past." Over the last 15 years, Uptown has seen a huge increase in retail and dining options, including boutiques, craft breweries, and restaurants.

From upscale cuisine to good old-fashioned burgers, Greenwood has over 200 restaurants, including lakefront dining on Lake Greenwood. Greenwood's most recent culinary campaign, A World of Flavor, highlights the diversity of cuisine across the area and allows visitors a "sneak peek" of dining options across the county. For the BBQ lover, Greenwood offers its annual SC Festival of Discovery featuring BBQ and blues during the second weekend each July.

Boating, swimming, skiing, fishing—all of the traditional water activities are in play at Lake Greenwood. Live music, nearby restaurants with casual waterfront dining, and July 4th fireworks. Sandy beaches for volleyball and swimming add to the fun. Boat rentals for leisurely cruises are also available and for those who'd like to sit back and let someone else do the driving, boat tours are available as well.

Fishermen flock there for catfish, bass, and crappie. Fishing tournaments are a frequent event. Lake Greenwood State Park provides water access and camping facilities. A three-mile walk and bike trail gives visitors a view from the land. The Lake Greenwood Blueway Trail, a 34-mile trail for paddling, has brought kayakers, canoers, and other water lovers to the area.

For the historian, Greenwood's rich railroad history is chronicled with the Railroad Historical Center. Open throughout the spring and summer months, the center offers visitors a look at numerous locomotives, dining cars, sleeping cars, and even an executive car used to transport textile CEO's and customers throughout the Southeast.

The Benjamin E. Mays Historic Preservation Site, located behind what once was the African American hospital for the community, offers visitors a peek at the early childhood and life of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. Coming from impoverished, humbled beginnings, Dr. Mays rose to become one of the greatest international leaders of his generation. A lifelong educator, mentor to numerous presidents such as Kennedy and Carter, Dr. Mays retired as President of Morehouse College. The Mays Site serves as a reflection to those who seek success that education, determination, and hard work are the essential tools for breaking the walls of poverty and building the ladder to self-sufficiency.

As the nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, history abounds at the Ninety-Six National Historic Site. The site, which is a part of the National Park Service, documents key battles and skirmishes based at the "Star Fort", the earthen fort built by soldiers for protection. The site also hails as one of the first areas to see a bloodshed battle in South Carolina during the beginning of the Revolutionary War. •

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With accolades like "10 best spots for a weekend getaway in the South" and "One of America's Best New Food Destinations," friends, couples and families will find a fun culinary and cultural getaway in the Capital City/Lake Murray, South Carolina region. It's located in the central part of the Palmetto State, anchored by Columbia and the counties of Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Saluda, with convenient access from Interstates I-77, I-20 and I-26.

Around the lively capital of Columbia and the delightful smaller towns, some named after the counties, you'll find gardens and museums, wineries, culinary delights and farmers markets, along with hiking/biking trails, golf and other outdoor activities. Sprawling across the region is Lake Murray, 41 miles long and encompassing 650 miles of shoreline and plenty of fishing and water sports.

The food scene in the Capital City/Lake Murray region is extraordinary, and so are the arts, culture and events. National Register icons like the Newberry Opera House, dedicated in 1882, and Columbia's Town Theatre, in its 104th season, make up part of the heritage of this area. Visitors can catch a Broadway performance at the Koger Center for the Arts, take a tour of the South's premier international art museum, The Columbia Museum of Art, and the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. Substantial diversity and community enthusiasm help to create events every weekend and festivals every month.

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In Capital City/Lake Murray Country, dining also takes center stage. The area sends a team to the World Food Championship in Dallas, TX and in 2022, hosted the World Food Championship's Final Table event at the University of South Carolina. Sample more than 60 restaurants in Columbia's Vista neighborhood alone, and travel along South Carolina's Famous BBQ trail in The Midlands–the only state to feature the official four sauces—with stops at dozens of beloved spots, including Hudson's Smokehouse in Lexington and Maurice's Piggie Park in several locations.

In Richland County, the Capital of Columbia features the rich cultural heritage of the South Carolina State House and the Columbia Museum of Art. Home to Colonial Life Arena, The Senate and The Township Auditorium, Richland County boasts venues for music, comedy, acting, art house film and more. Watch for upcoming performances from community productions at Trustus Theatre, national Broadway tours at Koger Center for The Arts, and indie films at the Nickelodeon Theatre. The many foodie favorites include Smoked, Blue Marlin, Spotted Salamander, Hall's Chophouse, M Vista, and DiPrato's to name a few.

The smaller towns also boast culinary and cultural stars. Newberry, named by the "Travel Channel"as one of the 50 most "charming small towns," is known for museums, dining and wine-tasting. Stroll through Newberry's downtown district where the streets are lined with picturesque shops and restaurants and nearly every building within view is on the National Register of Historic Places. Stay awhile and catch a show—from concerts to professional touring plays to comedy and a packed Christmas schedule—at the historic, splendidly-restored Newberry Opera House. Check out the Newberry Community Players. Have a unique and memorable dining experience just down the street at the casually elegant Figaro the Dining Room, housed in a former bank. The cuisine is an eclectic fusion of international classics with a home grown feel. Savor world-class barbecue at SteelHorse SmokeHouse and homemade doughnuts at Laila's Place.

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Lexington County, close to the Capital City of Columbia, is one of the fastest-growing areas in South Carolina. Take a smartphone walking tour in historic downtown Lexington and or watch a production at Village Square Theatre. The Icehouse Amphitheater is a hot spot for concerts and events and is within walking distance of Main Street's vibrant restaurant scene. Seasonally, it operates a weekly farmers market and is a great place to pick up artisan wares and farm fresh produce. Lexington has become a gastronomic playground full of snacking, dining and drinking opportunities with more than 70 unique and multicultural restaurants. Explore Bodhi Thai Dining, O'Hara's Public House, Alodia's Cucina Italiana, Mediterranean Café, Flight Deck Restaurant, and more. Visit Chapin for upscale seafood at Catch 22, and delicious steaks at Chophouse of Chapin, or make your way to West Columbia for exceptional cuisine and views at Terra, or for Italian, Al's Upstairs and DeLucca's Italian Grill.

In the rolling farmlands of Saluda County, more than 700 farms, including peach and pecan orchards, inspired a notable chef to make small town Ridge Spring his home. Chef Brandon Velie of Juniper incorporates the bounty of the area in memorable meals that have attracted national culinary acclaim. Chef Brandon helped start the South Carolina Chef Ambassador program and the SC Certified produce program with the State Department of Agriculture. He has also had the honor of cooking at the James Beard House in New York City. Another mandatory foodie stop is The Nut House and Country Market, where pecans are grown, harvested and transformed into gourmet treats, candies and pies. In the historic Town of Saluda, explore charming shops and the stories of Revolutionary War and Alamo heroes. Hike scenic trails or enjoy fishing and boating on beautiful Lake Murray. •

Hungry for even more culture and culinary delights? Stop by the Lake Murray Country Visitors Center in the historic Lorick Plantation House (2184 North Lake Drive, Columbia) to discover hidden gems, accommodations, dining and more trip ideas or visit **LakeMurrayCountry.com**

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Beach at Huntington Beach State Park
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For generations, South Carolina's Hammock Coast has quietly given beach lovers, golfers, outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs a vacation destination infused with Southern charm and natural beauty.

Delicious dining options on the Hammock Coast
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Perfectly located in Georgetown County between Myrtle Beach to the north and Charleston to the south, the Hammock Coast is made up of the beach communities of Pawleys Island, Litchfield Beach, Murrells Inlet, DeBordieu and southern Garden City, as well as the historic cities of Georgetown and Andrews.

Each area has its own distinct personality, but when combined as the Hammock Coast, they all form a unique attraction. Spacious beaches and pristine salt marshes are perfect for soaking up the sun, doing some birdwatching or even catching some fish or blue crabs for dinner.

The Pelican Inn on Pawleys Island
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Pawleys Island is, in fact, the oldest seaside resort in America and continues to be a great place to enjoy a quiet, laid-back vacation. As the birthplace of the famed Pawleys Island rope hammock, relaxation has a long history here. Other than two historic inns, the historic island has no commercial development; however, just over the short causeway, there are first-class restaurants and boutique shops. Several homes and a series of condos known as the Pawleys Pier Village can be rented throughout the year on the island.

Seafood is king on the Hammock Coast
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Biking on the Hammock Coast
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Murrells Inlet is proudly known as the "Seafood Capital of South Carolina." Originally a fishing village on a protected inlet, the community boasts some of the best seafood in the entire South! The Murrells Inlet MarshWalk is a half-mile-long boardwalk on the banks of the Inlet, allowing visitors to truly experience the salt-marsh ecosystem along with restaurants, shops, parasailing, jet skiing and fishing excursions.

Between the business districts of Murrells Inlet and Litchfield Beach, ranked by TripAdvisor as one of America's Top 10 beaches, are two of the Hammock Coast's most famous attractions – Brookgreen Gardens and Huntington Beach State Park. The park, known as one of the East Coast's top birding spots, offers camping and access to a pristine undeveloped beach and Atalaya Castle. (Yes, the Hammock Coast has a real castle overlooking the beach!) Just across Ocean Highway is Brookgreen Gardens, a 9,127 acre botanical and sculpture garden that draws visitors from around the world.

Tea at Hopsewee Plantation
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Sunrise on the Hammock Coast
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Caledonia Golf and Fish Club in Pawleys Island
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

Dog with people on Litchfield Beach
Photo by Chris Rogers/Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce

For the history buff, Georgetown is South Carolina's third oldest city, founded in 1729. Five museums are located in the historic district, and walking tours are part of daily life in Georgetown. Hopsewee Plantation, home to Thomas Lynch Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is just south of Georgetown and offers teas, tours, a museum, and Gullah interpretations of Black history.

