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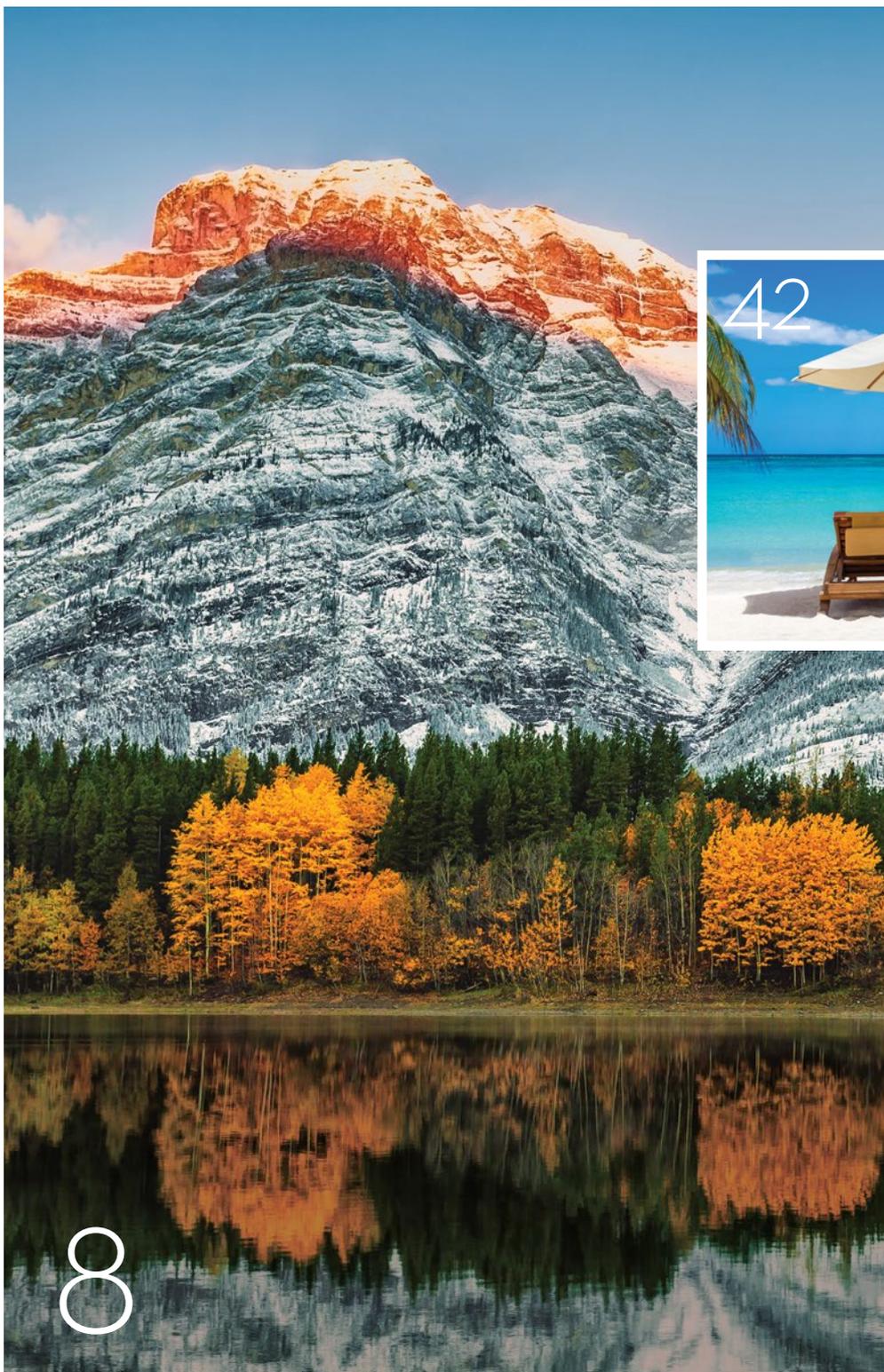
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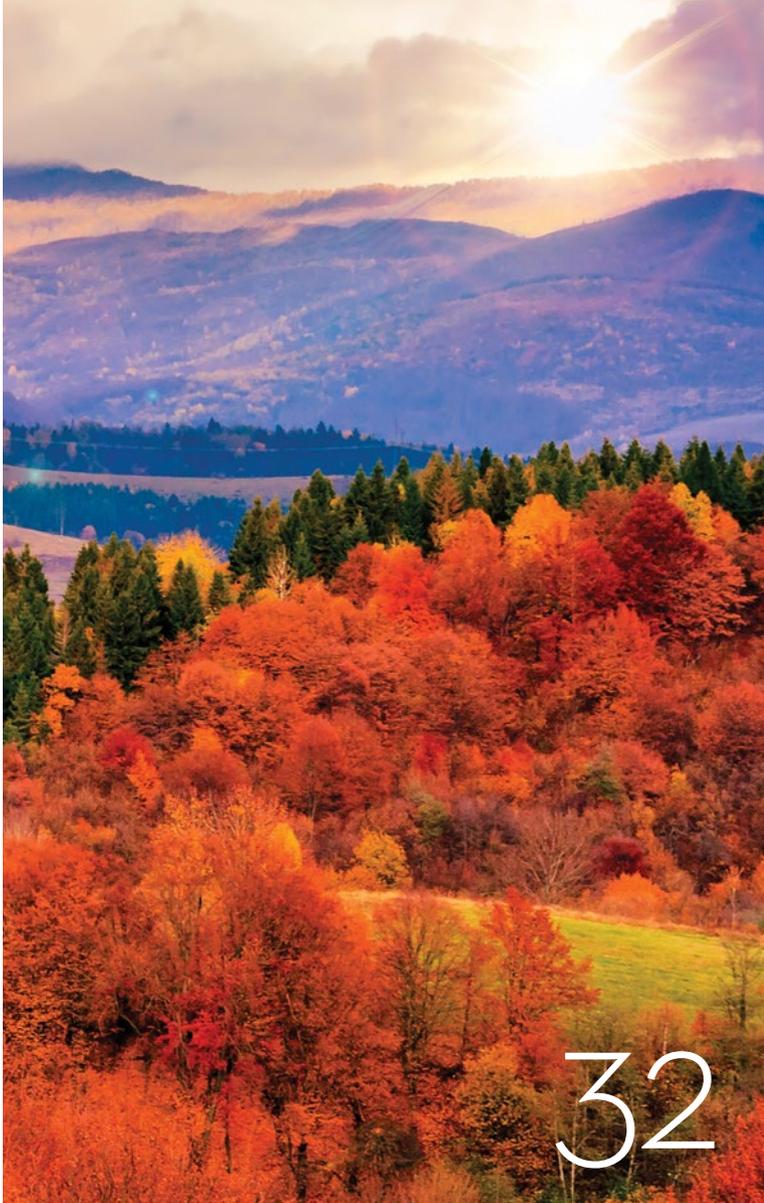
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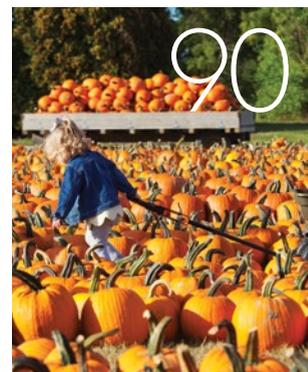
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The destinations in this issue provide you with a multitude of options to create the most reminiscent vacations. Whether you choose to go the conventional route or to take the road less traveled- make this autumn one that will be remembered for ages. It is with the warmest regards that I wish you the safest travels as you discover the undiscovered.

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OPPOSITE:
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that transforms into an
animated skateway
during wintertime.

Earlier this year, I had a sudden craving for a taste of Canada. I hadn't visited our northern neighbor for a couple of years, and thought maybe fall harvest would be a great time to head up and savor some local color and flavors.

BY JAELLA RICHARD



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I've been to Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec City—all lovely in their own right, with mature and recognized culinary scenes. But I'd yet to make it to Ottawa, the country's capital city. I had been hearing some very good things about Ottawa: lots of historic sites, national museums and galleries, performing arts, and a beautiful natural setting. Not to mention the fact that it's home to three cooking schools including Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute. So I boarded an early morning flight from NYC. After a short hour and a half jaunt, I was checking into my

downtown hotel about a half hour after landing.

Home to about a million people, Ottawa is located on the eastern edge of the province of Ontario, on the banks of the Ottawa River, which marks the border between Ontario and the province of Québec. Ottawa is easy to navigate on foot – entirely surrounded by rivers and beautiful green spaces. You can explore sites and attractions including Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), national museums, and more.

I set out from my hotel and took a short stroll to the king of all



"It was early October, and the stalls were overflowing with fresh products from local producers- colorful heirloom carrots and tomatoes, fresh herbs, local lamb, duck and venison."

Steve Robinson, the 2014 Sommelier of the Year for Ontario? The first features Chef Rodriguez's personal take on Mexican and Spanish dishes, while the latter serves "New Canadian food based on hyper-modern culinary technique and technology". Well, I was here for a taste of Canada, so I chose the tasting menu at Atelier, featuring fresh local harvest ingredients divinely prepared and expertly paired with local microbrews and wines from nearby Prince Edward County.

The next morning, I rented a bike just outside the hotel, and took a ride on some of the city's 186 miles/ 300 kilometers of paved cycling paths. It's a great way to see the sites and appreciate the city's natural beauty, because the paths pass right by some of Ottawa's best-loved landmarks and waterways.

Once safely back on two feet-and running out of time before my return flight, I headed directly to Navarra to check out its lunch menu. You will see many restaurants and menus displaying signs in English and French - I even practiced my high school French throughout my "petit séjour".

Ottawa made a great first impression, and as I caught my flight back to New York, I'd already decided this wouldn't be my last visit to this beautiful and tasteful urban destination, at the edge of nature. ★

the Ottawa farmers markets - the ByWard Market - which is the longest continuously operated market of its kind in the country. Once at the Market, I participated in a C'est Bon Epicurean Adventures food tour that introduced me and my traveling companions to many of the producers, chefs and food artisans that populate the district. It was early October, and the stalls were overflowing with fresh products from local producers- colorful heirloom carrots and tomatoes, fresh herbs, local lamb, duck and venison. A number of the stalls were displaying a sign that read 'Savour Ottawa'. I asked about it and was told that Savour Ottawa is a program that links local agri-food producers with the city's culinary community. It's a great idea that I've seen in a few other places. I learned later that the program had won the top award for culinary tourism in the province.

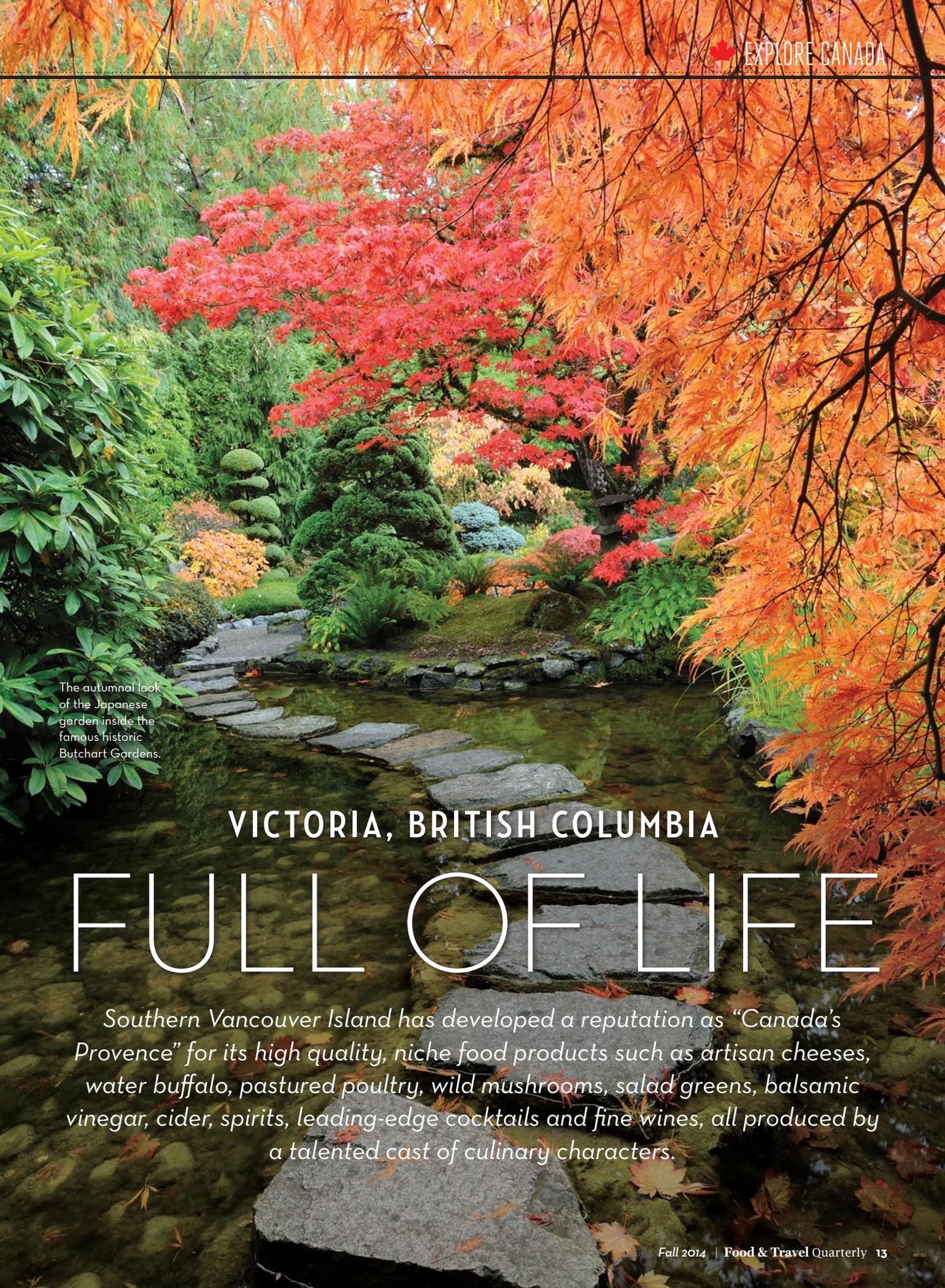
After the tour, I stopped by the National Gallery of Canada and took in its vast collection by the famous Canadian artistic movement, the Group of Seven. After that, I dashed across the interprovincial bridge over the Ottawa River to the Canadian Museum of History, which houses the largest indoor collection of totem poles in the world. Both are must-sees, as are all seven national museums in the Capital.

For dinner that evening, I was torn. Would it be Navarra, which is owned by Chef Rene Rodriguez, who recently won Top Chef Canada on Food Network Canada; or would it be Atelier, with Chef Marc Lepine, who was crowned Champion at the 2012 Canadian Culinary Championships and Sommelier

ABOVE: Shop, dine & unwind in the ByWard Market district

BELOW: Dining at Signatures Restaurant at Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa. The culinary institute also offers gourmet short courses to the public.





The autumnal look of the Japanese garden inside the famous historic Butchart Gardens.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Southern Vancouver Island has developed a reputation as “Canada’s Provence” for its high quality, niche food products such as artisan cheeses, water buffalo, pastured poultry, wild mushrooms, salad greens, balsamic vinegar, cider, spirits, leading-edge cocktails and fine wines, all produced by a talented cast of culinary characters.



ABOVE and LEFT: Island Chefs Collaborative Market
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All of these products are skillfully prepared and served to the tables of Victoria, including at top-tier restaurants such as **Ulla**, **Café Briò**, and **Camille's**.

Two words: fresh and local. Stock up on the very best the area has to offer in terms of produce, baked goods and prepared delicacies at one of the area's many public markets. Visit our public market itinerary for more information on all of the markets.

No matter the season, there's always a festival worth attending in Victoria. Regardless of when you choose to make Victoria your destination, chances



ABOVE: Breaking the cheese wheel

BELOW: Canada Day in the Inner Harbour



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are a festival is already happening, or just about to happen. Whether it's Symphony Splash - Canada's largest outdoor symphony event or the annual Dine Around & Stay in Town which takes over the city in late February and early March with more than 60 restaurants and hotels featuring special three course menus and hotel room rates. In spring the city features Culinaire, the Swiftsure International Yacht Race, and the Spot Prawn Festival; in summer, the annual Taste Festival features 100 plus selections from local vineyards and farms; and in fall Art of the Cocktail showcases all things cocktail; in winter Victoria Film Festival attracts travelers from many different countries. Entertainment abounds in every season!

With so many great foodie destinations to choose from, it can be tough trying to decide which ones to check out. Take the guesswork out of it with a culinary tour, either on foot with **Off the Eaten Track** and **Feast Concierge**, or by bicycle with **The Pedaler**. Popular tours include the Off the Eaten Track's Oak Bay Brunch Tour - a two hour tour featuring many of the neighborhood's best brunch dishes - and the Hoppy Hour Ride - a three hour tour with stops at many of the local breweries.

You can feel the pulse of a city through its arts and entertainment. This is certainly notable in Victoria, British Columbia - a cosmopolitan city alive with

culture! The performing arts are well represented in Victoria with theatre and dance companies showcasing performances in historical playhouses, modern arts centers and small, and picturesque community theatres. Victoria is also home to numerous art galleries, exhibits and studios. Music and arts festivals throughout the year celebrate jazz, blues, R&B, folk, independent film, Shakespeare, fringe theatre, comedy, and Victoria's cultural diversity. Buskers and street performers add color to the streets and Inner Harbour.

Take a walk back in time with a Discover the Past

tour. Author, historian, and lecturer John Adams guides three sets of tours - Ghostly Walks, Chinatown Walks and Discovery Walks - that will introduce you to Victoria's rich history in an unforgettable way.