Andrews, 18 miles inland from Georgetown, offers the perfect place to experience the natural world. From sporting clays to kayaking along the winding Black River, Andrews is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

The Hammock Coast Golf Trail highlights 12 public courses in Georgetown County. Many are built on former rice plantations giving a graciously Southern golf experience. Three of Golf Magazines' "Top 100 You Can Play" are here, and Pawleys Island was named one of the top 10 "Golf Islands" in the world by Links Magazine.

National accolades for South Carolina's Hammock Coast have swept in like the ocean tide in recent years. Southern Living magazine named Georgetown one of the best small towns in the South, and USA Today proclaimed Georgetown as the Best Coastal Small Town in America. Garden & Gun magazine readers named Pawleys Island the second-best small beach town in the South.

On South Carolina's Hammock Coast, you can rediscover life with no schedules and the importance of true relaxation. The only itinerary you may need is a tide chart! ●

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ELLIJAY GEORGIA

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As the crisp air of late winter surrenders to the gentle whispers of spring, a hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Southern Appalachians awakens from its slumber. Ellijay, Georgia, a charming mountain town cloaked in emerald forests and kissed by the sweet song of cascading waterfalls, beckons travelers seeking an escape that stirs the soul and tantalizes the taste buds.

Exchange the humdrum of city life for the serenity of a luxurious cabin nestled amidst the whispering pines. Imagine crackling fireplaces casting warm glows on evenings spent with loved ones, mugs of hot cider in your hands as you gaze at star-studded skies. Ellijay's upscale cabins offer more than just creature comforts; they are sanctuaries where time slows down, and nature's symphony lulls you into a state of blissful repose.

Photo by Outlive Creative

The rolling hills of Ellijay cradle not just majestic mountains but also a flourishing wine industry. As the winter chill wanes, the vineyards burst into life with the promise of a bountiful harvest. Embark on a vineyard adventure, sampling the award-winning creations of local wineries.

Ellijay's culinary scene is a delightful tapestry woven with fresh, seasonal ingredients and the artistry of passionate chefs. From farm-to-table restaurants showcasing the bounty of the land to cozy bistros with global influences, your taste buds will embark on a delightful expedition. Savor melt-in-your-mouth trout, indulge in juicy steaks cooked to perfection, or tantalize your palate with innovative vegetarian creations.

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ELLIJAY GEORGIA

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If you are the adventurous type, Ellijay is a treasure trove of experiences waiting to be unearthed. Hike through verdant forests teeming with life, cast a line into crystal-clear streams teeming with trout, or embark on a scenic drive along winding roads that unveil breathtaking vistas.

As spring paints the mountains in vibrant hues, Ellijay comes alive with a renewed energy. Dogwood trees erupt in a cascade of white blooms, blanketing the landscape in a breathtaking display of ethereal beauty. Mountain Laurels carpet the meadows in a kaleidoscope of colors, their sweet fragrance filling the air. The gentle murmur of waterfalls crescendos, celebrating the season's grand arrival.

Ellijay is more than just a destination; it is a state of mind. It is a place where time slows down, and worries melt away like snowflakes under the warm embrace of the spring sun. It is a place where the simple pleasures of life – the crackling fire, the shared laughter, the delectable meal – are elevated to an art form.

Ellijay, Georgia, is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. With its upscale cabin rentals, award-winning wineries, and delectable cuisine, it offers an experience that is both luxurious and down-to-earth. And as spring paints the mountains in vibrant hues, the town comes alive with a renewed energy, making it the perfect time to escape the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary. •

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WHERE BREWS, BITES, AND FUN COME TOGETHER FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE WINTER GETAWAY!

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Located in the heart of the beautiful North Georgia Mountains, Dalton offers visitors a unique and stirring experience filled with mouth-watering food, refreshing brews, and endless fun. With an abundance of restaurants, cafes, breweries, and attractions, there's no doubt you'll find something to do for everyone.

First up, let's talk food. Dalton is known for its southern hospitality and cultural diversity. From down-home cooking to modern fusion, the city has it all. Whether you are craving a juicy burger, savory seafood, or authentic barbecue, Dalton's culinary scene caters to every palette with flavors that will leave you wanting more. No visit to Dalton is complete without a visit to Café Ostro. Their Mediterranean-inspired menu features fresh and flavorful dishes such as hummus with warm pitas, chicken kebabs, and beef shawarma. For pizza lovers, Cohutta General Store serves up delicious wood-fired pies. Made from scratch and cooked in a custom-built oven, these pizzas have a crispy crust and a perfect blend of toppings. For a lighter meal, stop by The Perfect Cup. This cozy spot offers a wide variety of sandwiches to choose from, including the Avocado Club or the Perfect Philly, and salads such as the Oriental Chicken. Pair your dish with one of their homemade soups, and don't forget to indulge in one of their famous, freshly baked desserts. So, whether you're in the mood for something hearty, light, or a little bit of both, Dalton has food options to satisfy every craving. Come along and indulge in the South's best bites!

Now, let's move on to the brews. Dalton boasts a stunning craft beer scene with several local breweries and taprooms for you to explore. Check out Cherokee Brewing and Pizza Company for some fantastic house-brewed beers paired with delicious wood-fired pizza. Or head over to Dalton Brewing Company for some unique flavors and a fantastic atmosphere. They have live trivia every Wednesday if you are looking for a fun competition during your stay. For wine lovers, we have 2 great wineries, Deep Springs Vineyard and Broken Horseshoe Vineyard. Deep Springs Vineyard is an award-winning local vineyard located on the north end of Whitfield County. Their Pinot Grigio won a Silver Medal at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition. They also have a relaxing wine-tasting area and a variety of delicious wine slushies.

But Dalton isn't just about food and brews; there's plenty of fun to be had here, too. Adventure seekers can go hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding in the nearby mountains. If you prefer to stay inside, head over to Big's Axe Throwing for exciting axe throwing. Or stroll through the Bandy Heritage Center located inside Dalton Freight Depot and Visitor Center.

Accommodations in Dalton cater to all types of travelers, with options ranging from budget-friendly motels to luxurious bed and breakfasts. Looking for something unique, check out the Carpentry Hotel, a modern upscale boutique hotel located in the downtown area.

In conclusion, Dalton, Georgia, offers visitors the perfect blend of breathtaking scenery, mouth-watering diverse cuisine, refreshing brews, and endless adventures. With so much to do and see, it's no wonder why Dalton has become a beloved winter getaway destination for so many. Come and discover this hidden gem for yourself this season, and get ready to experience an unforgettable trip filled with brews, bites, and fun! **VisitDaltonGA.com** •

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3. OFF-MENU REASONS TO visit Mobile Alabama

When it comes to cuisine, **Mobile, Alabama**, is the epicenter for diverse palates. Boasting menus of seafood, southern delicacies and some of the South's best barbeque, you'll be hard-pressed to find disappointment in the culinary options. While you're eating your way through this historic city, there are plenty of ways to feed your traveling spirit as well. Mobile is the type of city where you can relax in a natural wonderland or set out and learn through its many cultural and educational experiences. The city is a true "choose your own adventure" destination, where travelers pick their own pace and dive into activities that spark their interests.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Mobile's close-knit relationship to its cultural history makes it more than just your average Instagram-able vacation spot. If you're looking for a trip filled with impactful stories of cultural heritage, this is your must-experience destination. Following the discovery of America's last slave ship, the Clotilda, in 2019, the Africatown community has gained national media attention. Descendants of the ship's survivors have embraced and uplifted the stories of their ancestors, who were forcibly brought to the area. Named one of the top new museums of 2023 by USA Today, "Clotilda: The Exhibition" at Africatown Heritage House will impact you long after your visit. Mobile's "Remembering the Avenue" exhibit, found at the newly renovated Historic Avenue Cultural Center, adds a unique, deeply personal dimension to the area's interconnection of past, present and future. The Cultural Center is located in the building which formerly housed the city's segregation-era library, with plans to restore the area to a center of pride within the community.

ARTS

Known as the city "born to celebrate," Mobile has a knack for highlighting its local talent. The arts are celebrated year-round at ArtWalk. Every second Friday of the month, Mobilians and visitors flock to the family-friendly, block party style marketplace where local vendors sell their wares and musicians serenade the downtown streets. No two ArtWalks are the same! Every month features new themes and artwork to discover. The celebration pushes far outside of downtown as well. This year, the Mobile Museum of Art commemorates its 40th anniversary. Celebrating the history of art in Mobile, the "DECADES: Looking Back/Moving Forward" exhibit is being released in a series of installments. Each installment offers an immersive experience into the art and innovations of the past. You may feel your creativity flowing after this artsy getaway.

MARDI GRAS

Home to the original Mardi Gras, Mobile's Carnival season celebrations are simultaneously all the rage and wonderfully unexpected. If you didn't know Mardi Gras originated in Mobile, just ask someone who lives there, and they will eagerly oblige you with the details! In fact, an entire day of the Mardi Gras season is dedicated to the man who brought Carnival to the U.S., Joseph Cain. While the rest of this festive holiday season features floats of mystic society members in flashy costumes, Joe Cain Day is revered as "The People's Parade." On this day, a society known as Joe Cain's Merry Widows wail hysterically over his grave, their faces hidden by black veils, before kicking off a full day of parades of handmade floats, children and friends tossing beads and moon pies alongside a dramatically harmless falling-out with the Mistresses of Joe Cain. •

WHETHER YOUR SOUL IS CRAVING CULTURE, CREATIVITY OR CARNIVAL, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF EXPERIENCES TO BE HAD IN MOBILE. THOUGH THE DECISION TO VISIT IS AN EASY ONE, ONE QUESTION REMAINS: WHICH ADVENTURE WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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BATON

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WHERE CULTURE MEETS CUISINE

ROUGE

Louisiana's Capital City is home to some of the most memorable and beloved dining establishments in the state. From Louisiana classics to elevated fine dining institutions, Baton Rouge is a true foodie destination. When you're not eating, go out and explore some of the most captivating arts and leisure activities around — for adventurers of any level. Wherever you go, a new experience is always on the menu in Baton Rouge.

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JUBAN'S

For more than 40 years, Juban's Restaurant has cultivated a reputation as one of Baton Rouge's first (and most popular) fine dining establishments. Many celebratory dinners and events take place in this beautifully enhanced establishment, among the stunning decor and reimagined menu. The kitchen is led by Chef Chris Motto, a local culinary innovator and former competitor on Gordon Ramsay's reality show, Hell's Kitchen. Motto has worked to create a new Juban's menu that reflects its classic-meets-contemporary vibe. For a classic South Louisiana experience with friends and family, join Juban's for Jazz Brunch on the weekends.

THE CHIMES

With an upbeat, family-friendly atmosphere, visit The Chimes near the LSU campus for traditional Southern cuisine, Cajun/Creole dishes, and everyone's gastropub favorites like po-boys, hamburgers, and more. From appetizers to desserts, every dish is an all-star — enjoyed in the bustling dining room or the rooftop patio. Pair your dish with a Louisiana libation from the full bar with 239 different spirits, 20+ different wines, 80 draft beers, and 126 beers on the bottle list. After your meal, take a stroll onto campus where you can meet the legendary Mike the Tiger.

TSUNAMI SUSHI AT THE SHAW CENTER

Experience the ultimate sushi dining experience located on the Shaw Center for the Arts rooftop in Downtown Baton Rouge. Get an unparalleled panoramic view of the city while dining on the outdoor terrace and toasting sake to the sunset over the river. Tsunami's menu has maintained its buzzy status since day one; with Eastern flare, Southern roots, and fresh seafood. Enjoy a full sushi menu as well as a popular grill menu — including the must-have sea bass or sumo ribeye. Tsunami is the perfect setting for milestone celebrations and date night.

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THE MAIN LOBBY

Unwind after a long day with late-night bites and plucky jazz. The Main Lobby offers plenty of space to relax with your cocktail in hand and enjoy the company of your closest friends or romantic interest. Sink into the comfy lounge seating or get some fresh air on the rooftop bar. It's a Downtown staple with French influence, Spanish Town flair, and laidback upscale lounge vibes.

LOUISIANA ART & SCIENCE MUSEUM

Though its silhouette is a familiar part of the downtown skyline, the Louisiana Art & Science Museum is a hidden gem of downtown Baton Rouge. Its facade is that of a historic railway station originally built in 1925. Inside of that iconic brick building, on the mighty Mississippi River itself, this hub of activity and creativity features constantly rotating exhibits and experiences. Planetarium shows, kids activities and fine art exhibits make this an exciting trip for people of all ages.

Photo by Maggie Bowles

THE BLUEBONNET SWAMP

Witness real Louisiana iconography up-close at Bluebonnet Swamp; smack-dab in the middle of the city. Part of BREC's park system, the Bluebonnet Swamp has more than a mile of boardwalks and pathways weaving between the trunks of cypress and magnolia trees. This nature preserve is brimming with natural wildlife, and the property also boasts an award-winning live-animal exhibit inside the nature center. You wouldn't expect such a green, serene space just a stone's throw away from the Mall of Louisiana, but it's there that this beautiful property lies just waiting to be explored.

Even the highest quality recommendations are just the beginning in Baton Rouge. Exploration is infinite here; with an entire universe of restaurants, activities, landmarks, recreation destinations, history, and so much more. Until you're able to get down here and experience them for yourself, head over to visitbatonrouge.com/thingstodo and find even more stops to add to your Baton Rouge bucket list. •

with a capital C.

Celebrating the holidays in Baton Rouge is about coming together to share in the magic of the season. Twinkling lights, delicious bites, ice skating and fantastic shopping are all a part of what makes the holidays great in Baton Rouge – Louisiana's Capital City.
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ENOUGH FLAVOR & SOUL FOR TWO CITIES

SHREVEPORT BOSSIER

Nestled alongside the Red River, Shreveport-Bossier offers a perfect blend of Southern charm, diverse culinary delights, and rich culture. Combining a spicy Cajun attitude and the wide-open Texas spirit. Experience 24-hour resort-style casinos, riverfront entertainment, family-friendly festivals, and mouthwatering food

Shreveport-Bossier is located at the crossroads of I-20 and I-49. It's just three hours from Dallas-Fort Worth making it an easy drive, and The Shreveport Regional Airport brings in many direct flights from around the country.

In the heart of Shreveport-Bossier, history and culinary excellence converge at iconic restaurants that have stood the test of time. Step into the nostalgic ambiance of Strawn's Eat Shop, a Shreveport landmark since 1944, renowned for its mouthwatering pies and hearty breakfast fare. Another gem is Herby-K's, a Cajun institution with a history dating back to 1936. This beloved eatery has preserved its timeless charm, offering a menu rich in Creole and Cajun flavors. Known for its signature Shrimp Buster and lively atmosphere, Herby-K's is a culinary journey through the cultural heritage of Louisiana.

LIVE
LIGHT

Delving into the rich tapestry of Shreveport-Bossier's culinary history, a notable gem stands out: Orlandeaux's Café, the oldest black-owned restaurant in Louisiana. Established in 1978, Orlandeaux's has been a pillar of the community, offering a taste of authentic Southern cuisine infused with a deep sense of tradition. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and a menu that pays homage to Creole and soul food classics, this historic establishment has become a cultural landmark. From flavorful gumbo to mouthwatering po'boys, each dish tells a story of culinary heritage. The warm hospitality and community spirit at Orlandeaux's make it not just a restaurant but a gathering place where locals and visitors can savor the flavors of Louisiana while celebrating the resilience and creativity of the black-owned business community.

Shreveport-Bossier is a haven for art and entertainment enthusiasts. The city's art scene is showcased at the R.W. Norton Art Gallery, where a stunning collection of American and European art awaits. For a touch of local creativity, explore art spaces like The Agora Borealis, featuring works by regional artists.

Indulge in the vibrant entertainment scene with a visit to the historic Strand Theatre in Shreveport, a venue that has hosted legendary performances since the 1920s. If you're feeling lucky, head to one of the city's riverfront casinos, where gaming excitement meets live entertainment.

Photo by Kyle Johnson

No visit to Shreveport-Bossier is complete without experiencing the vibrant festivals that celebrate the region's unique spirit. Plan your trip around the Red River Revel Arts Festival, a multi-day celebration of visual and performing arts. The Louisiana Film Prize attracts filmmakers from around the world, while the Mudbug Madness Festival showcases the best of Cajun cuisine and culture.

Shreveport-Bossier is famous for its music history and for giving many famous musicians their start. Shreveport Municipal Auditorium is the home of the famous Louisiana Hayride radio program that jumpstarted the careers of Elvis Presley, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, James Burton, and many others.

Welcome to a place with enough flavor, style and soul for two cities - Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana.

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A Winter ADVENTURE IN LUFKIN TEXAS

In the lush's green landscape of East Texas, Lufkin emerges as a winter haven, a place where holiday traditions and modern charm interweave to create an enchanting retreat. Known for its lush Piney Woods and welcoming spirit, Lufkin transforms into a festive wonderland each year, inviting visitors to discover that adventure truly is here.

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A TRADITION ILLUMINATED: RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED PUMPING UNIT

Lufkin's holiday season is synonymous with the iconic Lighting of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Pumping Unit. A tradition spanning over five decades, this event, in partnership with LUFKIN Industries, sees a towering pumping unit become a glowing symbol of the season. Accompanied by the warmth of community gatherings and the sweet aroma of cookies and milk provided by Brookshire Brothers, this event marks the beginning of a season filled with joy and unity.

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ICE SKATING IN THE PINES: A UNIQUE WINTER JOY

Among Lufkin's new standout holiday attractions is "Ice Skating in the Pines." This event offers a rare delight in the region - an opportunity to skate on real ice. Set in a picturesque indoor setting, families and friends come together to skate, laugh, and create lasting memories, making the journey to Lufkin well worth it for those seeking a unique winter experience.

CULTURAL GEMS AND ROMANTIC VIGNETTES

The holiday charm in Lufkin extends beyond its festive events. The city's streets are adorned with vibrant murals that reflect its rich cultural tapestry. Adding a touch of romance, the "Locked With Love" tree offers couples a chance to celebrate their bond, symbolizing eternal love and making Lufkin a special spot for romantic gestures.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY AND WELL-BEING

The holiday events in Lufkin do more than entertain; they foster a strong sense of community, crucial to the city's vibrant atmosphere. These events encourage a healthy and inclusive environment, enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors. They also provide an opportunity for local businesses to thrive, contributing to the city's economic and social vitality.

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LUFKIN: A YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE

Lufkin's appeal extends beyond the winter season, with a calendar full of events and activities that cater to a wide range of interests and ages. From culinary adventures in local eateries to outdoor escapades in its scenic parks and trails, Lufkin is a destination where adventure awaits at every corner, all year round.

A CULINARY JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEASONS

Lufkin's diverse culinary scene is a celebration of local and international flavors. The city's cafes and restaurants offer a culinary journey through comfort foods and gourmet dishes, with the holiday season bringing special menus and festive treats that reflect the spirit of the season.