Explore the local arts scene at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and The Robert Bateman Centre. The Art Gallery is housed in a combination of contemporary exhibition spaces and a remarkable mansion built in 1889, and includes an important collection of visual and decorative arts, including one of the only Shinto shrines outside of Japan. The Robert Bateman Centre celebrates one of the world's greatest wildlife artists with over 100 original pieces spanning an astonishing seven decades of work. ★



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THINGS TO DO

ROYAL BC MUSEUM

With a collection of more than 7 million items and 26,000 square feet of indoor exhibits, there is no better place to learn the history of British Columbia than the Royal BC Museum. Realistic settings bring authentic objects to life in the renowned First Peoples exhibit, Modern History Gallery, 20th Century Gallery and new Natural History Gallery. The Royal BC Museum also includes Thunderbird Park, Mungo Martin House/Wa'waditla, the Netherlands Carillon Tower, BC Archives, native plant gardens, Helmcken House and St. Ann's Schoolhouse.

There are two new exhibits in the Royal BC Museum. From now until November 11, 2014, The Vikings exhibit provides insights into Viking domestic life, death rituals, the significance of craft, the power of mythology and the symbolism of ships. The collection comprises more than 500 artifacts such as jewellery, swords, axes and clothing; some rare, and many never before shown outside Scandinavia. Our Living Languages: First Peoples' Voices in BC is an innovative, interactive exhibition celebrating the

resilience and diversity of First Nations languages in BC in the face of change. As one of the planet's most linguistically diverse regions, British Columbia is recognised for its diversity and vitality of First Nations languages, of which 34 are spoken in the province.

For more information visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

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From lush rainforest canopies and hidden waterfalls, to colorful and rich tidal pools teeming with diverse sea life, Rainforest Tours provides experiences perfect for those looking to get off the beaten path. These guided hikes follow the coastal trail in East Sooke Park, a ten kilometre (six miles) trail featuring ancient petroglyphs etched into the rocks by the area's native peoples of the past; and the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail, which follows 47 km (29 mi) of wilderness stretching along the western shoreline of southern Vancouver Island. Visitors learn about the surroundings they explore as the tour guides share their knowledge of the natural landscapes. For more information visit rainforesttours.ca

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Experience a bucket-list worthy adventure from the air with Victoria, B.C.'s newest seaplane company, Sandpiper Air Seaplanes. Departing from Victoria's Inner Harbour, visitors looking for a birds-eye view of the stunning coastline, rugged mountains and the surrounding islands can hop aboard a panorama flight cruising over The Butchart Gardens, the Saanich Peninsula and Sidney Island. Take the Gulf Islands Explorer Tour, coasting over Salt Spring, Galiano, Pender and Saturna Islands and opt for a one-hour stop in Ganges on Salt Spring Island and explore the town. Couples looking for a romantic escape can take the Couple's Romance Tour with a stop at a secluded beach and a delicious locally prepared picnic lunch. For a full day adventure, enjoy an extended round-trip flight to

Tofino along the rugged West Coast of the Island followed by an incredible two hour bear watching tour by zodiac boat. For more information, visit sandpiperair.ca

WHALE WATCHING

No other spectacle of nature compares to the awe-inspiring sight of a massive killer whale breaching out of the deep blue water only 100 metres from your boat. Victoria and Vancouver Island are well known as the place to view transient and resident whales in their natural surroundings, as well as providing a number of other wildlife-watching opportunities throughout the seasons. Whale watching tours can be taken out of Victoria as well as from several other communities on the Island. For more information, visit www.tourismvictoria.com/things-to-do/



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VANCOUVER

An all-season destination with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean

Vancouver is consistently voted one of the world's most liveable cities—no surprise considering the stunning surroundings of snow-capped peaks, sun-drenched sands, and the sparkling Pacific Ocean. The mile-long downtown core reflects the region's multiculturalism and vibrancy, and one of the best parts of sightseeing is the seamless integration for visitors. Vancouver is one of few world cities where locals and tourists gravitate toward the same experiences - whether exploring artsy Granville

ABOVE: Scenic Vancouver is surrounded by a postcard-worthy backdrop of mountains, ocean and lush forest.

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Albert Normandin

INLAY: Grouse Mountain Bear

BELOW: Fall pumpkins at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

Island, biking through lush Stanley Park, snapping photos around the scenic seawall, or tackling the gruelling Grouse Grind, it's almost impossible not to make new friends or have an experience that instills a feeling of kinship with this friendly, welcoming city.

So what is that intangible *je ne sais quoi* that draws visitors from across the globe to Vancouver? Good looks, naturally- but also an award-winning culinary scene, scores of boutique hotels full of character, and a healthy "green" lifestyle. Local, sustainable and freshly caught ingredients are par for the course across the city's vibrant eateries; which range from cocktail taverns, to four-star restaurants, to craft breweries. Hotels are internationally recognized for providing visitors with top-tier amenities and service that goes above and beyond. The city's sprawling outdoors inspires a wealth of activities that include hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, yoga, stand-up paddleboarding, and much more.

Vancouver is truly an all-season destination, appealing equally to budding gourmands, shopping enthusiasts, and outdoor adventurers.

With all that to offer and more, what's not to love about Vancouver? ★





VANCOUVER FESTIVAL

Set your oven timers for Vancouver's ultimate culinary countdown! Tourism Vancouver's annual *Dine Out™ Vancouver Festival* is just around the corner (January 16 – February 1,

2015), and the kitchen is getting steamy as organizers craft a fresh menu of food-focused indulgences.

Dine Out™ can seem overwhelming at first – after all, over the last 12 years it's grown to encompass more than 25 palate-tickling events, prix fixe menus at 240+ restaurants, and special rates at hotels across the city. But rest assured, regardless of your taste preferences there's a *Dine Out™* for you. Love to chow down



on authentic street food? **Street Food City**, a signature festival event, returns bigger and tastier than ever for year four. Want to splash out with a full-fledged night on the town? Book a \$38 three-course meal

at a luxe restaurant, take part in a vino-fuelled discussion at **The Grape Debate** and end the night by lolling around your upscale hotel room complete with exclusive festival amenities.



Ready to start building your *Dine Out™* experience? Hold on to your cutlery: Tickets go on sale December 1. Until then, scope out the scene at one of Vancouver's many palate-pleasing restaurants. Happy dining! www.Dineoutvancouver.com



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Casino completed a full renovation of its main gaming floor. The new layout is brighter, bolder, and wider - complete with richly-colored carpeting, new slot displays, plush seating, a new Keno Bar, and a larger Player's Club Booth. In addition, a new air quality system brings in abundant outside air into the casino and moderates temperature and humidity, creating a very comfortable gaming experience.

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The AAA Four Diamond Award-winning hotel at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino offers 26 levels of luxury with 604 newly-renovated deluxe guest rooms and corner suites to provide you an unforgettable stay. Each room features upscale amenities such as a pillow-top bed, oversized shower, and flat-screen TV. Enjoy awe-inspiring views of the majestic Falls and the Niagara cityscape as you rest in comfort.

In addition to action-packed gaming and a luxurious hotel stay, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino offers top-notch entertainment. The 2,400-seat Seneca Niagara Events Center plays host to the world's finest entertainers. Another venue, the intimate Bear's Den Showroom, offers 440 plush seats in a stadium-style setting with no seat further than 40 feet from the stage - providing you a phenomenal connection to the artists.

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available at Blues Burger Bar, the 24-hour Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop / Cold Stone Creamery outlet, Koi Noodle Bar, and Morrie's Express. Enjoy many of these fine foods and incredible guest service for your next event as well, as the resort offers more than 36,000 square feet of meeting and conference space for banquets, trade shows, conventions, weddings, and more.

Don't forget to enjoy Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino's many other amenities during your stay, including The Spa & Salon, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, and variety of shops such as Swarovski Crystal, Yankee Candle, ESQ Movado and Watson's Chocolates.

Venture outside to find yourself just steps away from the beautiful Niagara Falls State Park, Cave of the Winds, and the world-famous Maid of the Mist boat tours. For more great shopping, be sure to visit the Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls with more than 150 brand name retailers, just a 10-minute drive away. Finally, just 20 minutes south of Niagara Falls is Buffalo, New York State's second-largest city and a hub for theater, the arts, sports, restaurants, nightlife, and much more.

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Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa

You'll be greeted with a friendly smile and a warm welcome at this award-winning tropical paradise, situated between Naples and Fort Myers in the community of Bonita Springs. With stunning sunset views of the Gulf Coast, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa offers casual elegance, personalized service and luxurious accommodations.

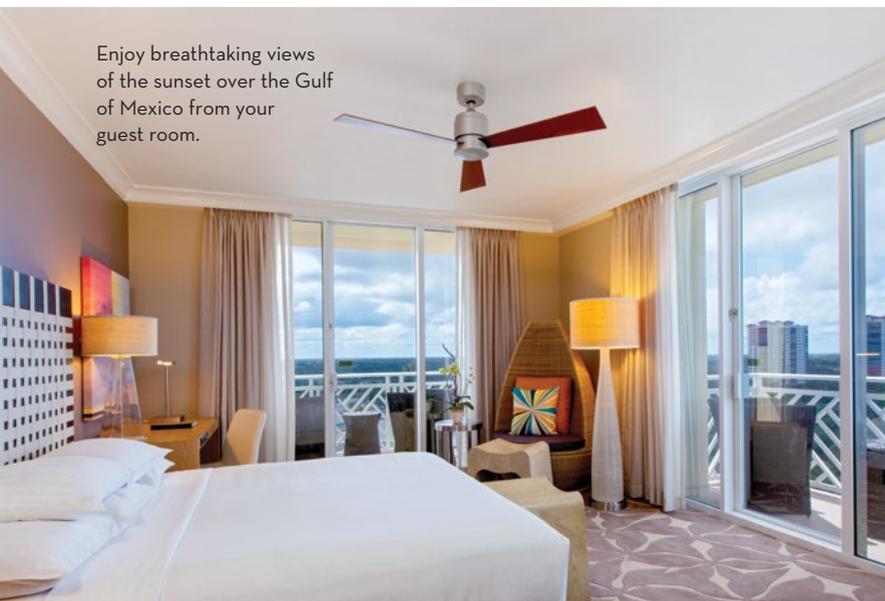
Crisp, clean and eco-friendly decor highlight the guestrooms and suites while a laid-back atmosphere is evident with plenty of family-friendly resort activities. Play in the surf at the resort's tranquil,

secluded island in the Gulf of Mexico. A complimentary water taxi shuttles guests throughout the day, often followed by playful dolphins and manatees. A trolley transports guests throughout this 26-acre resort.

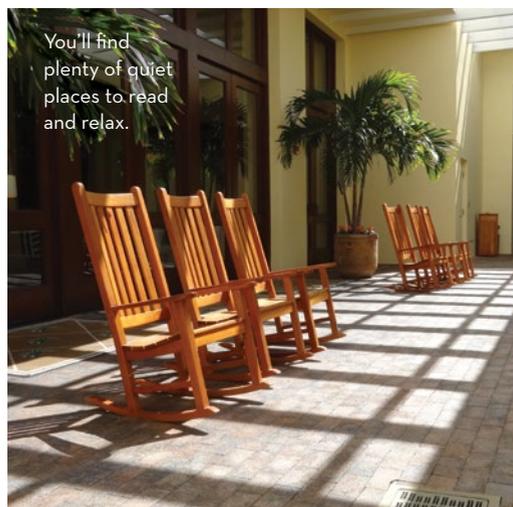
Children can enroll in Camp Hyatt for days filled with fun activities and adventures. Families enjoy the resort's adventure pool with a corkscrew waterslide, walk-in beach entry, poolside games and kids contests. In the evening, the resort has two large campfire pits to roast marshmallows and share stories.

For couples seeking relaxation, the resort offers an impressive

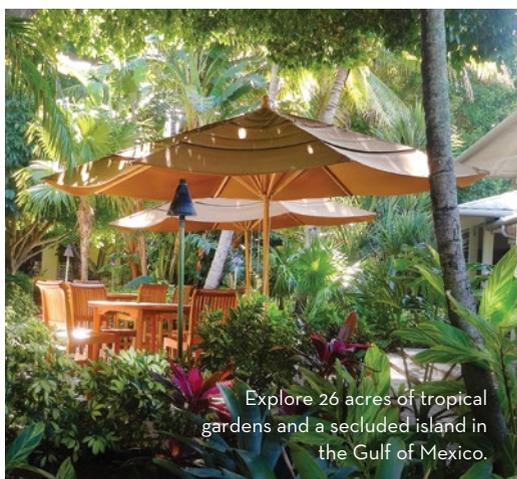
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"Delight your palate with an assortment of casual and fine dining options including a local favorite, Tarpon Bay seafood restaurant serving fresh regional seafood, and farm-to-table produce."



Explore 26 acres of tropical gardens and a secluded island in the Gulf of Mexico.

adults-only pool with plenty of shady areas for lounging, and chair-side food and beverage service from Corkscrew, the resort's pool bar and grill.

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort is home to Stillwater Spa, part of Hyatt's worldwide collection of extraordinary spas for eco-friendly and embracing treatments. Stillwater Spa offers massage and facial treatments, sauna, fitness center, beauty salon and spa store.

For more active vacationers, take in 18-holes of championship golf at Raptor Bay Golf Club, rent kayaks and explore the waters of Estero Bay or plan a day on the water with the assistance of a full-service water excursion company on-site. Sightseeing tours and excursions of the surrounding area can be planned with the resort's on-site tour and transportation service.

Delight your palate with an assortment of casual and fine dining options including a local favorite, Tarpon Bay seafood restaurant serving fresh regional

In 2014, the resort received the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence award and the Conde Nast Top 100 Best Resort Spas in the USA award.



seafood, farm-to-table produce, eight varieties of ceviche prepared daily at its own ceviche bar, and live jazz entertainment in the bar on the weekends.

Cool Beans, a new trendy coffee bar, is quickly becoming the most popular spot at the resort for a morning bagel and espresso, a hand-dipped ice cream cone or a quick bite on the go.

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Families of all sizes are invited to experience a cosmic adventure to the Astronomical Observatory of Charlevoix or to enjoy the fascinating activities available within our children's Beluga Club. The possibilities are endless at Fairmont le Manoir Richelieu.

Seize the opportunity to unwind at Amerispa for a perfect afternoon escape. This full service luxury spa offers guests a calming setting to enjoy lavish massages and signature facials. Guests may complete their evening of relaxation in one of the resort's fine dining restaurants with delicious local and international dishes.

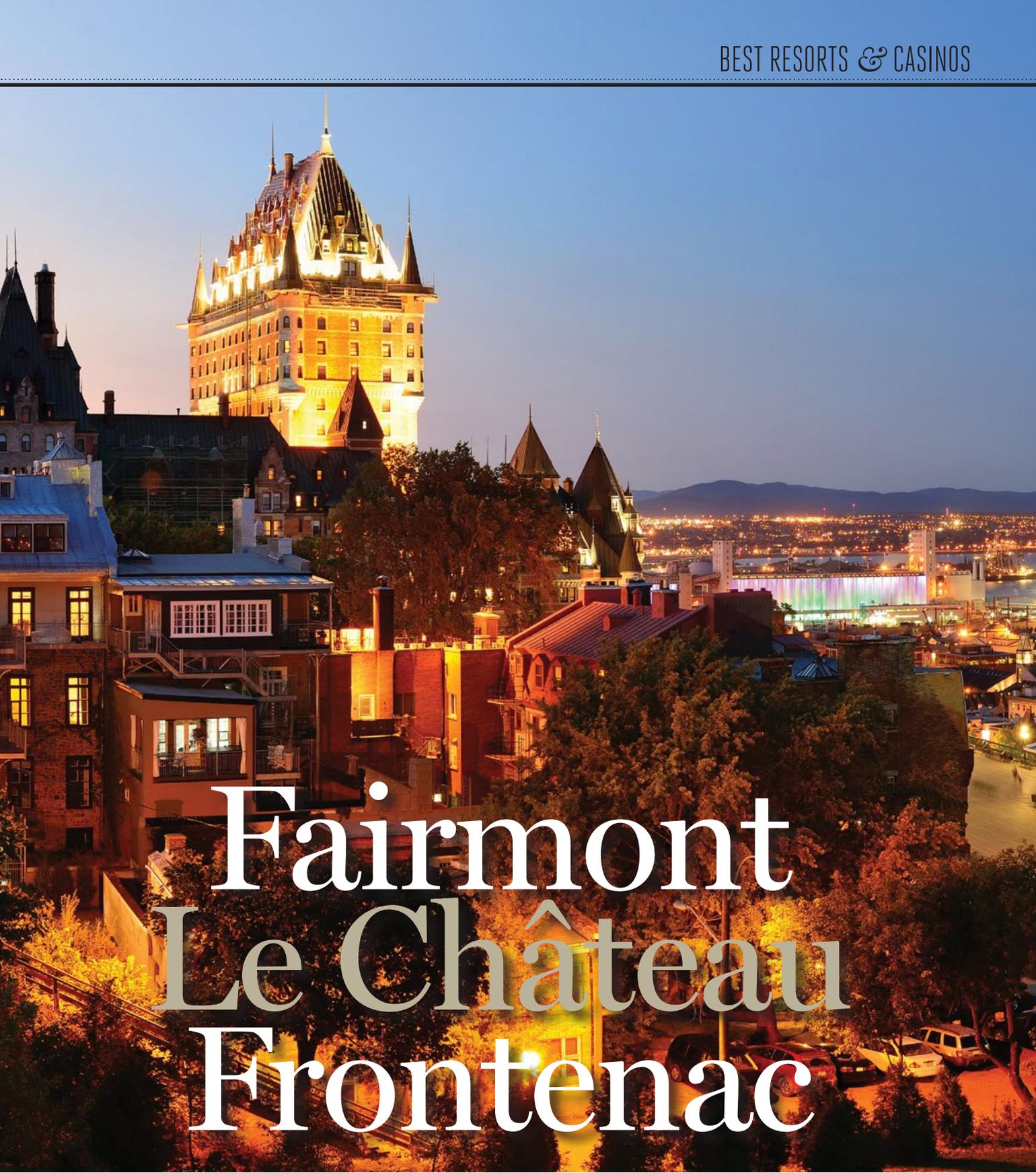
Located next to Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu is the exciting Casino de Charlevoix. This location offers guests the opportunity to test their luck and experience the night life that is waiting right outside the doors.