Lufkin is more than just a holiday destination; it's a gateway to adventures and experiences that resonate year-round. With its unique blend of festive cheer, cultural richness, and community spirit, Lufkin stands as a testament to the adventure that awaits in the heart of Texas. Whether it's the joy of ice skating, the romance of eternal love, or the warmth of community events, Lufkin is a place where every visit creates cherished memories, proving that indeed, adventure is here. •

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An oasis of art, culture, history, mystery, land, and sky, MARFA, Texas is a bucket-list destination with opportunities to escape the crowd or discover something unexpected kicking off.

MARFA TEXAS

ART.

MARFA is world-renowned as the home of artist Donald Judd, and his influence can still be felt today. Reserve a tour at Judd Foundation and Chinati to view the museum he established to house large-scale works of art. You can also set up an appointment for a studio visit with one of the many artists currently residing in MARFA.

CULTURE.

With a tight-knit community of around 1,800 residents, MARFA is a walkable West Texas destination where the pace slows down and you find yourself appreciating the simple things in life. You will find a great selection of restaurants, from food trailers to fine dining, Texas BBQ to international cuisine. Leave yourself plenty of time for browsing the independently owned bookstores, art galleries, and specialty shops. The Central Marfa Historic District was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places. The newly listed district encompasses the city's core, including 183 significant locations in MARFA.

HISTORY.

West Texas encompasses an incredibly rich history. Geologic time scale is on full display in the mountains that surround the area. Archaeological evidence of early Native people exists in the nearby state and national parks. Stories from early settlers have become legend. Cavalry forts, military bases, army airfields, and German POWs have all had a home in MARFA. The MARFA and Presidio County Museum holds an incredible archive of historic objects that is a must-see for history buffs. You can also visit the Blackwell School, America's newest National Historic Site, to learn about an important and often painful era of our national history.

MYSTERY.

MARFA, Texas. You've probably heard of it, but have you been? It's where ranchers begin the day at dawn and artists lay down roots. It's where Anthony Bourdain dined, Rick Bass wrote, and Beyoncé went to unwind. It's where land as far as the eye can see meets more stars than you can count. When you arrive at this peaceful desert plateau surrounded by mountains, sprawling ranches, and stunning sunsets, you'll know the journey to get there is well worth it. The Marfa Mystery Lights have been observed for over 175 years, yet no geologist, meteorologist, or ranch hand has found an explanation - can you? Open to the public 24/7/365.

LAND.

MARFA is located in the high plains of the Chihuahuan Desert, sitting at an elevation above 4,500 feet. Experience big, vibrant skies and rolling landscapes for miles in every direction. A sunset drive down Pinto Canyon Road gives uninterrupted views from horizon to horizon into the Chinati Mountains. MARFA is a gateway to the entire Big Bend Region.

SKY.

MARFA is part of the Greater Big Bend Dark Sky Reserve boasting incredible opportunities for stargazing, even within city limits. A short jaunt outside of town will present you with more stars than you thought possible. Nearby, at the McDonald Observatory, world-renowned astronomers will unravel the mysteries of the night sky at one of their wildly popular star parties. Be sure to book ahead! •

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Find Your Surprise

Surprise, Arizona is a beautiful Sonoran-desert community surrounded by mountain park lands. The gorgeous landscape sets the stage for the city's vibrant sports and recreation scene, growing arts community and fantastic restaurants! It's the perfect place to "Find your Surprise!"

Located in the Phoenix-Metro area, the city's year-round sunny climate makes it the ideal place for outdoor recreation, and it abounds here! Surprise boasts one of the largest public tennis and racquet complexes in the Southwest including 25 tennis courts, two racquetball courts, a table tennis room, clubhouse and event space. If you prefer pickleball over tennis, there's a place for that, too. Home to 16 dedicated pickleball courts – the Surprise Community Park – is a haven for pickleball fans. The Community Park also includes an urban fishing lake, basketball courts and a playground all nestled within a sprawling downtown park.

Surprise is also a golf aficionado's dream destination with eight courses to choose from. Be sure to check out Surprise's newest course, Sterling Grove Golf & Country Club. This world-class Nicklaus Design course draws inspiration from some of the world's most famous courses. And there's more than just 18 holes with grove-lined fairways – it's also home to a state-of-the-art practice facility that includes an indoor golf simulator.

Surprise Stadium Lawn
Photo by Slaven Gujic

Surprise Stadium, ranked the #1 Spring Training Stadium in Arizona by USA Today, is the Spring Training home of Major League Baseball's Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers – 2023 World Series Champions! Baseball fans from all over the country travel to Surprise every Spring to experience the fun atmosphere of a spring game in the Arizona sunshine. With unique game viewing options, family entertainment, mouthwatering foodie favorites and craft brews, Surprise Spring Training is a can't miss when traveling to Arizona.

Sterling Grove Golf Course

If you are looking for outdoor adventure, the White Tank Mountain Regional Park, which rises from the border of Surprise offers hiking, biking, camping and a nature center. Maricopa County's largest regional park is nearly 30,000 acres and provides endless options to fit every age, experience level and ability. There are approximately 30 miles of hiking trails at the park that offer breathtaking views of the mountains and panoramas of the valley below.

White Tank Hiking

Surprise also has an emerging arts and culture scene with an array of public art, local galleries and performing arts venues. The Vista Center for the Arts is a state-of-the-art 1,300 seat performing arts center that hosts a variety of music acts, comedy shows and live performances. In addition, West Valley Arts HQ is an art gallery and cultural event center that holds exhibitions, performances and events.

State 48 Group Patio

Saigon Kitchen Spring noodles

As a growing city, Surprise's retail and culinary scene continues to expand, showcasing everything from local hot spots to regional shopping centers. Local favorites include Saigon Kitchen, offering a traditional Vietnamese cuisine with a modern touch. For Mexican fare, Rio Mirage Café features Sonoran-style recipes handed down for generations including homemade tortillas, sizzling fajitas and delicious margaritas. Vogue Bistro is perfect for a date night out with an intimate setting, delicious French-American style dishes, designer martinis and an extensive wine list. Surprise also has great options if you are in the mood for a nice cold beer – locals love State 48 Brewery, Bonfire Craft Kitchen & Tap House and Irish Wolfhound. And for the shopping enthusiasts, check out the Village at Prasada and Surprise Towne Center & Marketplace. These open-air malls are a perfect escape for a day of retail therapy!

There's something for everyone in Surprise, Arizona. Find your game. Find your adventure. Find your retreat. Find your Surprise! •

Surprise Park at Sunset

FIND YOUR *Adventure*

Surprise, Arizona is the place to take in an MLB Spring Training game at Surprise Stadium, hike the beautiful White Tank Mountains, play at one of our pristine golf courses, and enjoy our award-winning signature cuisine.

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EXPLORE PAGE ARIZONA

FOR ADVENTURERS LOOKING TO VENTURE BEYOND THE GRAND CANYON, THERE'S A PLACE THAT HOLDS ITS OWN LIST OF MUST-SEE AND MUST-EXPERIENCE DESTINATIONS: **PAGE, ARIZONA.**

Page is best known as being home to some of the most photogenic spots in the world. **Horseshoe Bend** is one of the most iconic landmarks of the Southwest and Arizona. Located in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, this site offers breathtaking views of the Colorado River flowing around a sandstone canyon. The trail to the overlook is only a 10 minute drive from uptown Page and is a 1.5-mile round trip which is family-friendly and welcomes wheelchairs, strollers, and leashed dogs. The relatively flat, packed dirt trail takes about 20 minutes to hike each way, with a section of the overlook fenced for safety. Half-day and overnight kayaking trips are also available if you want to paddle around the base of Horseshoe Bend and create unforgettable memories.

Page is also home to several slot canyons, including the world-famous **Antelope Canyon**. Nestled in the heart of the Grand Circle, these stunning natural wonders have been carved over millions of years by wind and water, creating a maze of narrow and twisting passages waiting for your exploration. The slot canyons range in difficulty from family-friendly to strenuous, and tour companies offer a wide variety of tour experiences including hour-long tours, private photography sessions, and half day adventures.

Hyatt Place Page Patio Seating

Antelope Point Marina

Antelope Point Marina

Prickly Pear Kitchen

Blue Buddha Sushi Lounge

Antelope Point Marina

When it's time to shake the dust off your boots from all the desert fun, **Lake Powell** is where you want to be. With over 2,000 miles of shoreline and 96 major canyons, the amount of recreational opportunities on Lake Powell are endless. You can rent a paddleboard, powerboat, and even a houseboat or simply zip around for a while on the back of a jet ski. Wahweap Swim Beach has incredible views of Page's iconic horizon and is where you can relax and soak up the sun on the shore or have a fun filled beach day. Guided boat tours of Lake Powell are available year round and provide scenic laid back trips to Antelope Canyon, Navajo Canyon, and Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

After all your adventures, be sure to make it back to Page's downtown. Enjoy a local tap at the Grand Canyon Brewery, savory street tacos, or a movie in the park. Majority of the eateries are owned by local families where you can taste authentic cultural cuisine. From sushi inside a retired houseboat at New York Teriyaki to elevated southwestern dining at Rimview Terrace, Page can satisfy all taste buds. If you're looking for the best value for your bucks, Red Heritage Indigenous Entertainment Hall offers a delicious southwestern dinner accompanied by a colorful and lively cultural show which includes traditional dances, weaving demonstrations, and Navajo storytelling by local residents. •

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Blue Buddha Sushi Lounge, Page, Arizona

5 MUST DO ACTIVITIES IN MCCALL IDAHO

What was once a well-kept secret among powder-chasing purists, McCall, Idaho is most certainly getting noticed. Long before its first ski resort opened, winter recreation in the area around McCall was part of the local mountain culture. Now, powder hounds have two major ski resorts (Brundage Mountain Resort and Tamarack Resort) to choose from, a local ski mountain (the Little Ski Hill) that offers a great family friendly atmosphere, 500 plus miles of groomed snowmobile trails, six Nordic ski areas, and every imaginable winter adventure in between.

Visit McCALL

IF A WINTER WONDERLAND IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST THIS YEAR, HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE MUST-DO ACTIVITIES IN MCCALL...

Brundage Mountain Resort

Photo by Sherri Harkin

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1 CHASE FRESH TRACKS

Brundage SnowCat Adventures has been guiding powder-hungry skiers and snowboarders to 18,000 acres of coveted backcountry stashes since the early 90's. Unlike your typical snowcat program, the terrain doesn't lie adjacent to the ski area. Instead, you'll journey several miles beyond the ski area into the Goose Creek drainage and ski or snowboard from four different mountain peaks.

2 ENJOY BLUEBIRD GROOMERS

Whether you're a powder hound, a beginner learning the ropes, or a family looking for some playful adventure, Tamarack has you covered with fresh, fun options and legit alpine terrain. With 2,800 feet of total vertical drop, the views and the playful pitch variations make for a perfect day on the slopes. Be sure to check out the namesake Tamarack grove for a fresh twist on tree skiing. The Tamaracks drop their amber needles each fall, causing these trees to develop less intense tree wells than evergreens and creating a unique off-piste experience that powder fans won't want to miss. And new this year for the family, "Lumberjack Land" with features like berms and whoop-di-dos, a teepee you can ski under, and lots of friendly looking characters you can high-five on your way through.

Photo by Brundage Mountain Resort

Rupert's Restaurant
Photo by Brundage Samantha Sais

3 SNOWMOBILE THE BACKCOUNTRY

Immerse yourself in the beautiful backcountry of the Payette National Forest with a snowmobile tour from Brundage Snowmobile Adventures. For those new to the sport, a guided tour is a great way to make this high-octane adventure approachable. Tours are geared tailored to take advantage of the fresh groomed trails and lead you to magical places like Hazard Lake and Upper Payette Lake.

4 APRÈS IDAHO STYLE

Nothing caps a day in the snow quite like a quality après experience. Downtown McCall has that elusive small-town charm with loads of friendly boutiques, bistros, and restaurants for a drink and a bite. We love Rupert's at Hotel McCall for a decidedly Idaho menu. Chef Gary Kucy combines well-loved staples with adventurous eats while the bar serves up craft cocktails and an impressive wine list to match.

Photo by The Glass House

5 GET COZY

One of the best things about staying in a mountain town is taking in the view from your warm and cozy lodgings. The Glass House offers a unique take on a traditional vacation rental with stunning views of Payette Lake. With three bedrooms, two baths, ample room to hold the entire family, and two blocks from the heart of downtown McCall, this vintage showstopper is the perfect home base. Looking for something more traditional? Book a room at Hotel McCall. Built in 1904, this boutique hotel offers the warmth of a bed and breakfast with the amenities of a modern hotel.

Visit McCALL

Looking for more great ideas to plan your winter getaway in McCall, Idaho? Go to visitmccall.org to explore more activities like Nordic skiing, hot springs, fat bike riding, snowshoeing, snow biking, ice skating, and so much more. **VisitMcCall.org** •

Downtown Winter
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Located between Big Sky and Yellowstone National Park, 320 Guest Ranch honors its rich history and celebrates Montana's pioneer spirit through lodging, food, and activities.

We believe in connecting people to this naturally beautiful and historically abundant place. We believe in the pioneering spirit, which, for us, means providing updated log cabin accommodations, made-from- scratch, innovative food at McGill's Restaurant and Saloon, and activities such as horseback riding, fly fishing, workshops, kids' activities, sleigh rides, and more.

We are defying social norms to blaze our own trail, embracing the pioneer spirit and returning to tradition. We honor the nature around us and our history, by welcoming our guests with hospitality and a look into life as it used to be.

The ranch transitions between the winter and summer seasons offering different opportunities for each.

In the winter months – experience what it's like living inside of a snow globe. With picturesque snow views, evergreen tress flocked in snow, and warm fires glowing in the cabins' fireplaces. Learn about the history of the Ranch while riding in a 2 horse open sleigh along the river. If you opt for the later sleigh ride, you can catch a glimpse of the Milky Way. The ride will take you to a warming hut where you can enjoy hot beverages and a campfire before returning back to the Ranch center.

Sleight Ride Action
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Scenic 320 Guest Ranch
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56 Cabins
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Cabins & Teepee in 320 Guest Rance
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Sleigh Ride Warming Tent
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Our restaurant, McGill's is open to the public and ranch guests for dinner. The restaurant is situated in the old homestead building from the early 1900's. We use other ingredients that to create pioneering dishes and drinks that pay tribute to the area.

McGill's offers all the culinary experiences on Ranch such as a Chuckwagon BBQ, Porch-side Picnic, local fish, game, vegetables, mushrooms and Sleigh Ride bites at the warming tent, and more.

During the Summer season, the 320 Guest Ranch comes to life with horseback trail rides through the national forest, wagon rides around Ranch to a BBQ dinner, "Wanna be a Wrangler" kids program, and fly fishing casting lessons on our trout pond. There is always something to be discovered on Ranch and an activity to suit every man, woman, boy or girl's inner pioneer.

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Green Bay's Food Scene is Changing the Game

Photo by Julie Gile

Green Bay, Wisconsin, a city nestled along the shores of Lake Michigan, is more than just a picturesque destination. It's a place where history, culinary delights, and recreation converge to create a unique experience for visitors. From the historic professional football team that calls this region home to the city's burgeoning culinary scene, to the myriad recreation options that make Green Bay a must-visit destination.

Photo by Rachel Hershberger

Photo by Julie Gile

BEYOND LEGENDARY: A LEGACY UNMATCHED

No visit to Green Bay is complete without immersing oneself in the storied history of the Green Bay Packers, one of the most iconic franchises in professional sports. Lambeau Field, the team's hallowed home, stands as a testament to the team's enduring legacy. As you step into the stadium, you can feel the echoes of historic moments that have shaped the city's identity.

Take a guided tour of Lambeau Field and gain insights into the team's illustrious history. The Packers Hall of Fame, located within the stadium, offers a captivating journey through time, showcasing memorabilia, artifacts, and interactive exhibits that tell the story of this beloved franchise.

Then be sure to make a stop at Titletown, a 45-acre mixed use development to the north of Lambeau Field. Numerous restaurants like Hinterland, the Turn, and 46 Below will quench any craving. Then burn off that meal on the large playground, full-sized football field, or a climb up Ariens Hill. In the winter the development transforms into a snowy wonderland with urban sledding on Ariens Hill, ice skating, light displays and holiday events. Be sure to check the calendar – something new is happening each day.

Photo by Rachel Hershberger

CULINARY DELIGHTS: A FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Beyond the football fervor, Green Bay has emerged as a culinary haven, boasting a diverse scene that caters to every palate. From charming local eateries to upscale dining establishments, the city's culinary offerings are as varied as they are delicious.

Embark on a culinary exploration that will be a splendor for even the pickiest of taste buds. Green Bay may be known for it's cheese (which is excellent), but there's so much more. Numerous fine dining establishments around the region provide top tier steak and seafood entrees and succulent appetizers and small plates. But don't rule out the casual options. Try the classics Green Bay dish, Booyah. It's a slow-cooked Belgian take on chicken soup that will warm you on a cold day. Or stop by one of the local spots for just a beer and burger.

Green Bay's farmers' markets provide a glimpse into the region's agricultural bounty. Stroll through stalls brimming with fresh produce, artisanal cheeses, and handcrafted goods. The Oneida Market, in particular, offers a chance to explore Native American flavors, with traditional foods and crafts on display.

Photo by Julie Gile

Photo by Rachel Hershberger

RECREATION GALORE: NATURE'S PLAYGROUND

Green Bay's natural beauty and outdoor amenities make it an ideal destination for those seeking adventure and recreation. The Fox River, meandering through the heart of the city, provides opportunities for kayaking and paddleboarding. Explore the scenic Fox River Trail, a 25-mile path that winds through parks, forests, and urban landscapes.

For a more immersive outdoor experience, venture to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. This expansive preserve features walking trails, wildlife exhibits, and more. It's a haven for nature enthusiasts, and families looking to connect with the local fauna. In winter, Green Bay transforms into a snowy wonderland, offering opportunities for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and ice fishing.

During the warmer months, Bay Beach Amusement Park is a must-visit family destination. Step back in time with classic rides like the Scrambler, Tilt-a-Whirl and the iconic Zippin Pippin Roller Coaster (a favorite of Elvis Presley). At only $0.25 a ticket, it's affordable fun that will make lasting memories for any family.

Green Bay beckons travelers with a unique blend of sports legacy, culinary delights, and outdoor adventures. Whether you're a football fanatic, a foodie, or an outdoor enthusiast, this vibrant city on the shores of Lake Michigan promises an unforgettable experience that lingers long after you've left its welcoming embrace. •

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IN KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Add Kenosha to your Midwest road trip this year. Located in the southeast corner of Wisconsin on the Lake Michigan shore, you can start exploring the community through its food culture. From gastropub offerings of craft beer and fried cheese curds to fine dining experiences with wine flights and tapas-style small plate cuisine, there is something for every taste and budget. Visit old-fashioned supper clubs and diners, a cheese castle, craft breweries, and year-round farmers' markets.