Enjoy the beautiful whirlpool tubs and the indoor and outdoor pools which are heated year round; ideal for relaxing after a day out on the slopes of Mont Grand-Fonds which is in close proximity to the hotel.

In the winter months, you may park worry-free in the resort's secure heated underground parking area then whisk away on a snowmobiling adventure through beautiful trails accessible directly from the magnificent hotel grounds.

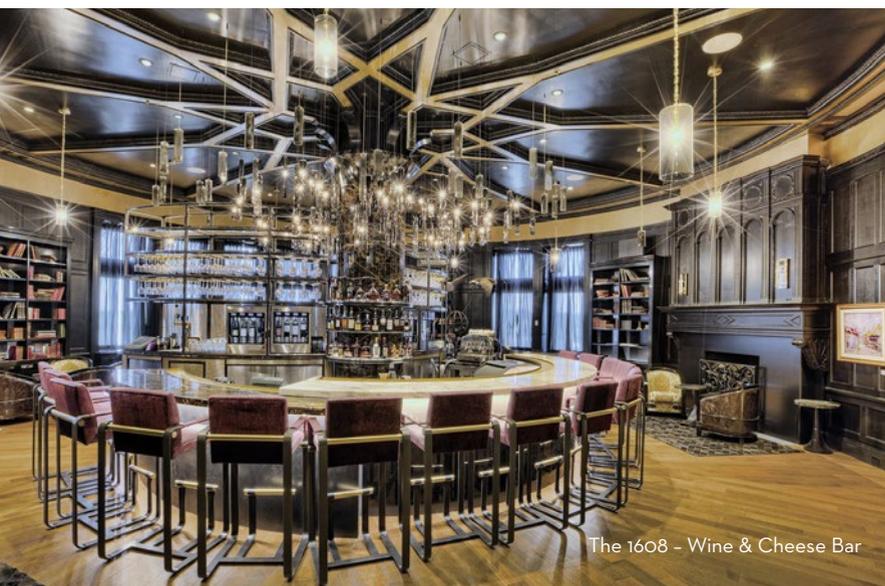
Complete your fall vacation with the amazing 1.5 km (nearly a mile) panoramic scenic route to Fairmont le Manoir Richelieu's 27-hole golf course; the perfect way to start an exciting day on the greens. The mini-golf and the trails surrounding this stunning resort are also great options to experience the magnificent views of the St. Lawrence River and enjoy the fresh air.

Prepare yourself to be amazed with all the activities and the outdoor adventures waiting to be discovered at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu.



Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

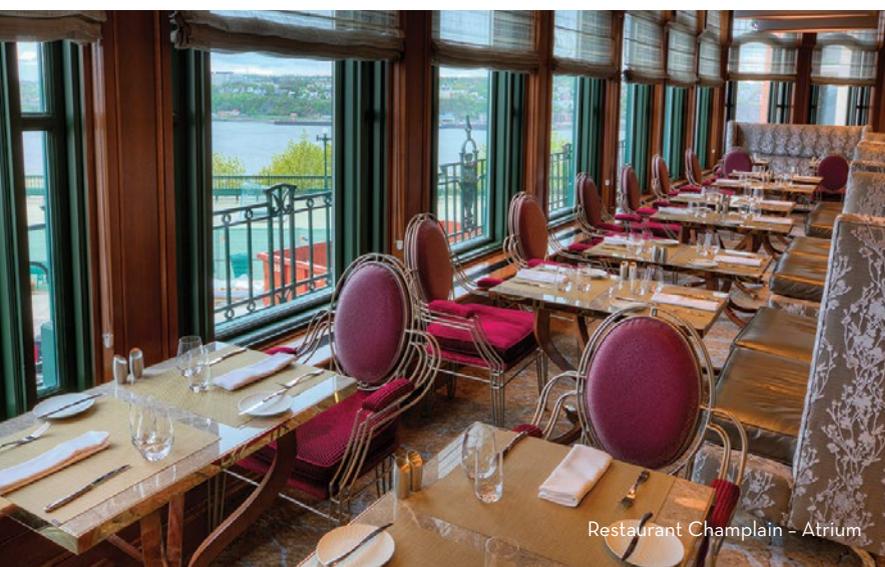
Enjoy centuries of history, unrivaled luxury, and exquisite culinary adventures at this UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The 1608 - Wine & Cheese Bar



The new Sam Bistro



Restaurant Champlain - Atrium

Recognized as the world's most photographed hotel, the iconic Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is not merely a hotel located *in* the heart of Quebec City - it is the heart of it. Cradle of the French civilization in North America, Québec City is known for its European charm, unique architectural beauty and vibrant city scene. Ideally located inside the walls of historic Old Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage site, Fairmont Le Château Frontenac has just recently completed a multimillion dollar lobby-to-roof restoration and continues its tradition of defining luxury and delivering unmatched hospitality with a new contemporary spirit respectful of its history. Luxurious accommodations and exquisite culinary experiences await at this unrivaled heritage urban resort.

The hotel's 611 guestrooms have been meticulously renovated with updated contemporary conveniences to reflect the Château's unique architecture and to meet the needs of discerning travelers. Additional renovations include Fairmont Gold, the Château's boutique hotel product, which provides exclusive services such as a private lounge, dedicated Concierge, deluxe continental breakfast and hors d'oeuvres. Fairmont Gold guestrooms are located on the hotel's highest floors, offering the most stunning views of the Quebec City and St. Lawrence River.

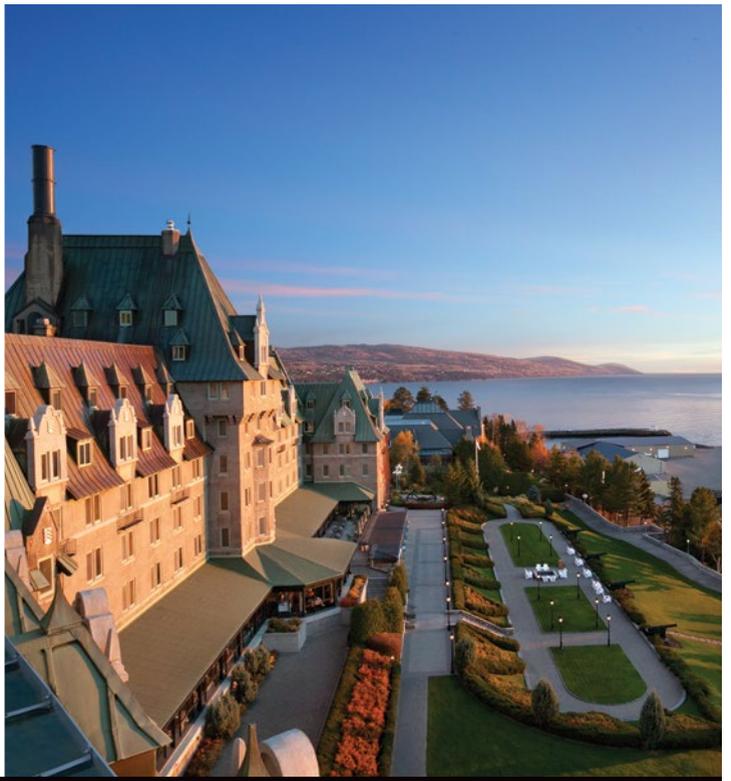
The Château's new culinary experience has been heightened and transformed under the watchful eye of experienced Executive Chef Baptiste Peupion, introducing three new concepts. Champlain restaurant, the hotel's signature dining room, highlights an innovative Québec cuisine by up-and-coming Chef Stéphane Modat. The 1608 Wine & Cheese Bar offers the largest variety of Québec cheeses, perfectly matured inside a dedicated cheese room, with an unparalleled selection of quality wines by the glass. Le Sam Bistro offers a vibrant culinary experience with creative dishes, afternoon tea and innovative mixology.

Other recent enhancements to the guest experience include a newly built Spa du Château featuring six treatment rooms, offering exquisite signature treatments and a renovated and expanded health club. The site of the hotel boasts over 400 years of history, with historical artifacts showcased in display windows throughout the property. It was also the official residence and seat of power of the French and British governors. ★

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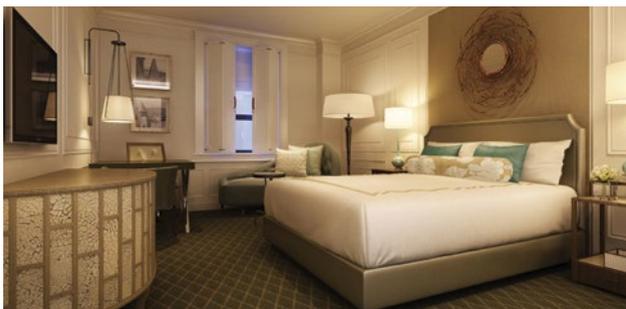


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*Fall
Mountain*

Escapes

Fall has officially arrived when the air becomes crisp, and the foliage transforms into the most vibrant colors as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.



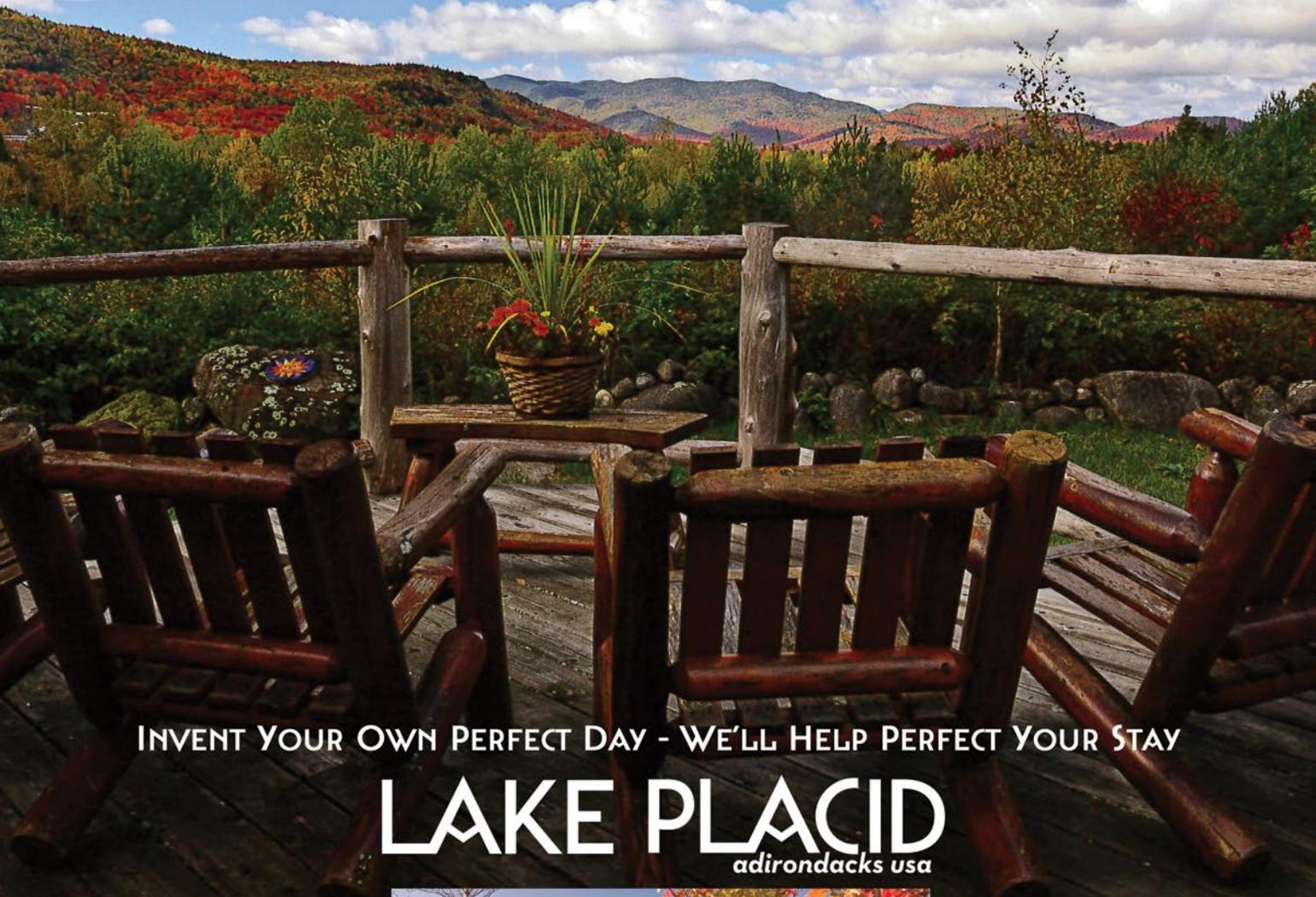
The leaves are stunningly vibrant. The air crisp and clear. Nestled in the heart of the 46 High Peaks of Upstate New York, Lake Placid is a premiere destination for folks looking for a quick weekend jaunt just hours from several major East Coast hubs

Offering exquisite dining, award-winning lodging, indulgent spas, and of course countless outdoor activities, we invite you to relax, rejuvenate and revive amongst the spectacular fall foliage views, while you Invent Your Own Perfect Day.

In 1892 New York State created the Adirondack Park - a constitutionally protected Forever Wild area. Covering 1/5 of NY, it spans six million acres and is the largest publicly protected natural wilderness in the contiguous United States—boasting over 3,000 lakes and ponds and more than 30,000 miles of streams feeding 6,000 miles of rivers. Lake Placid is located in the northern

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Maggie's Pub at the Lake Placid Lodge



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Tour the Brewery

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PERFECT PAMPERING: *Lodging for Two Nights at the Whiteface Lodge.* Feel the cares of the world disappear as you turn onto the resort's winding tree-lined driveway. Opulent guest suites, private balconies, cozy fires, and countless activities are included in your stay. Relax, rejuvenate, and replenish in style at this 4 Diamond Hotel.

PERFECT BREW: *Lunch at Lake Placid Pub & Brewery.* This favorite Lake Placid Brew Pub invites you to sample their award-winning brews while enjoying lunch in a fun and friendly atmosphere overlooking beautiful Mirror Lake.

PERFECT HOPS: *Private Brewery Tour.* Take a backstage tour of the Lake Placid Pub & Brewery and enjoy a Q&A with their Brewmaster. Learn a bit of history while getting a glimpse into the future of brewing - then sample their award-winning brews including the famous UBU ale.

PERFECT FUN: *Olympic Passports.* Well-known for hosting the Winter Olympic Games in 1932 & 1980, no visit to Lake Placid is complete without a tour of the Olympic Sites - including the famous 1980 Rink where USA beat Russia!

PERFECT VIEW: *Lunch at Maggie's.* This classic pub is part of the award-winning Lake Placid Lodge, the only hotel located directly on pristine Lake Placid. Enjoy a taste of the Adirondacks while soaking in the spectacular view of Whiteface Mountain.

PERFECT COCKTAIL: *Mixing Muddling Class.* Join Lake Placid Lodge's Master Mixologist, Lori, for a specialized, intimate class and learn to make your own distinctive cocktail.

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FALL MOUNTAIN ESCAPES



ABOVE:
Aerial shot of
beautiful Lake Placid

LEFT:
The clubhouse

BELOW:
Adirondack chairs
overlooking the lake
are an invitation to
relax and unwind.

Adirondacks, and is unequivocally the perfect home base to explore the Park.

The Village of Lake Placid, well-known for being the home of the 1932 & 1980 Winter Olympic Games, is actually situated along the shores of the placid Mirror Lake. Follow the gentle cobble-stone path that winds for 2.7 miles around its shores and you can enjoy a snippet view of elusive Lake Placid lake from the Village boat launch.

Looking for the Perfect Outdoor Activity? For the less adventurous choose a scenic 1-2 hour family-friendly





route originating right in the village. For those seeking more of a challenge, Lake Placid is the base camp for hikes ranging from half-day trips to full-day excursions that will leave you with breathtaking vistas.

The Perfect Bite: whether seeking authentic Italian cuisine - featuring house-made pasta, a fine-dining experience - incorporating local organic ingredients, or a classic pub burger - from local grass-fed beef, Lake Placid is well-known for its abundance of mouth-watering restaurants.

Farm-to-Table tradition at the Lake Placid Lodge... An award-winning retreat, the Lodge is the only hotel located directly on the emerald shores of Lake Placid. The perfect setting to mingle with new friends, Maggie's is their classic wood-paneled pub and features inspired cuisine that reflects the natural diversity and rich seasonal ingredients of the Adirondacks. While visiting the Lodge, inquire about taking one of their lauded muddling-mixing classes, and create your own perfect cocktail.

The Lake Placid Pub & Brewery is an excellent choice for a relaxing afternoon overlooking Mirror Lake. Since 1996, they've created more than 80 different styles of micro-brewed ales and lagers, while serving up traditional pub fare alongside unique regional tastes. The Pub recently unveiled The Hop Loft - featuring the perfect family dining option: a glassed-in kids room with fun activities to keep the toddlers occupied while you enjoy the view. Request a tour of the brewery and be sure to try a 'sampler' while on premise.

From primitive camping to five-star elegance, Lake Placid is the perfect retreat.



Visitors seeking a pampered experience will embrace the Whiteface Lodge. Evoking the splendor of the historic Adirondack Great Camps, this intimate award-winning, all-suite property offers luxurious rooms with full kitchen and living spaces, cast-iron fireplaces, private balconies, and access to a wide range of inclusive amenities services and activities. On premise you will also discover KANU, a premier restaurant which features only the finest fresh regional ingredients and North American native fish and game, and a full service Mountain Spa hideaway blending rustic Adirondack beauty with classic Zen ambiance.

A romantic weekend sojourn, or a week-long family vacation; a rustic outdoors adventure or a pampered high-end getaway... we invite you to Invent Your Own Perfect Lake Placid Day. ★

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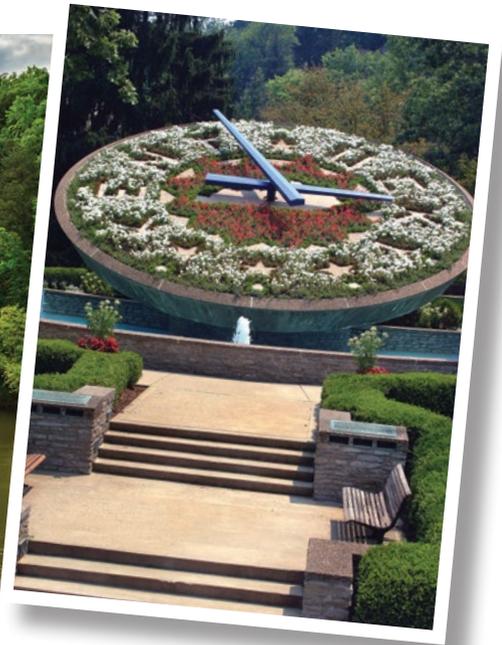
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sample Kentucky's History
on the Trail of the Buffalo
BY LAURA DEAN-SHAPIRO



Whether you are a historian, a proud Kentuckian or simply curious about the Commonwealth, Frankfort will inspire you with a dose of history to go along with your bourbon tour. The State Capital of Kentucky, Frankfort contains beautiful architecture, preserved historical landmarks, charming small businesses and a blossoming new arts district downtown. In addition to serving as a hub for government and historical affairs, Frankfort is the location of Buffalo Trace Distillery, the oldest continuously operating and most award-winning distillery in the nation.

The Kentucky Historical Society is the place to turn for anything related to Kentucky history, whether you are in Hickman or Pikeville, Louisville or Whitley City. Begin your exploration at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in downtown Frankfort created in the words of its namesake, so that “all Kentuckians may discover their roots in time and place”. The center includes the premier library for Kentucky genealogy research, interactive exhibits that tell Kentucky’s stories from prehistoric to current times, educational activities for all ages and more. The campus also includes the Old State Capitol and the



Kentucky Museum of Military History.

Withstanding the test of time, Buffalo Trace Distillery has perfected and innovated the practice of Bourbon distilling in Kentucky for more than 200 years. Following the path of the buffalos through the wilderness in the 1700s, settlers planted roots in Frankfort and soon discovered the naturally filtered limestone spring water that was ideal for using to make area's first versions of bourbon. The buffalo have vanished from the hills, but the bourbon industry has stuck around, making Buffalo Trace Distillery the oldest continuously operating distillery in the nation. Because of its impressive longevity and many generations of brilliant master distillers, Buffalo Trace Distillery was named a National Historical Landmark in 2013. Its long list of leaders, whose names are sealed on many labels crafted at the distillery, include E.H. Taylor, Albert Blanton, George T. Stagg and Elmer T. Lee. With more than 500 awards under its belt, Buffalo Trace boasts more accolades than any distillery in the nation.

Let your sweet tooth run wild with an assortment of mouth-watering caramels, chocolate-covered cherries, bourbon brittle, vanilla crèmes, Kentucky Irish coffees and pulled cream candy at the historic Rebecca Ruth Candy Factory. The family factory also concocted the famous chocolate bonbon with a creamy bourbon filling and pecan crunch - the iconic bourbon ball. Today, a historical marker stands in front of the candy factory on Second Street paying tribute to founder Ruth Hanly Booe, the "Inventor and Mother of the Bourbon Ball." In the year 1919, cohorts Rebecca Gooch and Ruth Hanly Booe started their candy business in the saloon of the Old Frankfort Hotel, using a marble

slab that remains in use at the factory today. Ruth won popularity at Frankfort's sesquicentennial with her Mint Kentucky Colonel, a chocolate cream with a mint and pecan center. After receiving a compliment about the flavor of her candies when paired with a sip of bourbon, Mrs. Booe worked for two years formulating a the original recipe for the Bourbon Ball. Now in its third generation of ownership by the Booe family, the factory still utilizes antique equipment to make their candies. Visitors will tour the candy museum and candy factory and hear the Ruth Booe story.

With its beautiful Capitol building providing a picturesque backdrop, autumn is an ideal time to visit Frankfort. Worldly worries seemingly slip away as you experience this city's rich history, culinary excellence and inviting charm. ★

LEFT PAGE TOP:
Kentucky State
Capitol Building

LEFT PAGE BOTTOM:
Buffalo Trace Distillery

ABOVE LEFT:
Kentucky River

ABOVE RIGHT:
Floral Clock at Kentucky
State Capitol

BELOW RIGHT:
Kentucky Military
History Museum





Billings, Montana

On the Eastern Edge of Big Sky Country | **BY LAURA DEAN-SHAPIO**

*W*ith bold brush strokes, Montana earns its nickname- Big Sky Country. When that sky is painted in orange and red and gold and blue, and the air grows crisp and clear, autumn has arrived.

The entire state of Montana boasts a population of just over a million. Billings is its largest city with a good ten percent of residents calling it home. As the biggest city in Montana, Billings is an easy destination for road-travelers and those arriving by air.

As a first time visitor to Billings, you might be surprised to be greeted with a familiarity usually reserved for friends. However,

this gentle ease of friendship is customary. Go ahead, say hello to folks when you pass them on the street. They are sure to return the camaraderie.

COME FOR THE OUTDOORS:

On a list of must-sees as expansive as its landscapes, history buffs will want to make it a point to visit Pompeys Pillar National Monument, which holds the last remaining physical evidence of Lewis and Clark's expedition in the early 1800's. From dawn till dusk, visitor's take in breathtaking views of the Yellowstone River Valley. The preserved monument leaves many feeling tied to Montana through



Sunrise on the Rimrocks

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Sunset over the Rimrocks

Photo by
Andrew Thomas

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MIDDLE RIGHT:
Downtown walking
brewery district
Photo by Tim Struck

RIGHT: Yellowstone
Art Museum
Photo by Tim Struck

the eyes of two of history's most important adventurer's. In fact, it might stir the adventure in you as you head for the innumerable trails that surround the city.

Billings is nestled in untouched sandstone formations known as the Rimrocks, which provide hikers with as little or as much challenge as they seek. Paths easy enough to walk with your four-legged friend and less marked trails are plentiful. Among the most popular are Swords Rimrock Park and Phipps Park. At about 350 acres, Phipps provides hikers and mountain bikers ample opportunity to experience the landscape. No matter which path you choose, your view of Billings will be memorable.

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Consider planning your hike around sunset to take in the real majesty of this 80 billion year old geological playground.

COME FOR THE CUISINE:

Cowboys and city dwellers alike will find that Billings offers a wonderfully diverse cuisine. Buffalo steaks are paired with classically western potatoes for even the heartiest appetites. More delicate dishes with locally sourced trout are just as easily procured. One of the most interesting facets of the dining scene in Billings is this diversity of fare. Whether you're in the mood for cowboy-cuisine or the unusual and exotic, Billings has you covered.

Many restaurants feature huckleberries and flat-head cherries grown just a few hours away. Of course, as with all locavore dining, the dishes depend on the season, and the chef's inspiration. Notable restaurants to keep in mind include Lilac and Walkers Grill. If time and appetites allow, try both, and taste the spectrum of what a new Montana food landscape represents, both classic and contemporary.

For a little more locally produced adult fun, head to Trailhead Spirits, located downtown. This unique distillery offers visitors an option to see firsthand how the in-house libations are created. Montana wheat and sugar, grown and processed in state are integral to the Trailhead brand. Tastings and tours are available daily.

COME JUST AS YOU ARE:

No matter when your first voyage to Billings, you are sure to be welcomed with warm hearts and hellos. Settle into a lush dinner downtown after a day filled with the great outdoors. Whether you come to hike, camp, dine or dance, you quickly realize that this city holds possibilities beyond expectation.

In very short order, you are sure to be left with only one question: why you haven't visited sooner? ★



ABOVE: Locals enjoying the walking brewery district

LEFT: Evening Sunset

BOTTOM LEFT: Downtown shopping

BOTTOM RIGHT: Farmer's Market

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HIGHLIGHTS

TO SEE:

Pompeys Pillar -

<http://www.pompeypillar.org/>

TO DO:

Harvest Fest (October 11, 2014)

Trailhead Spirits Distillery Tour (Year round)

<http://www.trailheadspirits.com/>

TO EAT:

Lilac - <http://www.lilacmt.com/>

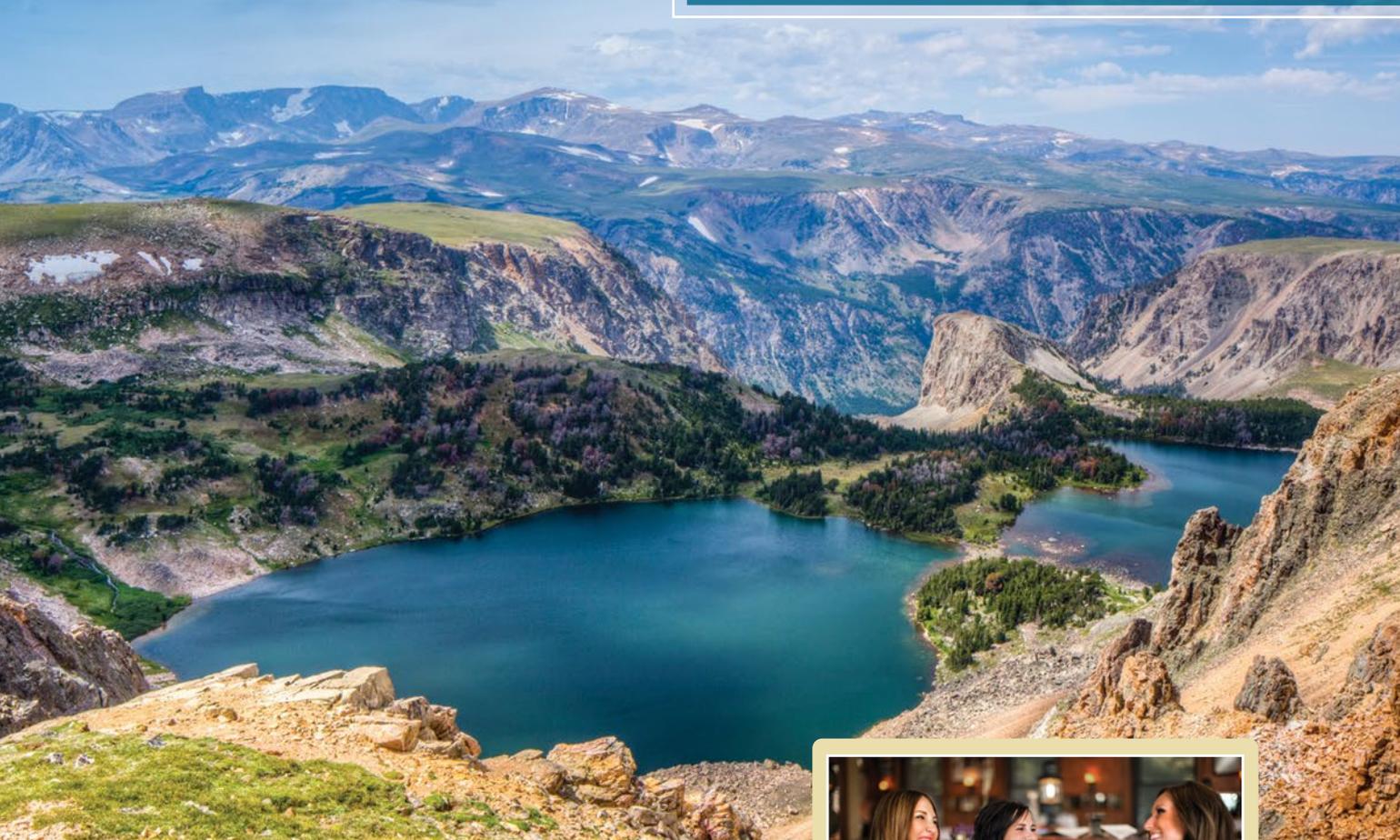
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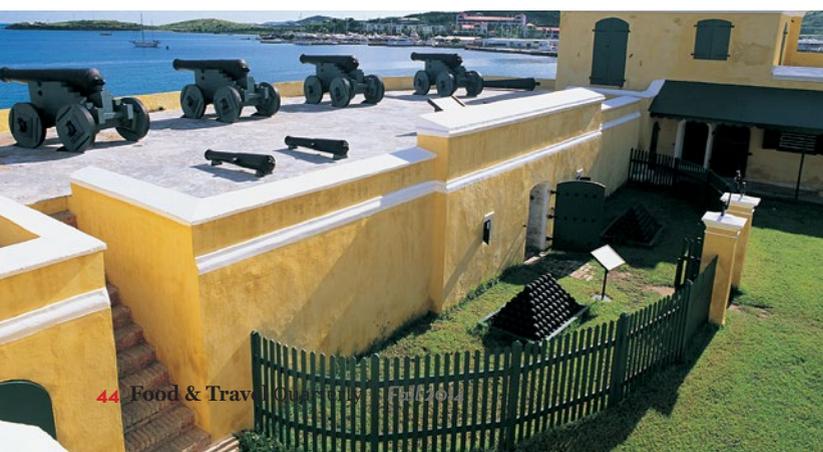
TROPICAL GETAWAYS

Maintaining a mild climate year-round, these destinations make for an inviting refuge from chilly weather.



U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

A Tropical Getaway with a Unique Culinary Heritage





LEFT:
Beautiful
Trunk Bay

RIGHT:
Candlelit
dinner at
Caneel Bay

EVENTS

CRUCIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL DECEMBER - JANUARY 6, 2015

Celebrate the winter holidays Crucian-style with a unique cultural festival of pageantry, music, dancing, and most importantly, local eats. St. Croix hosts a plethora of events throughout December and January of each year with much jubilation. From weekly carnival village events to jouvert parades, carnival-goers can indulge in local fun and fare.

VIRGIN ISLANDS AGRICULTURE & FOOD FAIR FEBRUARY 14 - 16, 2015

The annual St. Croix Agriculture Fair is held each February on President's Day weekend. This increasingly popular event includes food demonstrations and cooking competition, as well as traditional dancing, music, and live entertainment. Food lovers can sample local and authentic cuisine from vendors all over the island. For more information, visit www.viagrifest.org.

ST. CROIX FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCE APRIL 12 - 18, 2015

This highly-anticipated food festival, which started as a single food competition called the Taste of St. Croix, has grown into a week-long gathering of food tastings, celebrity chef competitions, cooking demonstrations, and wine and spirits pairings. From city crawls and beach barbecues, to private chef intimate dinners, and the local chef cook-off main event, St. Croix Food and Wine Experience is a food extravaganza not to miss! For more information, visit www.stxfoodandwine.com

DISCOVER THE AUTHENTIC CULINARY SCENE IN ST. CROIX

The U.S. Virgin Islands offers a palatable culinary scene from food trucks to fine dining restaurants which promise to fulfill any appetite. With seven countries that have occupied the Virgin Islands, a mix of Caribbean and European influences from pre-Columbus to later arrivals of the Danish, English and French are most prominent on the Territory's island of St. Croix.

Today, foodies can nibble St. Croix's delectable and unique food scene through a variety of epicurean dining experiences and events throughout the year at this up-and-coming culinary destination.

DOWNHOME CARIBBEAN COOKING YEAR-ROUND

A trip to St. Croix would be incomplete without sampling the island's traditional dishes, like Johnny Cakes (a deep-fried unleavened bread), paté (a spicy meat-filled fried pastry), and kallaloo (a stew of okra, local greens, meat, seafood and spices). Local favorites can be found at stylish restaurants or experienced the authentic, budget-friendly way at food trucks. Discover menus filled with genuine flavors at Villa Morales, Harvey's restaurant, and the Joe Can Cook food truck - most popular for their salt fish paté and bullfoot soup.

FARM-TO-TABLE DINING

St. Croix mixes hands-on food experience and sustainable farming techniques with interactive activities for any visitor; from solo travelers to large groups of up to 35 people. The Ridge to Reef Farm serves the U.S. Virgin Islands with certified organic produce grown with sustainable permaculture practices. Visitors can take part in the weekly education tours on sustainable farming and bush medicine. Travelers may also opt to get a real inside look into living green, island style when they stay at the organic farm overnight and immerse themselves into the farm community.

Throughout the year, festivals and fairs accent St. Croix's unique culinary heritage.



PLAN YOUR FOODIE GETAWAY

The island is more accessible than ever this winter via Delta Air Lines new service direct from Atlanta to St. Croix starting in December. Book now at www.delta.com.

To learn more about the U.S. Virgin Islands, visit www.visitusvi.com.

THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS



For the past several years, visitors and locals alike have taken part in what could no doubt be considered one of the finest international gourmet food and wine festivals in the world. Recently added non-stop flights to the island of Barbados make this destination a short journey to paradise.

Culinary masters including Marcus Samuelsson, Anne Burrell, Tyler Florence, Stephanie Izard, Ed Baines, and Roger Mooking will be making their way to the island of Barbados, the culinary capital of the Caribbean, for the fifth annual Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival. The international gourmet event of the season boasts

the ultimate Caribbean gourmet fare from November 20-23, 2014.

Teaming up with island all-stars Ashley Davis, Jamar Drakes, Marco Festini Cromer, Cecil Gill, Creig Greenidge, Guise Mama, and Omar Robertson, the team of world renowned chefs will partake in a wide variety of chef demonstrations, tasting events and seminars highlighting all things food, wine, and rum for the annual culinary event. Chefs will showcase their skills using special cooking techniques in intimate gatherings at some of Barbados' leading hotels and restaurants. The festival aims to not only show travelers how to master the art of cooking and wine pairings, but also how to enjoy fine food, wine, and rum all the more.

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Ed **BAINES**
from UK



Roger **MOOKING**
from Canada





TOP: Mullins Beach

ABOVE: Taste island fare with the re-DISCOVER menu, the newest gourmet dining program

While attending the event you will be able to mingle with the international chefs and experience local flavor at A Night Out in Oistins. Chefs will be serving up a variety of seafood including the island's native Flying Fish on November 20. Watch a live cooking demonstration by Marcus Samuelsson, a mixology competition and a "Grill Masters" cook-off all while listening to calypso music.