Lake Shore Pedal Tours
Photo by Rob'd Arts

Kenosha Harbor Market
Photo by Rob'd Arts

Civil War Musem
Photo by Kevin Poirier

Electric Street Car
Photo by Kevin Poirier

Locally owned restaurants are plentiful – many are family-owned with multiple generations on staff. This makes the dining experience extra special with locally sourced food, fresh ingredients, seasonal menus, and customized dishes. In late February each year, the community's delicious dining scene is celebrated with Kenosha Restaurant Week.

Come for the food and stay to explore! Downtown Kenosha is located just steps from Lake Michigan. Its shopping and dining district is a mix of historic charm and modern vibes, with multiple opportunities to get on the water. Ride an authentic Electric Streetcar along the harbor!

Kenosha is a community full of history and culture. Three historic districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places – with a fourth one listed as a locally designated historic district. A plaque in the Library Park Historic District notes the 1915 birthplace of acclaimed actor, writer, director, and producer Orson Welles.

Within a one-mile radius are five memorable museums. At the Civil War Museum, learn the contributions of the Upper Middle West – Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, and Ohio – to the Civil War. View "Seeing the Elephant" which focuses on the personal experiences and accounts of citizen soldiers. The museum is one of just a handful of venues nationwide using 360-degree movie technology. Broadcast journalist Bill Kurtis is the narrator.

Kenosha Public Museum
Photo by Kevin Poirier

Dive into Kenosha's extensive automotive history at the Kenosha History Center. Currently on display is the 1962 Rambler American from the "3rd Rock from the Sun" television show, which is part of the museum's collection. The next Kenosha Homecoming Car Show, hosted by the museum, will be held in July 2025.

See the famous excavated-in-Kenosha mammoths at the Kenosha Public Museum. Travel back in time 237 million years ago to the present at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. Climb a lighthouse at the seasonal Southport Light Station Museum.

Take a pedal tour through downtown, laugh out loud at a comedy show, see a theater production, attend a concert, go axe throwing, and more. Enjoy art galleries, DIY art studios, and outdoor art. See the sculpture that commemorates the second stop on the Winter Dance Party Tour (Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, The Big Bopper, and Dion and the Belmonts). In the summer, visit Bristol Renaissance Faire for an immersive living history experience.

Outdoor adventures include skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing at Wilmot Mountain and ziplining at Boundless Adventures, an aerial adventure park. Be sure to bring your bike to experience more than 150 miles of dedicated bike lanes and signed routes in Kenosha County – as well as the oldest operating velodrome in the country.

Go take a hike! Trails, nature programs, and more can be enjoyed at Bristol Woods Park with its Pringle Nature Center, Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, and Richard Bong State Recreation Area. The Charles and Kathryn Heide Observatory is located at Hawthorn Hollow and houses what is currently the largest public-serving telescope in southeastern Wisconsin. Enjoy birdwatching at Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area, which has been designated a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention. •

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Bike Along Lake Michigan
Photo by Kevin Poirier

RAISE A FORK TO SOME LOCAL FLAVOR

Have a taste for something different? From diners, bistros and supper clubs to museums, live music and hands-on art experiences, Kenosha sets the table with food and entertainment options just waiting to be savored.

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JUST ADD WATER

Written by Drew Hudgins

TEAM KENTUCKY

Cadiz, a small western Kentucky town about a 90-minute drive from Nashville, didn't always look the way it does today. Had satellite maps been around before 1960, even many of the home-grown natives would find it hard to recognize their own home turf. That's because Lake Barkley is a prime example of how "just adding water" can transform a landscape and bring to a rural region benefits such as power generation and recreation.

Before families could enjoy the bonding experience of drifting atop a pontoon all day, and before anglers could brag about their day's catch of crappie and bass, the Cumberland River first needed to be shaped with the construction of Barkley Dam. Prior to World War II, the rural towns in the region were too acquainted with area flooding, which regularly caused damage to businesses, crops and homes. Fortunately today, Trigg County, the home of Lake Barkley, is known as a hub for lake life and outdoor activities.

At its core, Lake Barkley is a man-made reservoir made possible by the construction of Barkley Dam. The dam was built as part of a larger hydroelectric project in the Tennessee River Valley, constructed to harness the power of the river to generate electricity. The combination of the dam and water from the Cumberland River filling the massive pit excavated in the earth, Lake Barkley was born. Today, the lake spans over 57,000 acres and has over 1,000 miles of shoreline, making it a beloved destination for boating, fishing, swimming and a popular camping destination too. But Lake Barkley isn't just a playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

Photo by Drew Hudgins

Lake Barkley is like a big playground for all kinds of plants and animals to live and thrive. There are many different types of creatures and greenery that call the lake and surrounding area their home. The lake and the adjacent Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area (often referred to as "LBL") provide habitats for numerous species of fish and wildlife. Photo enthusiasts love the region for its rich opportunities for birdwatching and wildlife photography. However, everyone can get a taste of experiencing wildlife in two particular attractions—LBL's Elk and Bison Prairie and the Nature Station. While adventurers drive through the 3.5 mile loop to see wild elk and bison or experience up-close, the various native birds, snakes and wildlife at the Nature Station, some also venture to the more modestly sized Hematite Lake.

Hematite Lake is especially a gem for families with younger explorers who love hiking the 2.2 mile trail surrounding the lake. Those interested in a bit more rigorous trek can choose some of the trails that venture farther from the lake's shoreline. Fishers can cast their lines from either a boat or the shore and catch bass, bluegill, or crappie. The lake is stocked regularly with fish, making it especially a great place for the novice angler. And boating is welcomed, so long as its the non-motorized kinds, such as kayaking, canoeing, and rowing.

And the well-informed kayakers and canoers enjoy riding the waters of a tributary that empties into Lake Barkley—Little River. This small river is known for its calm and clear waters and the winding scenic ride. Along the route, water-goers report spotting eagle's nests, numerous rock bluffs, and dozens of caves between the upstream community of Hopkinsville and the Rt. 272 bridge.

From power generation to outdoor recreation and ecological conservation, just adding the waters of Lake Barkley has enriched the lives of many in this western Kentucky region. The next time you're looking to "just add water" to your weekend plans, consider exploring the beauty and adventure of Lake Barkley and Land Between the Lakes. •

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Sandy Ridge Vineyard's Interior

This winter, cabin fever will surely have you wanting to get out, but colder weather will have you looking for indoor activities. Why not try a taste of regional flavor? You can do so by visiting breweries, cideries, wineries, and distilleries throughout the coastal region between Cleveland and Toledo known as Shores & Islands Ohio. But how do you manage finding them all, let alone visiting them all? Enter the Shores & Islands Cheers Trail – an easy way to locate local craft beverage makers and a fun way to taste your way through the region.

Twin Oast Beers

The Cheers Trail makes is easy to find brews, ciders, and sips made with local ingredients. Available as a free, mobile exclusive, instantly-delivered experience through text and email, the Cheers Trail takes you across 22 of the best libations-makers Ohio has to offer. Using your mobile passport, check-in when visiting participating businesses and earn points toward exciting prizes that can be redeemed at Shores & Islands Ohio welcome centers. Prizes can be earned for making qualifying purchases at five or more locations and you'll earn points if you sip back, relax, and spend quality time at these brew-tiful locations!

Your adventure will take you across northern Ohio from Avon Lake to Helena, and to Catawba where you will find **Twin Oast Brewery**, offering craft-made beers and food mixing traditional German offerings with a modern American sentiment, also known as one of Ohio's premiere fruit-based sour beer brewers. **Gideon Owen Wine Company** is a 150-year-old winery in Catawba. It has recently undergone a complete overhaul to both its indoor and outdoor spaces, menu, and more. It's now a perfect blend of historic charm with an 1872 wine cellar, modern patio with fire pits, fine dining, and a wine bar. Next, to Marblehead's **Rocky Point Winery**, just a few minutes from the iconic Marblehead Lighthouse. It's a great place to relax and enjoy wines made using Midwest

Everwild Spirit Drinks

Firelands Winery

grapes, including ones grown on Isle St. George in Lake Erie. Then to Sandusky's, **Everwild Spirits**, a craft bourbon distillery producing whiskeys and craft cocktails that represent the local land and grains native to Ohio. Berlin Heights offers the very unique **Redhead Ciderhouse** at Burnham Orchards. Redhead Ciderhouse is an estate cidery who grows, presses, and ferments on site. Hard ciders can be sampled in the tasting room or purchased to-go at the orchard's market. Don't forget to visit the island locations during the warmer months, as the Cheers Trail is a year-round experience.

These are just a few locations the Cheers Trail will lead you to on your journey of experiencing some of the best local flavors, culture, and history.

Redhead Ciderhouse Products

Firelands Adventure Tours offers two different 4-hour winery tours throughout the region in a climate-controlled, comfortable 16-passenger bus. Tours begin and end in downtown Sandusky and include three unique winery stops. These tours are VIP, all-inclusive wine-tasting events, that include wines paired with delicious snacks, interesting discussions with wine makers and winery staff, an informative tour of the production facilities, and gratuities for one all-inclusive price.

Traveling the Cheers Trail is a fun and enjoyable experience, from games for the kids to winter-friendly outdoor spaces with igloos, glass houses, and heated patios, the Cheers Trail is for the whole family. Everywhere you visit will offer something for everyone, including giant pretzels, cheese trays, coffee, beautiful views, live music, and so much more! •

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Jefferson County
WHERE ALMOST HEAVEN BEGINS

Located just an hour west from Washington DC, Jefferson County, West Virginia is an increasingly popular getaway destination for city dwellers, outdoor adventurers, and lovers of history. Known for the saga of John Brown and Harpers Ferry Historic National Park, this piece of "almost heaven" is the most popular destination in the mountain state.