Renowned chef Tyler Florence will be bringing his creativity and innovative culinary style to one of the most exquisite seaside settings, The Cliff restaurant, for an evening of sumptuous cuisine,

conversation, crashing waves, and panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea. While on the island, experience the Barbados Culinary Team at Bajan Fiesta, comprised of award-winning chefs and mixologists. Their fusions of rich and diverse culinary heritage with international cuisine will be sure to showcase authentic island dining. You might also choose to savor it all at Ambrosia V, where international guest chefs join local chefs to serve up a variety of sample-sized dishes. Here you can sample the latest fare and mingle amongst an elegant island backdrop at Ilaro Court.

If honing your own culinary skills is more your aim, learn innovative epicurean techniques during cooking demonstrations. You will have the opportunity to relish the complexities of Barbados' legendary rum and gain expert knowledge on a range of wines with in-depth wine and rum seminars.

While on the island, explore the Rum Trails at Mount Gay, Four Square, and St. Nicholas Abbey to learn about each distillery and unique tasting notes. Savor Mount Gay Rum, which is the oldest rum in the world, at the historic rum distillery in St. Lucy, and learn "Where the Rum Comes From". Start by following the brand's 310-year rich history



LEFT: Cliff Beach at night

BELOW LEFT: Marcus Samuelsson hosting a cooking demonstration at the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival

BELOW RIGHT: Surfing on the East Coast of Barbados

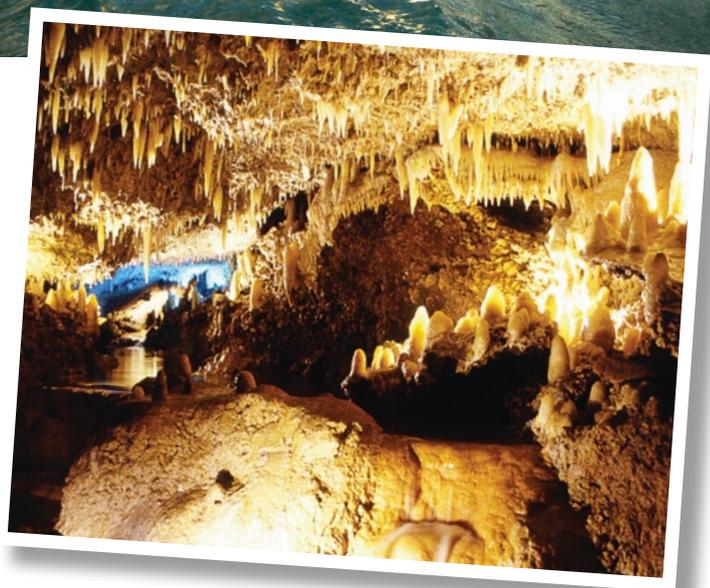
BOTTOM: Explore Harrison's Cave, a breathtakingly beautiful limestone cavern



of rum-crafting experience at the Mount Gay Visitors Center, then enjoy a traditional Bajan lunch on November 23. Visit authentic neighborhood eating establishments across the country with the festival's newest dining experience Food Trails, showcasing the island's traditional and local food & beverage offerings. Luis Torres, Co-Founder and Director of Constellation Academy of Wine hosts The Liberation of Food and Wine Dinner offering guests a chance to explore food and wine pairings in a whole new light. With Luis, you will journey through distinct flavor profiles and specific types of wine pairings.

Don't forget about the plethora of outdoor activities that abound. Sail the tranquil waters of the blue Caribbean Sea aboard the Spirit of Barbados Luxury Catamaran during the festival's Indulgence Cruise on November 24. Swim with the turtles and snorkel the wrecks of Carlisle Bay to return to a savory meal and premium bar with only sun, sand, and sea on the horizon.

For full details and the schedule of events for the four-day epicurean extravaganza including location and ticket details visit www.foodwinerum.com or www.visitbarbados.org. ★





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skies, and cool shoreline breezes.**

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Gulf Shores & Orange Beach, ALABAMA

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This family-friendly beach destination has seen generations return year after year, and with so much to see and do, it's no wonder. Beyond the beautiful beaches there's a wide variety of activities and attractions for all interests and ages. And, of course, plenty of fresh seafood.

SEAFOOD FRESH FROM THE GULF

As you might expect, seafood is the centerpiece of dining in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach and an abundance of restaurants feature the fresh, local seafood for which the area is known. Area chefs and restaurants have garnered attention for their use of local cheeses and produce in creating their culinary delights, and several are included in the Alabama Department of Tourism's list of "100 Dishes to Eat in Alabama Before You Die". Restaurant varieties range from relaxed to upscale with choices



ABOVE: Fresh, local seafood

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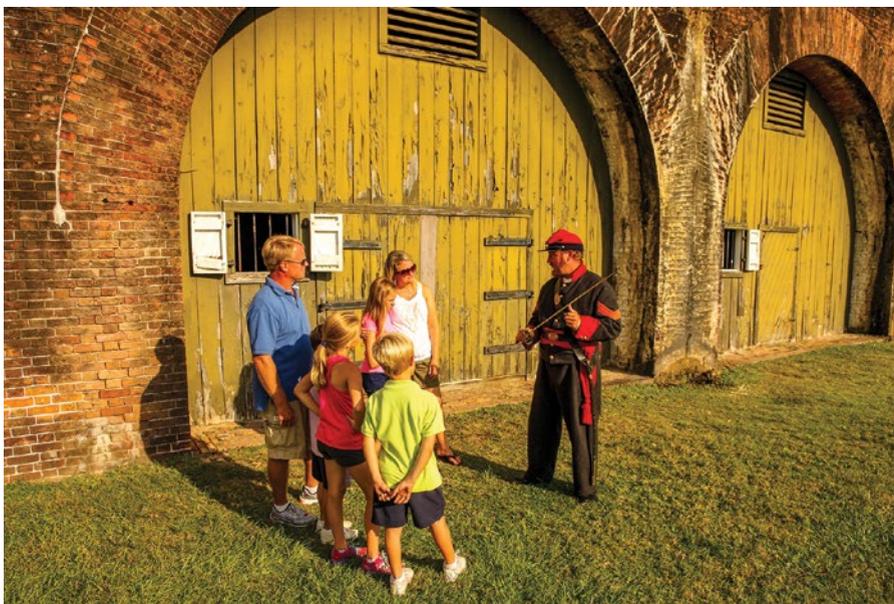
SHORELINE VACATIONS

for every dining style, including waterfront locations, open-air restaurants featuring live entertainment, and family-friendly options with children's play areas, making many of them destinations of their own.

BEYOND THE BEACH

The fun doesn't end when you venture off the beach. From zip lines and waterparks to golf courses and fishing charters, there are entertainment choices for everyone. Nature enthusiasts enjoy miles of walking and biking trails, dolphin cruises, diving or snorkeling trips, and observing the banding of migratory birds on their return from Central and South America. History buffs can step back in time and explore the area's rich history at historic Fort Morgan and the local museums. And for shoppers seeking the perfect souvenir, the island's many boutiques, souvenir, and specialty shops are perfect for treasure hunting.

To experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the coast on a grand scale, plan your trip during one of the fall festivals and events. The 43rd Annual National Shrimp Festival (October 9-12) attracts more than 250,000 guests and features arts, crafts, children's activities, live entertainment and of course, shrimp. The 30th Annual Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival (November 6-16) features Grammy Award winning songwriters as well as up and coming artists. Visit during the 7th Annual Oyster Cook Off



(November 7-9) and sample the creations of celebrity chefs from across the U.S.

TAKE IN THE VIEW

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach offer a wide selection of accommodations from beachfront condos and national hotel chains to private beach houses and full-service resorts, with accommodations to fit any budget. Lower seasonal lodging rates and cooler temperatures make fall the perfect time for a trip to the Alabama Gulf Coast.

For more information about all there is to see and do in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, call or go online to request a handy vacation guide.

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TOP RIGHT: A picture perfect day at the beach

ABOVE: Historic Fort Morgan

TOP LEFT: Outdoor dining

BOTTOM LEFT: Shrimp Festival

The Cape May Lighthouse is one of the area's most iconic and visible landmarks. Climb the 199 steps to the top and enjoy a spectacular view of the cape.



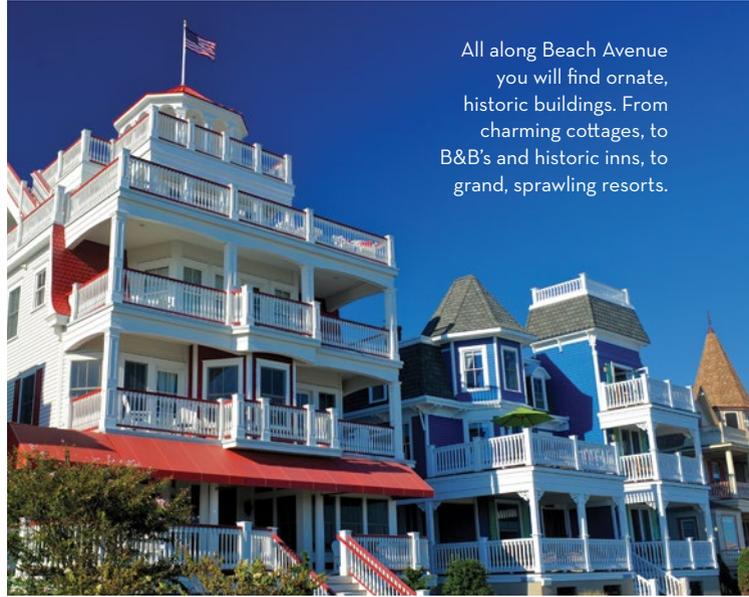
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TripAdvisor has named Cape May number two in the nation for best beach and ninth in the world.



All along Beach Avenue you will find ornate, historic buildings. From charming cottages, to B&B's and historic inns, to grand, sprawling resorts.

Cape May,

Experience cool seaside ocean breezes and a charming National Historic Landmark

NEW JERSEY

Cape May is America's oldest seaside resort; it has welcomed visitors for generations with its hospitality and Victorian charm. Combine Cape May's location, architecture and hospitality with its year round calendar of cultural, and family-friendly events, and it's clear that this is a destination for all seasons.

The picturesque Victorian landscape has maintained its turn-of-the-century look and feel by implementing an active historic preservation contingent. As a result, the entire city of Cape May was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976.

Unlike other popular East Coast seaside locales, Cape May stays open year-round and thrives during the shoulder season, with a

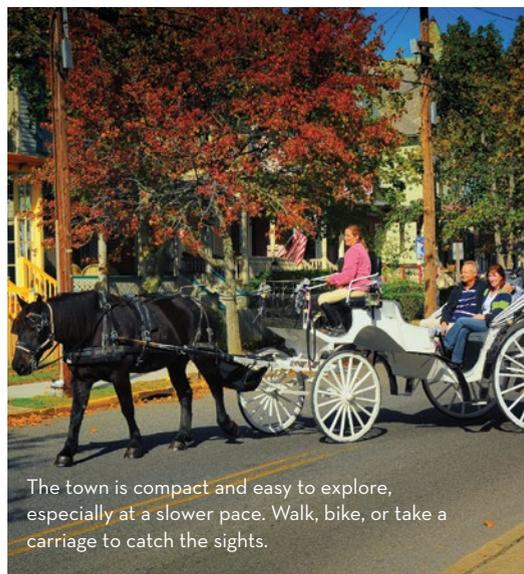
variety of activities every weekend through Christmas. Cape May hosts world-renowned jazz and music festivals. Not one, but two top-notch theater companies. It boasts award-winning wineries; top restaurants with menus ranging from finger food to fine dining; funky shops with unique merchandise- no big box stores here.

In autumn and early winter, Cape May experiences much warmer temperatures than interior regions of New Jersey and in the spring and summer, ocean breezes help to keep the shore town's temperatures cooler. Hence, its nickname: "Cool Cape May."

Sparkling in its holiday finery, Cape May becomes a Victorian Christmas Village. From the pre-Thanksgiving Holiday Preview Weekend into the new year, visitors can enjoy day and evening



Located right in the middle of a major migratory flightpath, Cape May is one of the top 10 best birdwatching spots in the world.



The town is compact and easy to explore, especially at a slower pace. Walk, bike, or take a carriage to catch the sights.



BOTTOM RIGHT: With one of the largest collections of Victorian homes in the United States. The entire town has been designated a historic landmark.

BOTTOM LEFT: Blessed with a micro-climate that matches that of Bordeaux France, the local wine industry is booming.

holiday house tours, wine-tastings, crafts marketplaces, merchant hospitality nights, and, of course, seeing Santa come to town during the annual Christmas Parade- always the first Saturday in December.

Do you consider yourself a “Foodie”? Cape May County, New Jersey has dozens of reasons to pick up the phone instead of a frying pan, from a quick casual bite to an elegant dinner.

Need a reason or a great opportunity to try new cuisines, new chefs, and new places? Ocean City, Sea Isle City, The Wildwoods, Avalon, Stone Harbor, and Cape May have designated restaurant weeks to tempt the palate with prix fixe menu selections. Dine out and savor a taste of the shore, one course at a time following the national trend to provide special menus for every palate including menus featuring vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free choices are listed.

Don't forget...New Jersey is the Garden State and that means from farm to table, the freshest fruits and vegetables in season are used. The same is true with seafood - Cape May is one of the largest ports on the East Coast and many of the seafood choices are delivered to restaurants within hours of being caught. Scallops, flounder, striped, and weakfish are some of the 40 different species of fish routinely caught here on commercial fishing vessels, charter boats, and from the shore. And if you don't catch your own, local fish markets offer all kinds of seafood, ready for a steaming pot or a sizzling grill.

“Local” isn't limited to vegetables, fruits and seafood, it also applies to beer and wine. So, if you're enjoying dinner at a BYOB restaurant, bring a bottle of wine from one of our 6 local wineries. Bon appétit! ★

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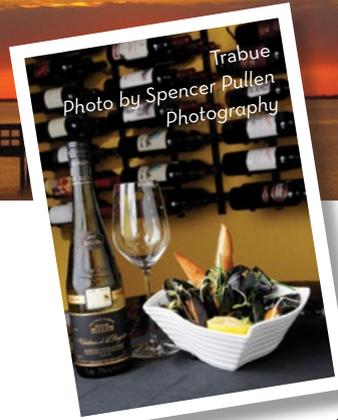


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Peace River Seafood

Here's a vacation that's filled with sunshine, relaxation and adventure all set in one of Florida's top culinary destinations.

From the beach town vibe of Englewood to the cozy downtown of Punta Gorda, you'll bask in unique, one-of-a-kind dining that's found nowhere else.

Punta Gorda and Englewood are home to some of the state's foremost chefs. Located at the mouth of the Peace River on Charlotte Harbor, the second largest marine estuary in the state of Florida, Punta Gorda is quickly becoming known for strong, independently-owned restaurants backed by talented chefs like Keith Meyer of Trabue. Nestled in the center of downtown Punta Gorda, Trabue purveys a menu of fresh, locally sourced seafood in a grand Southern style, infused with touches of France.

If you're all about authentic Florida experiences, you'll want Peace River Seafood on your "must" list for Southwest Florida. Fresh local seafood (so fresh you might run into a fisherman unloading his catch)

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Fine dining at Trabue
Photo by Spencer Pullen Photography



Blue Crabs at Peace
River Seafood



Couple enjoying
beach bike ride

HARBOR, FLORIDA

is served up in an early 1900's cracker house. Blue crab is a local and visitor favorite and stone crabs are served mid-October through mid-May.

With the explosion of Downtown Punta Gorda's culinary scene, it seems appropriate that Bill Frazier, who grew up down the road in Englewood, would launch Punta Gorda's first craft brewery. "Fat Point" (the direct translation of the Spanish "Punta Gorda") features a taproom where you can relax and enjoy craft brews like Putsin Pale Ale, Big Boca Ale and Ryeght Angle IPA. Fat Point's eclectic brews have rapidly gained popularity and are offered in many local and regional restaurants.

Just up the road from Punta Gorda, Englewood entices with uncrowded beaches and swaying palms. Appropriately, the Islands meet the South in a beautiful waterfront setting at Farlow's On the Water. Owners Keith and Laurie Farlow have managed to blend their different culinary influences – Keith's was the flavor of the islands growing up in St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Laurie's passion is Southern Cooking. Their menu reflects a unique mix of Caribbean and Southern all brought together in a relaxed waterfront restaurant that is a favorite of locals and visitors alike.

Another local favorite is Flatbread of Englewood. The word most used to describe Flatbread's

pizza is "addictive." Consistently at the top of *Tripadvisor's* restaurant ratings, the restaurant uses fresh, high quality ingredients to make pies like "white pizza with sweet potato, apple bacon and fried oregano," or "red pizza with roasted eggplant, herbed ricotta and fresh sage." Since opening in 2012, proprietor Glenn Comeau and his wife Karen have redefined what locals expect in a Pizza.



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Sea trout, scamp, flounder, triggerfish, cobia, grouper, red snapper, wahoo, swordfish - Destin isn't called the "World's Luckiest Fishing Village" for nothing. But perhaps even luckier than the fishermen are those who get to eat it!

On the Emerald Coast, you'll find cuisine that is both inventive and fresh, brought in daily by Florida's largest fishing fleet. Come get your fill at



local, one-of-a-kind restaurants like AJ's Seafood & Oyster Bar, Harbor Docks and Dewey Destin's, where you'll find the tastiest grouper sandwich on the planet. Anglers take note: many of these establishments will actually clean and cook your catch for you.

But Gulf seafood isn't the only thing they do well here. You'll find mouthwatering steaks, sushi, wood-fired oven pizzas, authentic Asian cuisine and more. Your search for the perfect burger ends at Cuvee Bistro, home to the Cuvee Burger, served on baked brioche with house-made ketchup and pickles and a side of spicy garlic fries. If barbecue is your passion, you haven't lived until you've tasted the hand-pulled pork at Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q. The meats here are smoked in hickory for no less than 14 hours. And Mama Clemenza's European Breakfast in Ft. Walton Beach is a must for brunch. Try the Lemon Curd Ricotta Pancakes or the Flourless Espresso Biscuits, both made from old Sicilian family recipes. If you're a donut aficionado, don't miss the Donut Hole. They make a great key lime pie, too.

There are several centers for food and fun on the



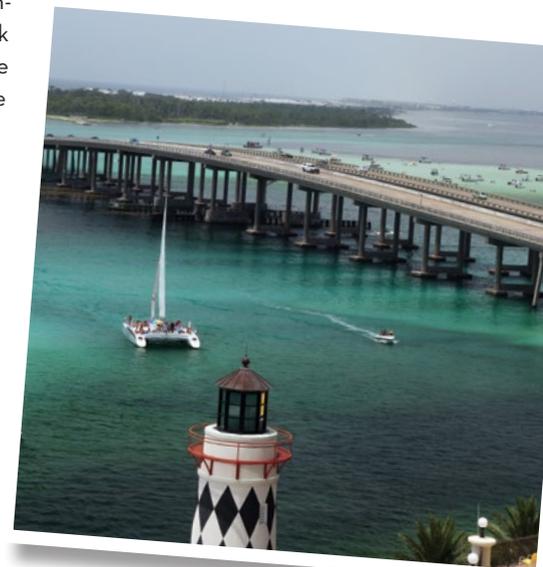
Emerald Coast. At HarborWalk Village, there are more than 60 waterfront restaurants, nightclubs and shops to explore. Destin Commons, a charming, open-air shopping center that feels like a village, offers more than 70 restaurants and specialty stores. Or, discover Downtown Ft. Walton Beach, where you can eat, shop and learn about an Indian Mound Temple that dates to 1400 A.D.

The best place to get a taste of Emerald Coast food and culture is at one of the many festivals offered year-round. Join us in the fall for events such as the Destin Seafood Festival (October 3-5), the Destin Fishing Rodeo (October 1-31), and the Blues, Brews & BBQ (November 8). All December long, celebrate the holidays at A Very Emerald Christmas. Events include Santa's Arrival to HarborWalk Village (November 28) and the Destin Harbor Boat Parade (December 14).

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Pittsburgh's transformation story is one that you can sink your teeth into. Literally. Food heritage tours - such as The Fork and the Road, Burgh' Bits and Bites, and Flavor of Pittsburgh culinary tours - are selling faster than hotcakes. Well, except for those tasty Pamela's Diner hotcakes that President Obama stops for whenever he is in Pittsburgh!

On these three distinctive tours, Pittsburgh's food history is revealed one tasty morsel at a time. From tastings of the delicious Burnt Almond Tortes made by the famed Prantl's Bakery, to the well-known Primanti Brothers' sandwich, to refreshment stops at Wigle Whiskey, Arsenal Cider, and the Church Brew

Works, Pittsburgh's food tours lets you eat - and drink - your way through the city's culinary history.

The food experience just keeps getting more delectable here in the 'Burgh, as it's sometimes called. The Commoner Restaurant & Bar, part of the upscale Kimpton's new Hotel Monaco, will be served by Executive Chef Dennis Marron. Chef Marron recently relocated to Pittsburgh from Washington, D.C., where he served in a similar capacity at Poste Modern Brasserie, the dining establishment where First Lady Michelle Obama celebrated a recent birthday.

Then there's Chef Kevin Sousa, the Steel City native who was a semi-finalist for best chef in the mid-Atlantic region in the 2012 James Beard Awards. Chef Sousa's Salt of the Earth, which was also

LEFT: BOhèm Bistro
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BOTTOM LEFT:
Inside BOhèm Bistro
Photo by Laura Petrilla

TOP RIGHT:
Station Square at night
Photo by Roy Englebrecht

LOWER RIGHT: Meat & Potatoes restaurant located in the heart of the cultural district
Photo by Laura Petrilla



nominated for the “Best New Restaurant” category, was recognized in *Food and Wine* magazine as having one of the “Ten Best Restaurant Dishes of 2011.”

Chef Sousa’s latest food adventure is the soon-to-open Superior Motors in Braddock, Pa., a town which lost 90 percent of its population after the collapse of Pittsburgh’s steel industry. “More than a fancy restaurant, it’s about training people to cook, training people to be part of the restaurant and farming business. “It’s community driven”, said Chef Sousa of the restaurant he’s funded in part with a Kickstarter campaign that raised more than \$300,000 in about 30 days. There will be a 1,000-square-foot greenhouse on the roof; and a Grow Pittsburgh farm, which will produce 85% of the restaurant’s produce just a half of a block away.

Newer restaurants popping up all over town are getting their share of attention too: Butcher and the Rye, Valozzi’s Pittsburgh, Notion, Grit & Grace, Cure, and NOLA, just to name a few. No wonder Bon Appétit named Pittsburgh the “Next Big Food Town.”

In other foodie news, Conflict Kitchen, the Pittsburgh take-out restaurant that only serves cuisine from countries that the United States is in conflict with, is now serving food from Venezuela. The restaurant rotates cuisine every four months to highlight a different country. It recently showcased Iraqi and Cuban foods. Each Conflict Kitchen iteration is augmented by events, performances and discussion about the culture, politics and issues at stake with each country of focus.

ABOVE: Church Brew Works
Photo by Kurt Miller

RIGHT: Classic Pittsburgh
Photo by John Martinec

BOTTOM: Wigle Whiskey tasting room
Photo by Anna Lee Fields



Pittsburgh’s appetite for Old World fare – those pierogies, kielbasa and cabbage rolls introduced by Eastern European immigrants – hasn’t gone away. In fact, the city’s newest food festival, the Pittsburgh Pierogy Festival, takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18 on Pittsburgh’s North Shore. During Pittsburgh Pirates home games, four people dressed as pierogies take to the field to run the 280-yard Pierogy Race at the end of the 5th inning.

One thing visitors must do is something that locals love to do too; and that’s take a shopping trip to the Strip District. The Strip, as locals call it, is all grit and pure Pittsburgh. With its ethnic grocers, sidewalk merchants, and string of small shops, the Strip is a scene seven days a week.

Now is a great time to take in Pittsburgh’s culinary scene. In fact, the *Travel Channel* named Pittsburgh as one of the “Best All-American Vacations” for 2014. Pittsburgh was even touted as “one of the hippest cities in America”.

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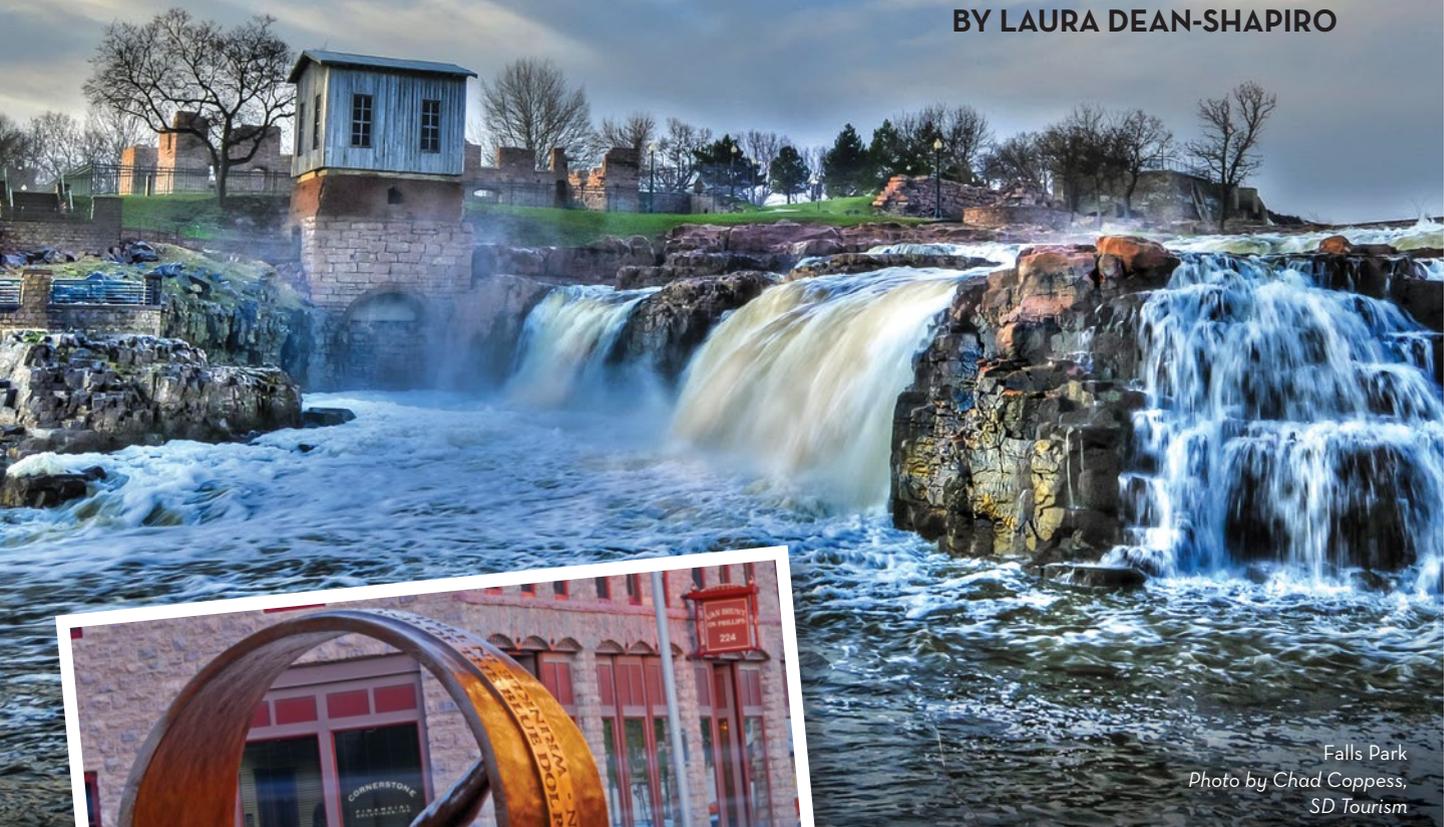
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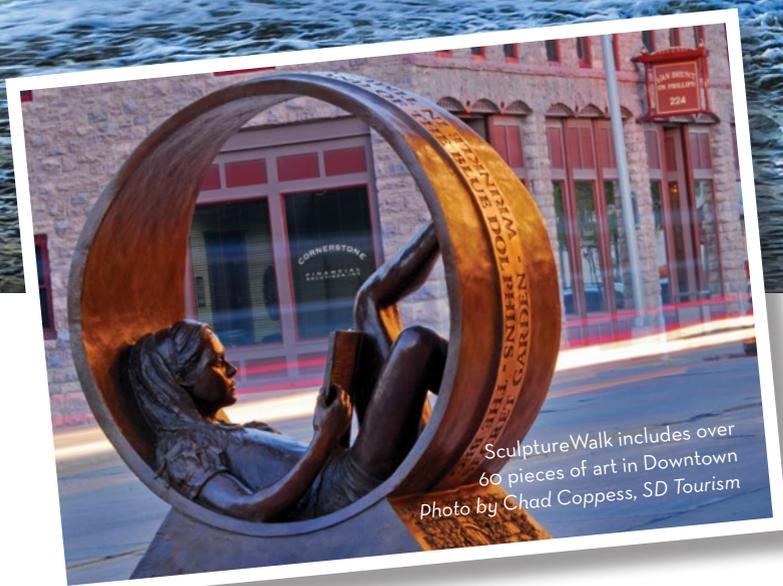
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Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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Falls Park
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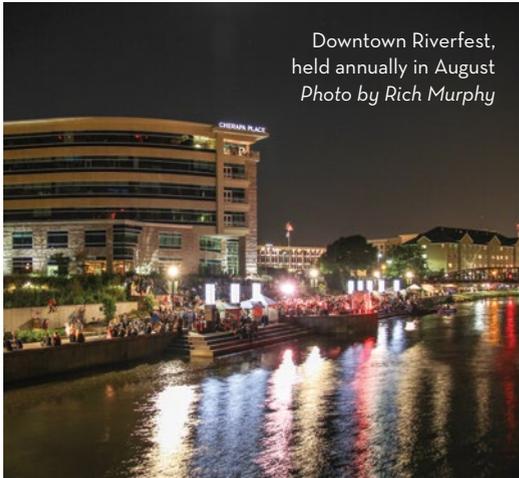
SculptureWalk includes over
60 pieces of art in Downtown
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Preservation Meets Progress

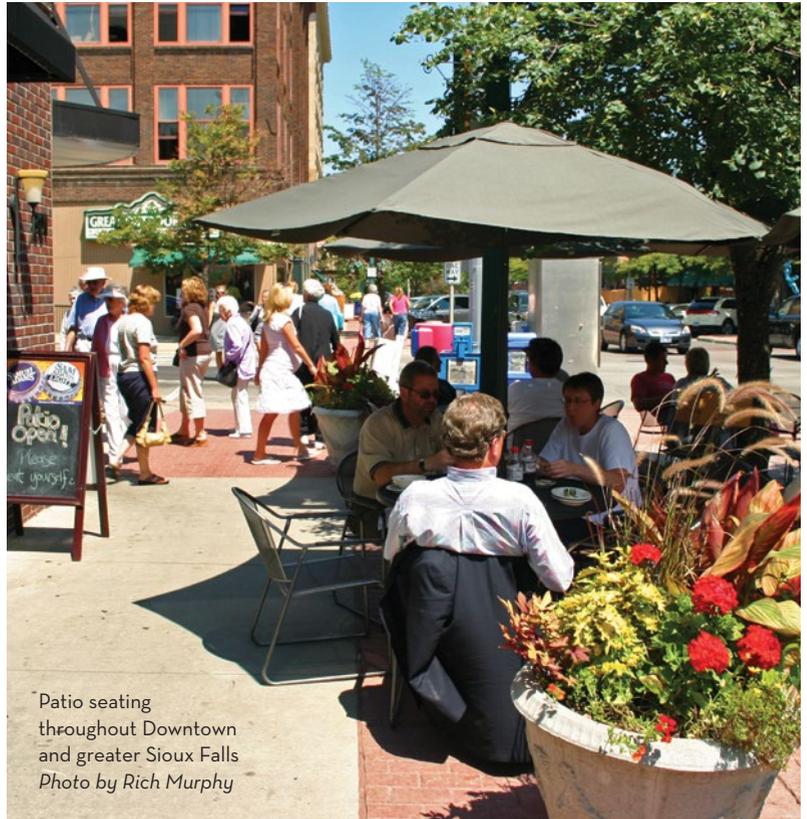
Named for the Native American Sioux Tribe and the waterfalls at Big Sioux River, today this city stands at the intersection of historical reverence and cultural emergence.

As the largest city in South Dakota, visitors have found equal parts serenity and excitement in the myriad of activities available at The Outdoor Campus-East. Hunters, fishermen, hikers, archers, bird-watchers, and all other nature lovers find their fill of inspiration. Even novice gamesmen can participate in the fun as the park is ready and equipped to provide licensure as necessary. Likewise, a rather new and fun sport is found at The Outdoor Campus. Similar to the rules of a classic scavenger hunt, Geocachers

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Downtown Riverfest, held annually in August
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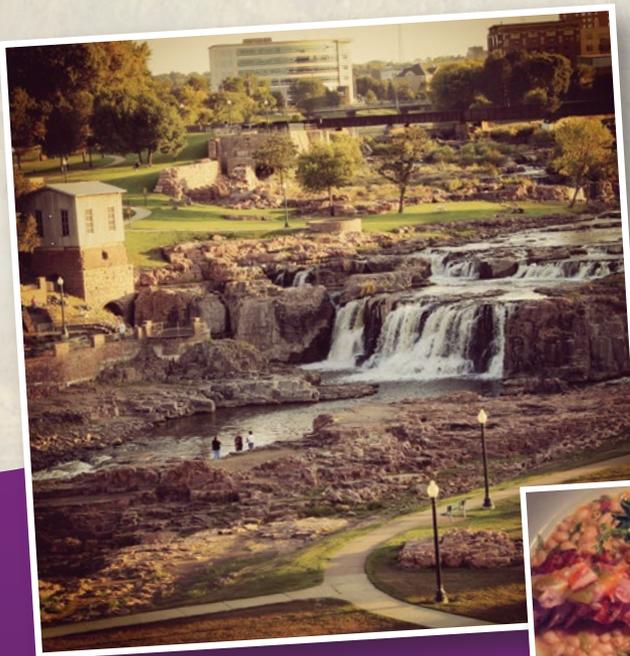


Patio seating throughout Downtown and greater Sioux Falls
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seek out a hidden object. The twist is that the object is found only by utilizing a GPS system and a set of instructions.

If you're looking for an even more freely paced afternoon, head to the Sioux Falls Greenway and take in the majesty that surrounds the city. Most famous for the bike path, the Greenway offers visitors a chance to stretch their legs without stretching their wallets.

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Outdoor music festival
JazzFest, held annually in July
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Whether your palate is tempted by farm-to-table dishes, or you are in search of zesty but restriction-compliant meals, there is a restaurant with your name on it.

After a day filled with outdoor adventure, be sure to head into downtown Sioux Falls and enjoy a truly global experience at one of the city's many eclectic eateries. Whether your palate is tempted by farm-to-table dishes, or you are in search of zesty but restriction-compliant meals, there is a restaurant with your name on it.

For the foodie in search of native fish and wild game, Minerva's is a must. Local urbanites meet to wine and dine here, thanks to the attached Paramount Wine and Piano Bar. The real draw is the balance of its history as a culinary landmark and the present day innovation in fare.

Visitors with allergy or diet restrictions will not go to bed hungry thanks to Sanaa's. As owner and chef, Sanaa creates a menu layered with unique and classic Mediterranean dishes. Many are gluten free, vegetarian, or vegan.

Of course, any meal is made better with a little something sweet. Lucky for visitors to Sioux Falls, some of the best deserts in the country are readily available from World Champion Pasty Chef Chris

Hanmer. Patisserie aficionados will relish in the opportunity to savor Chef Hanmer's always innovating tastes and textures. One stop at C.H. Patisserie is sure to satiate even the strongest sweet tooth.