Photo by Joshua Lykins

As the days grow colder, the action starts to heat up at River Riders Family Adventure Park which transforms into Snow Riders in the winter months. This new snow tubing park features 12 lanes and is the longest tubing slope on the east coast at almost three football fields long. A modern Magic Carpet conveyor lift brings you and your tube quickly back to the top of the hill so you can relax and can tube down again!

At night, the party is just getting started. Snow Riders lights up the night with a multi-color LED disco light show. Enjoy the beat of the music and changing of the light as you slide down the slopes with your family and friends.

Even if there is no natural snow on the ground, the brand new and modern snow making machines have you covered! You can go snow tubing at Snow Riders even when the temperatures are above freezing!

Photo by Joshua Lykins

After a day of snow-tubing or exploring, Jefferson Counties quaint and eclectic small towns offer an incredible mix of dining options. A great way to start your day is at Sibling Coffee Roasters, a small specialty coffee roasting company located in downtown Charles Town. Sample quality micro-lot single origin green coffee from all over the world and find the one you like the best.

Photo by Joshua Lykins

If you want to enjoy Mediterranean cuisine, then return to Charles Town for dinner at Alfredo's Mediterranean Steakhouse & Grille. This family-owned local favorite has been preparing traditional and modern dishes featuring foods from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Lebanon and Morocco for over 15 years.

Since 2013, Ortega's Taco Shop has been famous for the "best taco in town." Featuring locally sourced meats, cheeses, and produce, Ortega's is a favorite stop for more than just tacos. Just a short walk down the street, discover Sumittra Thai Kitchen. Sumittra showcases authentic Thai flavors prepared with classic techniques. Shareable portions served in multiple courses allow diners to enjoy each dish hot out of the kitchen.

For a unique lunch or dinner, try Cocina Plantosaurus in downtown Charles Town. This Puertorican fusion restaurant is a 100% plant-based restaurant.

If a cold beer and pub food is more your style, look no further than Abolitionist Ale Works in downtown Charles Town for fun, flavorful and unique beers for every palate. Specialty pizzas, sandwiches, and appetizers complement the brews.

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A brisk morning walk along the C & O Canal Towpath is the perfect way to kick off a day in Jefferson County. Enjoy beautiful views of the Potomac river as you follow the well-maintained path. Access the path by crossing the bridge in Shepherdstown into Maryland. If you stay at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, the path is literally three minutes away.

After your morning work out, head downtown to Betty's Restaurant for a hearty breakfast and some local color. This old-school favorite is the quintessential small town morning gathering spot for local news and great food.

After a relaxing and informative breakfast, head up the street to Four Seasons Books to find the perfect novel or "beach trash" to fill a lazy afternoon in front of a warm fire. •

For more information on creating your own Jefferson County getaway, visit WhereAlmostHeavenBegins.com.

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Jefferson County
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West Virginia's HIDDEN TREASURE

Upshur County, West Virginia, offers a mix of natural beauty, historical sites, and recreational activities that can appeal to tourists. While it may not be as well-known as some other tourist destinations, Upshur County has its own unique highlights. Keep in mind that the availability of attractions and events may change, so it's always a good idea to check for the latest information. **Here are some potential tourism highlights in Upshur County:**

Audra State Park
Photo by Joey Baxa

AUDRA STATE PARK:

Audra State Park is known for its picturesque scenery, including the Middle Fork River, rock outcroppings, and lush forests. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails, fishing, and picnicking.

FISH HAWK ACRES:

For culinary enthusiasts, Fish Hawk Acres is a local farm and market offering fresh, locally sourced produce and gourmet foods. Visitors can explore the farm and enjoy farm-to-table experiences.

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Audra State Park
Photo by Mike Ruffing

WEST VIRGINIA WILDLIFE CENTER:

This wildlife education facility features native West Virginia wildlife in natural habitats. It's an educational and family-friendly destination. And be sure to visit the gift shop while you are there to find unique WV gifts to remember your trip.

CIVIL WAR TRAILS:

Upshur County has historical significance from the Civil War era. With 5 landmark signs around the county, you can explore the Civil War Trails and visit the sites that played a role in this pivotal period of American history.

WV Wesleyan
Photo by Kathy Gregg

WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE:

Explore the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College, a private liberal arts college founded in 1890. The campus is known for its historic architecture and beautiful surroundings.

JAWBONE PARK:

Whether it's all decorated for the holidays, or filled with music and vendors during festival season, Jawbone Park is a favorite destination spot conveniently located in downtown Buckhannon. Jawbone is home to our annual events, such has The WV Strawberry Festival, Almost Heaven BBQ Bash, Festival Fridays, and more! Jawbone Park offers an abundance of green space, a playground, and a covered stage for a variety of entertainment year round.

Fiddlers Mill
Photo by Joey Baxa

OUTDOOR RECREATION:

Upshur County offers plentiful river access for fishing, kayaking, swimming, and more. Upshur County is also home to an 8+mile (and growing) trail system for hiking, biking, running, or casually exploring our beautiful outdoors. You will also find areas for camping, hundreds of miles for off-road exploring, and lots of natural beauty in places like West Virginia State Wildlife Center, the waterfalls at Fidler's Mill, Pringle Tree Park, and so much more.

For travelers who prefer to travel by small plane, Upshur County Regional Airport (W22) is located just off Brushy Fork Road less than two miles from beautiful downtown Buckhannon. Airport patrons are greeted by a stunning view! Pilots and passengers can take advantage of available hangar space or aircraft tie downs, and use the airport's courtesy car to attend a business meeting, grab lunch, or go see a wonderful show. Take advantage of our low Jet A and 100LL prices by letting our line staff fuel you while you are out. Freshen up and grab a cup of coffee in our terminal before taking off to your next destination.

Downtown Buckhannon
Photo by Robbie Skinner

Fly in, grab a bite to eat, catch an incredible play put on by the Buckhannon Community Theatre, before turning into to one of our many cozy cabins for the night. Come experience our Small Town Getaway with Big Time Charm! #visitupshur

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BEDFORD BEGINS

From the magnificent Peaks of Otter along the Blue Ridge Parkway to the shores of Smith Mountain Lake, Bedford offers outdoor adventure and historical treasures!

View from Sharp Top, Peaks of Otter
Photo by Savanah Graham

Nation D-Day Memorial
Photo by National D-Day Memorial Foundation

Graham Ordinary Meadery
Photo by Savanah Graham

Bedford has more mileage along the Blue Ridge Parkway than any county in Virginia. Exit the Parkway and explore wineries, orchards, historic attractions, local shopping and dining, and trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. The area boasts more than 130 holes of disc golf, in addition to more than 30 miles of mountain bike trails.

Set against a backdrop that includes breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge and a quintessential American home front community, the National D-Day Memorial tells the story of the Allied sacrifice of June 6, 1944. Among the hundreds of thousands of service members positioned off the shores of Normandy on that fateful morning, were 44 soldiers, sailors, and airmen from Bedford. By day's end, Bedford's D-Day fatalities totaled 20. In comparison with its wartime population of only 3,200, Bedford suffered the Nation's highest known per capita D-Day loss, a somber distinction for this rural Virginia community.

Though designated a national monument, it is not part of the National Park Service and does not receive federal or state funding. A groundbreaking was held in 1997, and the National D-Day Memorial was dedicated on June 6, 2001 by President George W. Bush. The 50-acre outdoor site is open daily, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. In 2024, a special week of commemorative events will be held to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

After visiting the Memorial, take the short drive into historic downtown to the Bedford Boys Tribute Center. Located inside the historic Green's Drugstore building, where in July 1944, the Western Union telegrams came informing families of the invasion casualties. Here you will find the personal effects of many of the Bedford Boys and learn the stories of these hometown soldiers that were lost on D-Day.

Downtown Bedford Sunset

While in downtown Bedford, enjoy shopping for art, antiques, vintage treasures, culinary treats, home décor, and more. There are several restaurants within easy walking distance from each other in a charming atmosphere of 19th century buildings. One option is Beale's, a craft brewery and full-service family friendly restaurant, featuring indoor and outdoor dining areas with special beer releases throughout the year.

Beale's is also part of the new Bottled in Bedford Craft Beverage Trail! The trail is a great way to unwind in Bedford, all while sampling high-quality, small batch wine, beer, cider and even mead, the world's oldest fermented beverage. With 11 stops on the trail, you'll experience a unique vibe and personality at each place. Some have live music, food trucks, corn hole, disc golf, trivia, and other fun games, while others may be the perfect place to relax and watch the evening sunset.

Smith Mountain Lake makes up the southern border of Bedford and is among the most popular vacation and recreational spots on the East Coast! Enjoy water sports, fishing, and breathtaking sunsets. Smith Mountain Lake State Park offers a public beach, trails, cabins, and camping. Bedford's only lakefront resort, Mariners Landing, features many amenities including unique restaurants and an 18-hole championship golf course.

While in Bedford, be sure to stop by the Bedford Area Welcome Center. The Welcome Center not only offers information about the area, but also a gift shop, firefighters' gallery, RV hook-ups, electric car charging station, LOVE sign, and more. The Center is open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

You will need more than a day to experience it all! Go to DestinationBedfordVA.com or call (540) 587-5681 to find out more. •

Mariners Landing, Smith Mountain Lake
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VISIT HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

It's not the great food, quint shops, or vibrant atmosphere.. it's the friendly community that makes Harrisonburg truly remarkable. Nestled in the picturesque Shenandoah Valley, this friendly city has welcomed people from all over the world for centuries.

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Lola's Deli
Photo by Emily Neighbors

Harrisonburg's culinary landscape, boasts over 80 locally-owned restaurants and a commitment to farm-to-table fare that tantalizes the taste buds with international flavors. Beyond the culinary delights, there is a vibrant arts scene with one-of-a-kind shops, filled with hidden treasures curated by local artisans and business owners. It's no wonder Harrisonburg proudly holds the title of Virginia's First Culinary District and a Virginia Arts & Cultural District.