The truth is that like all things Sioux Falls, your dining options are nearly endless.

The best advice any traveler can get on the road to Sioux Falls is simple: come with a plan, or let the city unfold around you. Either way you will leave with a renewed sense of wonder brought to you courtesy of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. ★



Parker's Bistro
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Celebrate the rich history of the past, while embracing life in this scenic city which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

Located just west of St. Louis, Saint Charles, Missouri is a river city with a unique historical perspective, beautiful sites, friendly people, and entertainment for the whole family. Founded in 1769 as *Les Petites Côtes* ("The Little Hills") by French Canadian fur trader Louis Blanchette, Saint Charles grew into a thriving riverfront trading center for a young America. Thousands passed through on their journeys westward, replenishing supplies before departing into new territory.

The people of St. Charles have labored to preserve and share its treasured river heritage. St.

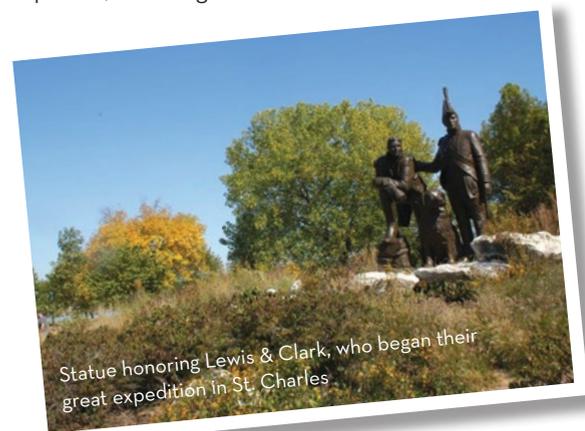
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This charming community has been welcoming visitors since 1769. Discover a city which offers visitors small town charm while still providing those big city amenities. During the fall, there are several events that will appeal to everyone in the family. Enjoy a variety of restaurants, some with outdoor patios any time of the year.

Charles is the destination for almost one million visitors each year and offers first rate hotels and accommodations, over 150 restaurants, and so many other things to do that you will have to come back to try everything.

CELEBRATING THE PAST

St. Charles is famous for being the starting point for Lewis & Clark's great expedition. Because it played such an important role in the Lewis and Clark Exhibition, there are many historical sites honoring the two explorers, including the



Statue honoring Lewis & Clark, who began their great expedition in St. Charles

Boat House, Museum and Nature Center. This educational facility has exhibits on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Missouri River ecosystem. Saint Charles is also home to Missouri's First State Capitol, origin of the Boone's Lick Trail, and home to the legendary Daniel Boone. The Historic Daniel Boone Home & Heritage Center features the home where the hero spent his remaining years.

WHILE LIVING IN THE PRESENT

More than 200 years old, Historic Main Street is Missouri's first and largest nationally registered historic district. The ten-block, brick paved street lies closest to the Missouri River and Saint Charles' frontier history and includes more than 125 one-of-a-kind shops including antique shops, dress shops, collectables, and fine and costume jewelry.

Restaurants are aplenty in the Historic District, from French and German heritage to Italian and

American classics. Blaze a trail with some red hot dishes or cool down with an old-fashioned ice cream cone. Choose your atmosphere—enjoy a patio setting, historic ambiance, local pub, or take-out for a picnic on the riverfront. Indulge your taste buds with handmade chocolates, fudge, toffee, Italian cookies, ice cream, and gelato.

The Historic Frenchtown District is a haven for antique lovers, where a half dozen unique stores dot the beautiful neighborhood. Frenchtown also boasts an eclectic mix of other shops including bridal boutiques, salons, florists, book stores, taxidermists, and more. With the largest concentration of French Colonial style architecture in the Midwest, the district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991.

While you're at it, tour the Foundry Art Centre, a fine arts gallery, or try your luck at Ameristar Casino Resort Spa, bike the Katy Trail or take a day trip to



LEFT: Oktoberfest, held annually the last weekend in September, celebrates the German influence on the history of the city. It is one of the many festivals hosted in St. Charles.



RIGHT: Missouri's "Deutsch Country Days at Luxenhaus Farm" is the finest and most authentic living history in the Midwest, demonstrating age-old education and local Missouri history.



ABOVE: Fall at the Montelle winery

RIGHT: Fall is a beautiful time of the year to visit one of the many wineries in Augusta, Mo., just minutes from downtown St. Charles.



nearby Augusta, the first federally designated viticulture area in the United States. The area around Augusta, including the villages of Defiance, Dutzow and Marthasville, encompasses several bed and breakfast inns, boutique shops, a microbrewery and excellent wineries where guests can savor award winning Missouri wines while enjoying a picnic lunch, live music, and great views.

WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LIVING

Throughout the year, St. Charles hosts festivals, historic reenactments, plays, and other special events that attract thousands – most set against the history-filled backdrop of Main Street or the scenic Missouri River in Frontier Park. Some of the larger festivals include Heritage Days, an authentic reenactment of Lewis & Clark's encampment in 1804; the Festival of the Little Hills, voted "Best Craft Fair in the Midwest"; Oktoberfest, held annually in the fall, and more. ★

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Spokane, Washington

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ABOVE: Spokane River
Photo by Jeff Schindler

LEFT: Green Bluff
Photo by Alan Bisson

Some people call it a “hidden gem”. Others have said it’s the “best kept secret” in the State of Washington. Well, the secret is out, and you will discover why when you see Spokane for yourself. When you visit Spokane, you’ll experience everything the beautiful region has to offer and you’ll see there’s only one way to describe it: Spokane. Near nature. Near perfect.

Near nature means the beautiful Spokane River. Starting from its source at nearby Lake Coeur d’Alene, this 111-mile long river rolls right through the heart of the city. Directly in the pinpoint-middle, the roaring Spokane Falls are the second-largest urban falls in the U.S. and it’s easy to see why *Condé Nast Traveler* has named the Spokane Falls SkyRide as one of the 12 best gondola rides in the world. Near nature means Manito Park. Originally planned with design input from the Olmsted Brothers (the firm that designed New York’s Central Park), Manito Park is 90-acres of in-city incredible beauty and variety



Manito Blvd
Photo by Jeff Schindler

comprised of five major garden areas. Near nature means rafting, biking, fishing, skiing and all those other outdoor activities that have made *Outside Magazine* designate Spokane one of the Best Towns in the U.S. in 2013.

Near perfect means the uber-delicious culinary scene in Spokane. Home to chefs recognized by the James Beard Foundation, you can enjoy virtually any style of cuisine. What Spokane also has is a unique, defined, regional food scene that sets it apart.

The cuisine-scene starts in each individual neighborhood: remarkable restaurants that have grown up to become traditions for locals and visitors alike. In just the past few years, there has been a booming increase in the number of new hot spots. Over in the South Perry District, Casper Fry has staked a unique claim on its own interpretation of southern soul food. South Perry Pizza has practically redefined 'artisanal pie' and you're likely to revisit the restaurant many times. Craft beer is no stranger to this neighborhood, with the newly-opened Perry Street Brewing or its neighbor, The Lantern Tap House.



ABOVE: Perry Street Market
Photo by Jeff Schindler



LEFT: Walter's Fruit Ranch
Photo by Visit Spokane

Beer lovers will adore the Inland Northwest Ale Trail and if you're not the suds drinking type, be prepared to introduce your palate to some new friends!



ABOVE: Finch Arboretum
Photo by Alan Bisson

RIGHT: Iron Goat Brewing
Photo by Jeff Schindler

One of Spokane's oldest neighborhoods, Browne's Addition, is a terrific example of the blended Spokane vibe. Some of the city's most esteemed, beautiful, and historic examples of Craftsman architecture can be found there, as well as postmodern examples of excellence like the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture. Embedded in this eclectic area are a handful of restaurants that are, themselves, city treasures. Italia Trattoria is on one end of the spectrum, with its commitment to authentic Mediterranean cuisine; on the opposite end, discover delicious at The Elk, an indoor/outdoor pub that can sometimes seem like the center of Spokane's universe of hip.

Kendall Yards is Spokane's newest neighborhood and has one of the best views around. The former site of a huge rail yard, this big chunk of elevated city is sprouting like a springtime shoot. At Central Food, Chef David Blaine's focus on "in-house" borders on obsessive; his dishes hit the bull's eye of a fantastic local dining experience. A funky breakfast-lunch spot called The Yards Bruncheon is under the command of Beard-recognized Chef/Owner Adam Hegsted.

Here you can please your palate with breakfast and lunch served all day. Fortunately for all those who love to eat great food, Chef Hegsted has opened a second spot right next door - The Wandering Table at Kendall Yards. The tapas-style menu is sublime and the "name your price" prix fixe option is as fun as it is unique.

Downtown Spokane is a great place for a foodie safari, with more restaurant spots than a leopard has spots. For neo-French style and an incredible array of house-made charcuterie, another Beard-recognized Chef/Owner, Jeremy Hansen, established the downtown beachhead for superb cuisine just a few years ago at Santé. Not to be outdone, chefs and restaurateurs throughout the region have risen to the challenge. Clover presents contemporary cuisine and classic bar cocktails that have been nationally recognized. The Sunday brunch at the stunning Davenport Hotel is, well, stunning. Right across the street from the historic hotel is a modern-funk find of wood-fired pizza, appropriately named Fire Artisan Pizza. Nudo, Fire's next door neighbor, is a beautiful new ramen house serving up heaping bowls of authentic ramen and a "burger" made from - you guessed it, ramen.

Want a hand in the food scene? Visit a u-pick farm at Green Bluff, a co-operative of 40+ farms and tasting rooms nestled at the base of Mt. Spokane. During the fall, Apple Festival is a big hit with dozens of varieties of u-pick apples, punkin' chunkin', corn mazes, and live music.

If all this talk of food makes you thirst for more, how about Spokane's brand-new Cork District: dozens of local wineries bunched into three clusters, starting with the downtown tasting rooms that make for a perfect sip-and-stroll. If it's brew for you, try the Inland Northwest Ale Trail - 27 craft breweries that specialize in excellence. Beer lovers will adore it and if you're not the suds drinking type, be prepared to introduce your palate to some new friends!

Spokane is home to an acclaimed symphony, a can't-be-beat music scene, and incredible jazz. Spokane is home to theater companies, visiting Broadway shows, and several film festivals. The region is a golfer's dream, with more than 30 courses - some nationally rated. If flying through powder is your favorite type of adventure, some of the most vertical, most wonderful skiing can be found at five resorts all within a short drive time. Water, snow, fairways, greens, parks, and beautiful wilderness: so much to get out there and do... here's to hoping you planned enough time to do it all!

The best part of all of this? You're in Spokane! It's not only the state's second largest metropolitan area; it's a region that, in so many ways, truly lives up to its motto: Near nature. Near perfect. ★



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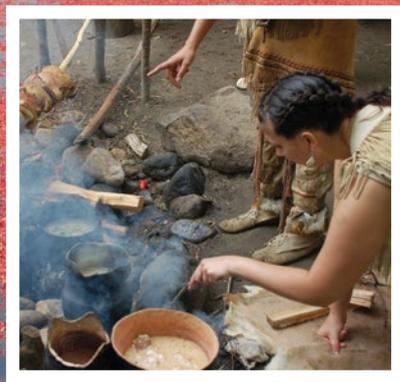


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OPPOSITE PAGE:

MAIN:
A.D. Makepeace Farms

LEFT: Wampanoag
interpreters at Plimoth
Plantation

MIDDLE: Historic
Leyden Street

RIGHT: Outdoor dining
at Alden Park Restaurant
in Colony Place

THIS PAGE:

LEFT: Autumn in
Brewster Gardens
Photo by Ryan Sylvester

BELOW: A.D. Makepeace
Farms harvest machine

For most, envisioning a visit to Plymouth, Massachusetts brings to mind iconic images of Pilgrims and Native Americans, The Mayflower and Plymouth Rock- all surrounded by vibrant fall foliage in a quaint New England village. Those who have yet to visit America's Hometown may not realize just how much there is to experience beyond its history and small town charm... or that the dining opportunities extend far beyond fresh-off-the-dock seafood and a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Just as Plymouth Rock and the re-created Mayflower stand in the harbor as reminders of the Pilgrims' immigration from England, the restaurants lining Plymouth sidewalks stand as reminders of the many immigration stories that followed. Plymouth may be known for its lobster and award-winning clam chowder, but the food offerings here are as diverse as they come! From authentic Italian and Brazilian foods, to meals inspired by the Wampanoag and English Colonial traditions. There's something for everyone in America's Hometown and history is just the beginning of what visitors will come to experience.

Plymouth County is home to the largest growers of cranberries in the United States. These little berries have been important to the region for many years, and the stunning images of their harvest are ones that will stay with visitors forever. Not only are they popular enough to have events and festivals centered around their harvest, cranberries make an

appearance all over the county - on menus, behind bakery counters, and in your cocktails. So after taking a guided tour of one of the many picturesque bogs speckling the county, enjoy the beautiful fruit in a different way at dinner - like in Hearth 'n Kettle's turkey dinner with cranberry sage dressing!

Plymouth's vibrant nightlife continues on after the summer months. Its winery, brewery and distillery are open year-round for touring...and sampling





ABOVE LEFT: Homemade Lasagna at Mamma Mia's

ABOVE MIDDLE: LobsterHut
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ABOVE LEFT: Spring Rolls at SABOR

BELOW: Pilgrim role players at Plimoth Plantation

of course. Sip on small batch seasonal brews like Autumn Wheat Ale or Thanksgiving Ale at Mayflower Brewery or pop in to Plymouth Bay Winery, where cranberries will make yet another welcome appearance.

Nestled in the heart of downtown Plymouth, Sabor offers an intimate dining experience in a contemporary and casual setting. Translated from Spanish, Sabor means "flavor". Not only is the name fitting, it's the essence infused into everything they do. Their authentic cuisine, which combines the freshest ingredients with a contemporary fusion menu, will please any palate.

Members of the family-run Italian restaurant Mamma Mia's can still be found hand-tossing pizzas in the kitchen, forty years after opening their first location. Inspired by integrity and traditional family values,

the generations continue working together serving the highest quality, authentic Italian food. Their mission today remains unchanged: Provide superior hospitality, reasonable prices, and old world Italian food with pride and dedication.

Nothing compares to the rich tradition of gathering together at harvest time and celebrating the abundant joys of the season. Plimoth Plantation is a unique place to share a special holiday dining experience with the people you love - and with people from all around the country and the world. Enjoy a traditional American Thanksgiving Dinner in the company of Pilgrim role players and Native interpreters who will teach you about the 1621 feast that continues to inspire our modern celebration of Thanksgiving.

Located at the John Carver Inn & Spa right in the heart of downtown Plymouth, the Hearth 'n Kettle Restaurant features made-from-scratch cooking served up in a warm, cozy atmosphere. Right next door you'll find the cool, upscale WaterFire Tavern with its circular granite bar and one-of-a-kind "WaterFire Fountain" as the focal point of the space. As the fire glows, the water flows, and the transitional colored lights create a sophisticated ambiance.

The Lobster Hut, a casual eatery on the Town Wharf has been a Plymouth icon for forty years. From its classic red, glowing "Lobster Hut" sign to its fresh-off-the-boat seafood, this is more than a simple dining experience, it's a piece of seaside Americana.

If Mexican and Southwestern cuisine is your flavor, try the fun and lively Sam Diego's. Located "a block from the Rock" in Plymouth's historic Main Street Central Fire Station, the atmosphere is as colorful as the items on their menu.

Plymouth invites you with open arms to discover its rich history and enjoy its many palate pleasing culinary options. ★



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Cadiz, Kentucky

A long family fun weekend awaits, and you'll find your suggested itinerary below.

*F*amily fun abounds in Cadiz, Kentucky. Whether you're visiting for a family reunion, a quick getaway, or a conference brings you and your family to town, there's plenty to do and lots of ways to build lifelong memories.



Day 1

Reserve a cabin, houseboat, or RV spot at Prizer Point Marina & Resort, a delightful and fun-filled campground on the shores of Lake Barkley. Settle in and put on your swimsuits because Prizer Point has a pool and lake at your disposal. Pay a visit to The Iceberg, a giant inflatable climbing wall and diving platform that lets you leap into the lake, and climb back up to do it again.

When your tribe begins to tire, head inland for a mini putt-putt golf tournament. Clean up back at the cabin and head over to The Pier for a bite to eat. Their burgers, baskets, and kid's menu will keep everyone well fed.

Before sundown, head out to The Fishin' Hole for milkshakes to go, you'll need them for the movie they show on Friday and Saturday nights just after the sun sets.



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ABOVE: Janice Mason
Art Museum

Day 2

Grab a hearty breakfast at The Pier, the pancakes are particularly filling! You'll need the fuel for a bit of paddling before you head into town and off to the Land Between the Lakes.

Rent a kayak, canoe, or standup paddleboard at the marina, and begin an adventure exploring the shores in the immediate area. Paddle over to the far shore of the cove and follow the shoreline, keeping an eye out for wildlife along the way. For your littlest ones, you may want to get a double kayak or a canoe so they can experience the water without much risk of falling in.

Shower up and hop in the car once you've tired of paddling. Grab lunch at Cadiz Restaurant, where a country lunch buffet offers up a number of down-home sides and the full menu features everything from fried chicken to guaranteed-to-please sandwiches. From here, cross Lake Barkley into Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

Land Between the Lakes is a treasure trove of family-friendly activities. Make your first stop the Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory- this is the only planetarium in Western Kentucky, and one of only five in the state. Take in the show and learn a little more about the constellations, planets, the moon, space weather, and more. Check out the museum there rich with the history of the Land Between the Lakes; from the time when it was the wild frontier of the U.S., to the building of the dams that created Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake.

Just up the road from the Golden Pond, you'll find the Elk and Bison Prairie. This 700-acre drive-through habitat has been restored to resemble the native habitat here, which was lost more than 100 years ago. Many folks don't know that this land was crowded with elk and bison when the first settlers arrived, and on this 3.5-mile loop, you can get a close-up look at these majestic animals. The Prairie is open dawn to dusk, and the extreme ends of the day are the best times to see the animals as they're on the move.