Harrisonburg offers the perfect weekend getaway. From the minute you arrive on a Friday afternoon you will feel the warm and inviting atmosphere. For a charming and relaxing stay just minutes from downtown, check into By The Side of the Road Inn & Cottages. As Harrisonburg's first bed and breakfast, this family-owned property is steeped in history. Now operating as an inn, guests can choose to stay in the historic main building with private rooms or one of the cozy cottages scattered throughout the property.

After settling in, head downtown to Pale Fire Brewing Company. Sip on a flight of locally brewed beers, including their award-winning cream ale, Taking Water—a delightful blend with Pilsner malt and Liberty hops. Indulge in Detroit-style pizza, mouthwatering sandwiches, or crisp salads. Nestle by the fireplace with a book from their community library or groove to local live music, setting the perfect tone for the weekend.

Heritage Bakery
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Start your Saturday at Heritage Bakery for freshly baked pastries, breakfast sandwiches, and artisanal coffee. This charming, family-owned bakery takes pride in crafting their delectable pastries in-house daily, skillfully incorporating locally sourced lavender for an authentic touch. With a commitment to quality, their menu offerings change daily, promising an exciting array of flavors to savor each time you visit.

With the morning fuel, set your sights on the nearby Shenandoah National Park, a mere 30-minute drive from downtown. Grab a sandwich from Lola's Delicatessen to embark on a picnic, surrounded by breathtaking views. If you're looking to be more adventurous, plan out a hike on one of the trails. The South River Falls Trail takes you to the base of an 83' waterfall, where you'll cross a section of the Appalachian Trail. For an adrenaline-pumping scenic hike, conquer the Bearfence Rock Scramble—an exhilarating rock scramble that leads to a magnificent 360-degree view of the Virginia Piedmont and Shenandoah Valley.

As the day winds down, head back into town for an elegant dinner at The Joshua Wilton House, an award-winning Victorian fine dining restaurant with refined Virginia cuisine. Executive Chef Tom French brings culinary

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Joshua Wilton Food
Photo by Jake Woetzel

expertise from rare experiences including an internship at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. His remarkable talent for enhancing any ingredient promises a unique and delightful farm-to-table dining experience. Cap off the night at The Golden Pony with their exceptional, seasonal cocktails. Meticulously crafted in-house, each libation is a testament to the team's dedication to innovative and high-quality mixology.

For a delightful Sunday brunch, head to Magpie Diner, located in a transformed 1950s tire service station. Their ever-changing menu brings a distinctive seasonal flare worth the anticipated wait. As you wait, check out the Liberty Street Mercantile just across the street, housing eight local businesses each showcasing unique, hidden gems. After brunch, splurge on a one-of-a-kind downtown shopping experience at The Shops @ Agora and The Yellow Button. "Before leaving Harrisonburg, grab some fresh gourmet popcorn at Shirley's Popcorn for the perfect drive-home snack.

Pale Fire Flight
Photo by Sarah Hauser

In just one weekend, Harrisonburg offers a perfect blend of culinary delights, outdoor adventures, and local shopping experiences. With its warm atmosphere and welcoming community, this town is sure to leave you with cherished memories and a desire to return for more. www.VisitHarrisonburg.com •

Magpie Diver
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DISCOVER

SOUTH COASTAL *Delaware*

While the sun stretches out her time above the horizon, thousands of beach lovers travel from far and wide to spend their vacation enjoying the bustling energy of the summer season along the pristine coast of Southern Delaware. When the summer crowds return home and the sun begins to dip earlier each evening, showing off its deeper fall hues—the locals and long-time visitors begin to whisper about the "second-season" like a hidden treasure. What some call the "off-season", others call the best time of the year—the beauty without the bustle.

Good news travels fast and, with each new year, the second season welcomes all back to the beach even after the swimsuits and board shorts have been packed away.

In the air, there's a feeling of…Festivals. The new year along the Southern Delaware Coast kicks off with the 2023 Fire and Ice Festival: "Lights, Camera, Action!" taking place on January 27-29, 2023. Experience the beach like you never have before with some movie magic at this Hollywood themed event. Spend the weekend taking in 63,000 pounds of ice that have been transformed into masterfully crafted sculptures. Enjoy other winter festivities including bonfires, live music, outdoor movies, and more. Visitors and locals alike buzz over the local Tasting Tour, Drink Competitions, and warm up with the comfort of an old-fashioned Chili Cook-off. Local businesses and towns join to extend the joy of the holiday season with something for everyone. It all caps off with a firework show that rivals the fourth of July.

Before you know it, the morning light starts peeking in earlier and lingering later every day to see what it's been missing. Spring puts on a show for those who love wildlife; and fishermen and foodies together all eagerly await the first catches of the season. For those who are ready to get back outside after staying cozy indoors over the winter months, the award-winning 34th Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour is our early kickoff for the season. Taking place on the last weekend in April, riders of all experience levels can participate in any of the cycling tours that cover over 180 miles of Sussex County's beautiful beaches, bays, and beyond.

Come back and continue to explore, endless opportunities abound. Stay for "local's summer" that begins the week after Labor Day with our 45th Annual Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival featuring 100 juried artists. Wind along sandy trails through black pines. Kayak along the banks of the canals, bay, and shorelines or spend the day fishing, surfing, or finally fitting in that round of golf. If it is retail therapy you need, shop tax-free among many unique boutiques, galleries, and local specialty shops. There is something sweet about taking in the salty sea air while doing the things you love. And whether you prefer salty, sweet, or savory, there are hundreds of restaurants to choose from. The Culinary Coast is brimming with a variety of spectacular dining; boasting award-winning chefs, farm-to-table dishes, and mouth-watering seafood. The length of days might change from summer to winter, but the truth is that time doesn't fly so fast when you realize the places you love to visit in the summer season are full of hidden gems year-round, with the beach as the backdrop. •

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DISCOVER CAMBRIDGE

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Whether you plan to bundle up and head outside or stay warm and cozy indoors this winter season, Cambridge, MA has you covered!

Harvard Bridge

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Apres Cambridge

A train, plane or car ride can easily transport you to Cambridge, which is located on the opposite bank of the Charles River from Boston and approximately six miles from Boston Logan Airport. Once here, get ready to experience Cambridge's eclectic energy, world-class museums, historic sites, diverse restaurants, small boutiques plus an incredible live music scene all within our quaint neighborhoods and famous "Squares." Cover all that with a blanket of snow from Mother Nature (if you're lucky!), and Cambridge becomes an even more magical and curious destination to explore.

Kimpton Marlowe

Home to over twenty hotels and the largest number of hotel rooms outside of Downtown Boston, Cambridge is ready to welcome you for a weekend, a week….or longer! If you're planning a family vacation, Royal Sonesta Cambridge Boston is sure to be a favorite for all ages. The riverside hotel boasts one of the largest indoor pools around and is an eight minute walk from the Museum of Science. For those seeking a romantic getaway, The Charles Hotel and Kimpton Marlowe offer cozy bed and breakfast packages for two. Whatever winter getaway you envision, there is a Cambridge hotel for you!

Apres Cambridge

Colder temperatures and a little snow won't stop Cambridge; there are plenty of winter activities to enjoy. A few special experiences you will not want to miss are the Taste of Chocolate Weekend, Cambridge Crossing's annual Aprés Cambridge event, the chance to dine riverside in a heated Igloo at the Royal Sonesta's ArtBar, or the opportunity to show off your moves at the Canal District Kendall ice skating rink, open daily thru mid-March.

Whether you're shopping for yourself or searching for the perfect Valentine's Day present, use the Cambridge Business Diversity Directory to find that unique gift that you've been looking for, while supporting small and minority-owned businesses throughout Cambridge!

Cambridge is also the birthplace of higher education in America, home to both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), located just 2 miles apart. Both universities house renowned museum collections that are open to the public and make for a memorable winter afternoon activity.

Royal Sonesta Boston Igloos

MIT Museum

Henrietta's Table Oatmeal Cake

Foodie? You're in luck. Cambridge is famous for its eclectic mix of restaurants, with many featuring winter-inspired or seasonal dishes. Cambridge will spoil you with choices, from fresh and arty to elegant including fan favorites like Puritan & Company, Harvest, Alden & Harlow, Oleana, and Giulia. And if you have a sweet tooth, Toscanini's ice cream is a hot spot that the New York Times once called "the best ice cream in the world" featuring hundreds of flavors that rotate throughout the year — well worth the risk of a mild brain freeze.

While some destinations hibernate as colder temperatures creep in, Cambridge, MA comes alive with indoor and outdoor events and activities for everyone. Make Cambridge your winter destination this year! •

Sip, Shop, Stay

in Cambridge this Winter!

Whether you plan to bundle up & head outside or stay warm & cozy indoors this winter season, Cambridge has you covered!

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Eat & Drink in Noble

Prepare to loosen your belts and tantalize your taste buds. Noble County is a culinary treasure trove, with ten spots on the Indiana Foodways Alliance's passport trail. Ready for a mouth-watering German feast? St. James in Avilla has got you covered! Got a hankering for the region's juiciest burgers or the ultimate Hoosier tenderloin? Look no further than the Albion Ale House. Oh, and did we mention they've got twelve craft brews on tap, made right in the house? Wet your whistle at our three breweries and tasting rooms, serving up the most refreshing craft beers, signature cocktails, and award-winning wines. It's not just about the drinks, though - these hangouts are the perfect spots for trivia nights, chill evenings, and live music that will blow your socks off.

Ready to dig in? Head to www.visitnoblecounty.org/eat-drink for all the delicious deets!