Once back in town, try House of Spice for dinner, which offers a full Indian menu and also burgers, wings, and salads if you're feeling a little less adventurous.



BELOW: Sunset canoe
trip at Land Between the
Lakes



ABOVE: Antique car outside the Trigg County Judicial Center during a summer vintage car show

RIGHT: Famous for its annual Ham Festival, Cadiz has been proudly nicknamed "Hamtown USA"

Day 3

Stop by Reva's Place for breakfast. Their buffet is guaranteed to please, but so are their menu items (like the French toast, which is fantastic). With full bellies in tow, head north toward Hematite Lake.

Hematite Lake, so named for the shiny mineral dug up there alongside iron ore, is home to many migratory waterfowl and quite a few permanent residents. It's a 2.2-mile trail around the lake, and it's flat, so it's no problem for hikers of all skill levels and abilities. If you're going to circle the entire lake, keep in mind that the trail at the upper end of the lake is quite marshy and turns into an elevated wood walkway. When the water level is at its highest, it comes close to flooding the lowest sections of the path. If you'd rather not circle the lake, then turn left at the spillway and cross the wide, shallow stream that flows over the top of the dam. Here, a series of concrete stepping stones lead you across high and dry, and



walking on them is almost like being a frog leaping from lily pads. Follow this trail around the left side of the lake until you reach the first bridge and stream crossing; it's a short, but scenic hike.

While at Hematite Lake, you should stop at the excellent Nature Station. Here you'll be able to get up close to the plants and animals native to the region. Schedule an outdoor activity such as a canoe excursion, wetlands exploration, animal tracking and more.

Back at Prizer Point, rent a pontoon for the afternoon and head out for a lake exploration, fishing, and a picnic lunch.

Dinner tonight is at El Bracero, an excellent Mexican restaurant on the edge of town.

Next year, you may choose to plan your trip around the Trigg County Ham Festival. For nearly four decades, one weekend each October visitors come in droves to celebrate all things pig. The "Ham Fest" is a foodie's dream- with every cut of pork prepared to perfection. Whether you've already planned your return visit or not; one thing is certain- as you conclude your long weekend in Cadiz, rest assured that you've made memories which you and the family will treasure and talk about for many years to come.

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WINTER IN THE WINERIES (DECEMBER-FEBRUARY)

You'll want to set aside a few days, pack your bags and purchase a passport for this one-of-a-kind adventure, but we promise it's worth it. From December to February, winter in the Wineries Passport holders will have access to select Calistoga wineries for unlimited wine tastings, as well as discounts at restaurants, shops and lodging properties.

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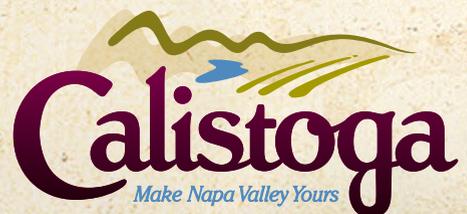
Forget reindeer because Mr. Kringle will tour the streets of Calistoga on a tractor. From mini kiddie trains to mighty John Deere models, this parade will fill your heart with holiday cheer. But first, fill your belly at one of the downtown's amazing dining venues, then simply step out to watch the most adorable winter parade you've ever seen.

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The original home of Red Dirt music, Stillwater is making a name for itself as a “down home” culinary destination.



As the leaves are falling and degrees dropping, the excitement in Stillwater, Oklahoma couldn't be more tangible. Autumn is filled with football, festivals, and family-friendly events for all ages. Stillwater's Halloween Festival in October brings little princesses and pirates outfitted for a night of carnival-style games, candy, and food truck cuisine. Downtown Stillwater merchants become super heroes and goblins by dusk to greet trick-or-treaters and celebrate the season.

Enjoy the cooler temperatures outside while kicking it up a notch at one of Stillwater's iconic saloons. "The Strip," a legendary four-block section

south of the Oklahoma State University campus, is known for its live music, ice-cold beverages, and one-of-a-kind cuisine. Savor Coney Island's Crawdaddy—a hotdog smothered with mustard, chili, cheese, Fritos, and jalapeno sauce. Indulge at Dough Pokes, a new donut and coffee shop, transforming donuts with out-of-this-world flavors. The Vermont Porker is a long john doused with maple frosting and large chunks of savory bacon. Little mouths will grin ear to ear for the Dirt and Worms donut, covered in chocolate, cookie crumbs, and gummy worms.

Don your boots and practice your two-step for a night out at the legendary Tumbleweed Dancehall and Concert Venue. The Tumbleweed has been bringing big music names to Stillwater since 1981. From Garth Brooks and Charlie Daniels, to ZZ Top and the late Chris LeDoux, The Tumbleweed has been home to super-star performances for over three decades. Stillwater is the original home of Red Dirt music, an eclectic sound that blends folk, rock, country, bluegrass, blues, western swing, and honky-tonk. The Tumbleweed is a perfect place to kick up your heels and enjoy the sound of local and regional Red Dirt artists as well.

A trip to Stillwater, Oklahoma is not complete without a stop at Eskimo Joe's. Also known as "Stillwater's Jumpin' Little Juke Joint", the popular college hangout opened for business in 1975 near The Strip. Eskimo Joe's has grown to epic proportions, voted "Best College Post-Game Hangout" by Sporting News and ranked #3 in "The Perfect 10 College Sports Bars" by *Sports Illustrated*. Eskimo Joe's Famous Cheese Fries are considered a food group to locals. Seasoned to perfection and smothered and covered to your liking, Eskimo Joe's serves over 7,000 plates of their famous cheese fries each month! Known as "the smile seen around the world," the brand features an ear-to-ear smiling Eskimo and his canine sidekick Buffy who are featured on Eskimo Joe's shirts, one of the top selling collectable tees in the country.

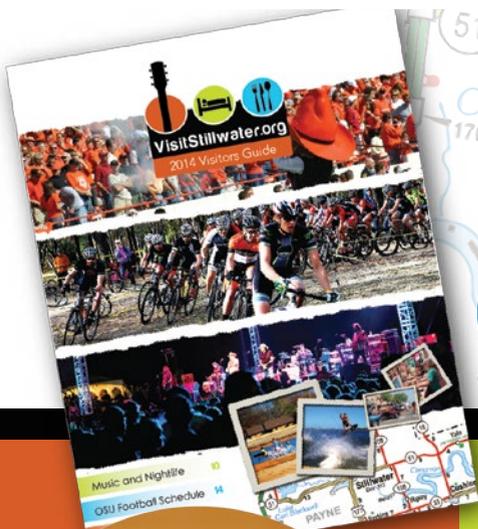
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LEFT: Indulge at Dough Pokes, a new donut and coffee shop



BELOW: Downtown Stillwater Halloween Festival



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The Autumn Color Tour River Cruise on Bay City's Appledore Tall Ship is one unique way to sail through this wondrous season.



Great Lakes Bay, Michigan



Going on a fall color tour doesn't have to mean cramming into a car and hitting the tarmac, mile marker after mile marker, as you watch the beautiful fall colors fly past you through the glass.

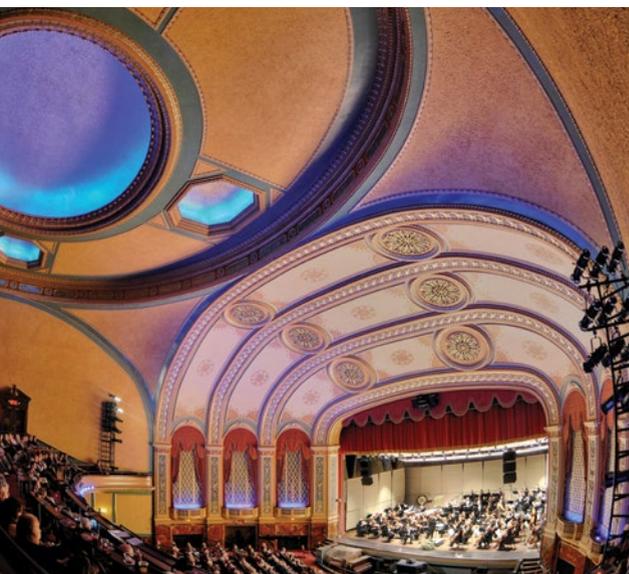
In Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region, fall color tours are a little more... vibrant. That's why when you Go Great Lakes Bay for a true fall experience aboard an Appledore Tall Ship, on a Johnny Panther Quest Adventure Trip, or rowing your own way through the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge on a rental kayak of your very own, you can discover the

beauty of the season as it was intended. Naturally, freely, and however you please.

The Autumn Color Tour River Cruise on Bay City's Appledore Tall Ship is one unique way to sail through this wondrous season. As the leaves begin to change and the temperature starts to cool, the Appledore changes course and it begins its popular two-hour autumn color tour sails. Sailing upriver on

ABOVE LEFT:
Johnson's Giant Pumpkins
in Saginaw

ABOVE RIGHT:
Kayaking at the
Shiawassee National
Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw



TOP LEFT: Temple Theatre in Saginaw

TOP RIGHT: Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Midland

LEFT CENTER: Bayne's Apple Valley Farm in Saginaw

BOTTOM LEFT: Bavarian Inn Lodge Chefs in Frankenmuth

CENTER: Chef at Fusion 1 Cafe in Bay City

the Saginaw, passengers will enjoy hot cider, chili and cornbread while keeping a sharp eye out for Bald Eagles, Snowy Egrets, and of course the vibrant colors of a fall day in the Great Lakes Bay.

Come back to shore and gear up for the 19th Annual Deer Widows Weekend at the Midwest's Largest Outlet Mall. Don't quite know what a deer widow is? It's whoever is left behind when their partner goes out in pursuit of that first shot of the season. Unfortunately for hunters, the person they leave behind is armed with something even more dangerous than a firearm - a credit card and the will to shop longer than even the most dedicated hunter can sit in a tree stand.

Year after year, thousands of these lonely widows are more than happy to fill the void left by their loved one's hunting obsession with bags upon bags of finds from over 145 brand name stores, all at Birch Run Premium Outlets, and all at to-die-for deals.

Don't worry about the newly brisk weather at the 5th Annual Michigan's Big Country Fest inside Frankenmuth's Harvey Kern Pavilion. Slip into your cowboy boots and mosey on over for two big nights of fall and country fun, filled with live country bands and ice-cold beer. You'll get to tuck into a down home barbeque dinner, put those line dancing skills to work, and even try your hand at the mechanical bull!

Car shows aren't just for summertime, come experience the Northwood University International Auto Show. This completely student run event is free of charge to the public with over 500 new cars, trucks, RVs, semi-trucks, specialty and promotional vehicles spread across Northwood University's scenic campus in the largest outdoor new car auto show in North America. In addition to the new car show, Sunday also plays host to a classic car show, highlighting the best vintage models. With over 50,000 guests each year, this widespread event truly has something for everyone.

Blend your fall into film at the Made-in-Michigan Festival, a unique event celebrating independent films produced in Michigan. Or find a seat at the Riverside Saginaw Film Festival, a three-day film festival spread across several unique venues in Saginaw and including a short film contest.

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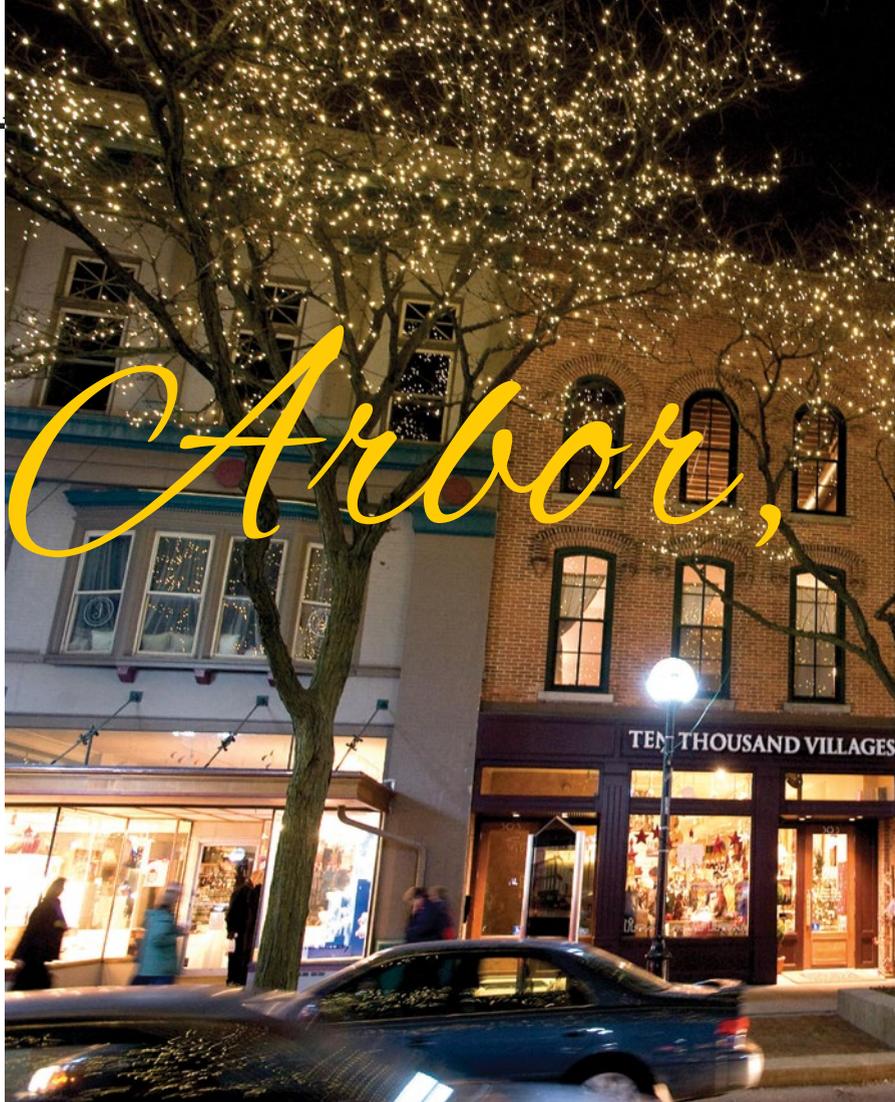
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Travelers are discovering that a passion for food permeates every crevice of this quintessential college town.

Whether you're visiting for a game at the University of Michigan's "Big House" (the largest stadium in the United States) or to acquire a unique piece from the award winning Ann Arbor Art Fair, it's time to explore and satisfy your appetite at this flavorful Northern destination.

From small plates to cocktails, this palate-pleasing Midwest town is garnering considerable admiration from celebrity chefs such as Mario Batali and Takashi Yagihashi. In fact, Chef Yagihashi opened a second location of Slurping Turtle, his acclaimed Chicago restaurant, just a few blocks from the University of Michigan's central campus. What makes Ann Arbor so appealing to chefs and foodies alike? It's a combination of small-town charm with a big-city passion for culinary discovery.

One of the largest contributors to the area's epicurean culture is Zingerman's. This gastro-juggernaut, founded by Ari Weinzwieg and Paul Saginaw, first opened its Delicatessen in 1982. Over the next 30 years, Zingerman's has expanded to nine specialty





LEFT: Downtown Ann Arbor is welcoming year-round with seasonal displays enticing shoppers and diners alike to one of “America’s Best Main Streets” according to *Fodor’s Travel*.

BOTTOM LEFT: The plates at VELLUM are crafted with great care to enhance the delicate flavor pairings.

BOTTOM MIDDLE: Chef Alex Young heats things up in the open kitchen at Zingerman’s Roadhouse.

BELOW: Cocktail menus at The Last Word are bound in old books, adding to the charm of this Ann Arbor speakeasy.
Photo by Mark Gjukich



food-focused businesses including the Roadhouse.

Honored by Alton Brown and *Food Network Magazine* for having the best Mac and Cheese in America, Zingerman’s Roadhouse elevates the standards of traditional Americana comfort foods. Chef Alex Young, managing partner and James Beard Award winner, is passionate about serving traditional food from the best sources—many of which arrive daily directly from his farm located down the road.

Along Ann Arbor’s Main Street (the one Bob Seger paid tribute to), visitors will find very few chain restaurants. Instead, local establishments line the street, each one showcasing the specific talents of its chef. One such location is VELLUM Restaurant which Flipkey by *TripAdvisor* featured as Michigan’s “Top Restaurant Worth Traveling For”. Its extensive,



ABOVE: Share tapas, wine, and laughter in Aventura's luxurious dining room.
Photo by Sarah Fennel Photography

RIGHT: Tan Tan Men Ramen is just one of the Japanese comfort food dishes created by Chef Yagihashi at Slurping Turtle.

well-crafted wine list has also received the "Best of Award of Excellence" from *Wine Spectator* and critics have proclaimed the cuisine prepared by Chef Jeffrey Sartor to be exquisite, both in flavor and presentation.

One of the newest arrivals to the Ann Arbor restaurant scene is Aventura, offering Spanish tapas, a variety of paellas, handcrafted cocktails with

house-made tonic, and a Spanish wine menu with something for everyone. Aventura is just the latest enterprise from restaurateur Sava Lelcaj, CEO of Savco Hospitality Inc. and 2013 recipient of *Crain's Detroit Business* "40 under 40" award. In addition to Aventura, Savco operates Babo Market (a locally focused grocery in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor), and Sava's State Street Café. Any of these ventures are worth checking out when in town.

If you're looking for the perfect setting for a cocktail, check out The Last Word which delivers a speakeasy ambiance with its unmarked entrance and dark, eclectic décor. Here you can choose from a variety of classic cocktails prepared by bartender Giancarlo Aversa who competed against 14 other bartenders in the 2014 National Bartending Finals in New York City. The Last Word also offers a variety of small bites if you're looking for something to complement your beverages, including a trio of upscale French fries seasoned with sea salt, paprika, and fennel pollen.

Flavors abound in this friendly, walkable city. In between meals, there are a number of museums, shops, and other attractions to explore. But guaranteed—when your friends and family ask about your visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan, you'll rave about the food the most! ★

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