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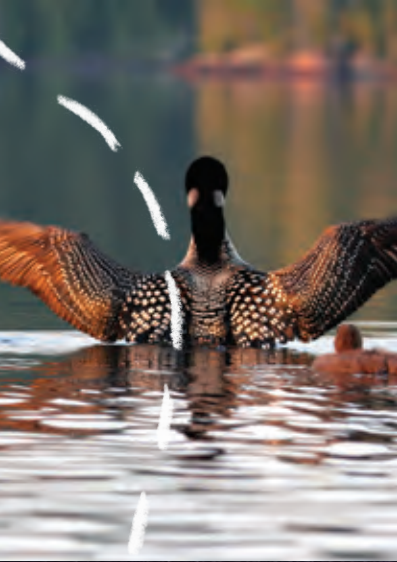


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FIVE of the BEST

The states of the Great Lakes USA highlight their top attractions plus unmissable golf courses



It's not always easy to pick out some of the best places to visit in the USA when you're planning a holiday. There are so many to choose from that it can be confusing – and exhausting – just choosing one, let alone more than that.

But the states of the Great Lakes USA – that's Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin – have made it easy by highlighting five top attractions in each state.

Illinois, for example, points visitors towards its wonderful architecture and the opportunity to view some of its fabulous skyscrapers from the Chicago River. World-famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright spent the early part of his career in Chicago – and visitors can tour some of his buildings – while, in Wisconsin, where he was born, the Frank Lloyd Wright Trail focuses on nine of his famous buildings.

Also in Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Great River Road, that state's only National Scenic Byway, meanders along the east side of the Mississippi River, connecting with 33 towns and villages and calling in at some of the oldest communities.

In Minnesota, on the west side of the Mississippi, the Great River Road National Scenic Byway lives up to its name by passing through some spectacular scenery and charming river towns. Another Minnesota drive that is well named is the North Shore All-American

Scenic Drive with its stunning waterfalls and seven state parks.

In Indiana, the world-class beaches of Indiana Dunes, along 15 miles of Lake Michigan, are a major draw for visitors, as is the opportunity to experience a different way of life on a tour of an Amish community, with their horse-drawn buggies.

Buggies feature, too, on Mackinac Island in Michigan, where cars are banned and bicycles are the only other means of transport. Also in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore stretches for 42 miles along Lake Superior and takes its name from the 15 miles of colourful, sandstone cliffs stained by the weather over the years.

The open road beckons on Ohio with ten themed road trips on the *RoadTrips.Ohio.org* website (look out for the *Rock, Ride and Explore* trip), while the state also highlights its many outdoor activities such as the Roller-Coaster Capital of the World and its 700 golf courses.

And with the 16 not-to-be-missed Featured Attractions, there is no need for

any visitor to the Great Lakes USA to be baffled as to what to do or where to go.


Great Lakes USA – Great Choice.

Front Cover: Kohler's Whistling Straits in Wisconsin, home of the 2020 Ryder Cup, will be the first public golf course to host the cup in 29 years.


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The world's first skyscraper was erected in Chicago in 1885. Were it still around (it was demolished in 1931), the Home Insurance Building, at only ten storeys, would be dwarfed by today's high and mighty edifices that are a major attraction in the Windy City.

And one of the best ways to see them is on an architectural tour along the Chicago River, during which tales of the Great Fire of 1871 and buildings so large that staff used roller-skates to get around both fascinate and entertain.

Chicago can also lay claim to helping to launch the career of legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who spent the first 20 years of his career in the city. Illinois' Frank Lloyd Wright Trail is a self-guided architectural adventure that features 13 Wright-designed buildings, open for tours. This includes two UNESCO World Heritage sites – the Frederick C Robie House and Unity Temple.

Another first for Illinois was the creation of the first completely-paved section of the legendary Route 66, the 2,448-mile "Mother Road" that stretches across the States to Santa Monica in California. Highlights on the Illinois section include the Old Joliet Prison, the 30ft-tall fibreglass Gemini Giant in Wilmington, Pontiac's Illinois Route 66 Museum and Springfield's Cozy Dog Drive-In.

Another famous Illinois "route" is Chicago's Magnificent Mile, in reality a shoppers' paradise that stretches for 13 blocks and includes several shopping centres and more than 460 stores and 275 restaurants.

Farther afield, shoppers should head to Rosemont's Fashion Outlets of Chicago (30 minutes from Downtown Chicago, with more than 130 top designer brands), Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora (more than 170 stores, 45 minutes west of Chicago) or, for boutique shopping, to Galena, three hours from the city.

There are 25 Michelin-starred restaurants in Chicago at the last count, so no shortage of fine-dining experiences there. But Illinois also has several iconic dishes, such as the Deep Dish Pizza, which originated in Chicago in the 1940s and is more like a savoury pie than a pizza, and the original Horseshoe Sandwich from Springfield – that's two thick-cut slices of toasted bread served on a sizzling metal plate (the anvil) with a slice of horseshoe-shaped ham or hamburger pattie and Welsh rarebit cheese sauce, completed with a serving of French fries (the nails).



Land

And to go with that meal? How about beer or wine from some of the many highly-recommended award-winning distilleries, breweries and wineries throughout the state, many of whom

offer tours. Chicago, incidentally, has more breweries than any other city in the United States.

Illinois has seven wine trails to follow and in doing so, visitors can also head

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See Skyscrapers and architecture
– and on to the ‘Mother Road’

out to explore the cities and countryside of Illinois, calling in at some of the state’s charming small towns such as Galena, Evanston, Geneva, Galesburg, Alton and Nauvoo; checking out the

cities of Rockford and Springfield (the state capital); and leaving Downtown Chicago to pay a call on the city neighbourhoods of Logan Square, Andersonville and Wicker Park.




TEEING OFF COG HILL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, LEMONT




With four championship golf courses to choose from and accommodation at the elegant Drake Hotel-Oakbrook nearby, Cog Hill is a club with a huge appeal ... and a fascinating history. Located 28 miles south-west of Chicago, it was opened by the three Coghill brothers from Indiana in 1927, when the first course was built by manual labour and horse-drawn equipment. Over the years, three other courses were added and today the award-winning club regularly stages PGA and LPGA tournaments.



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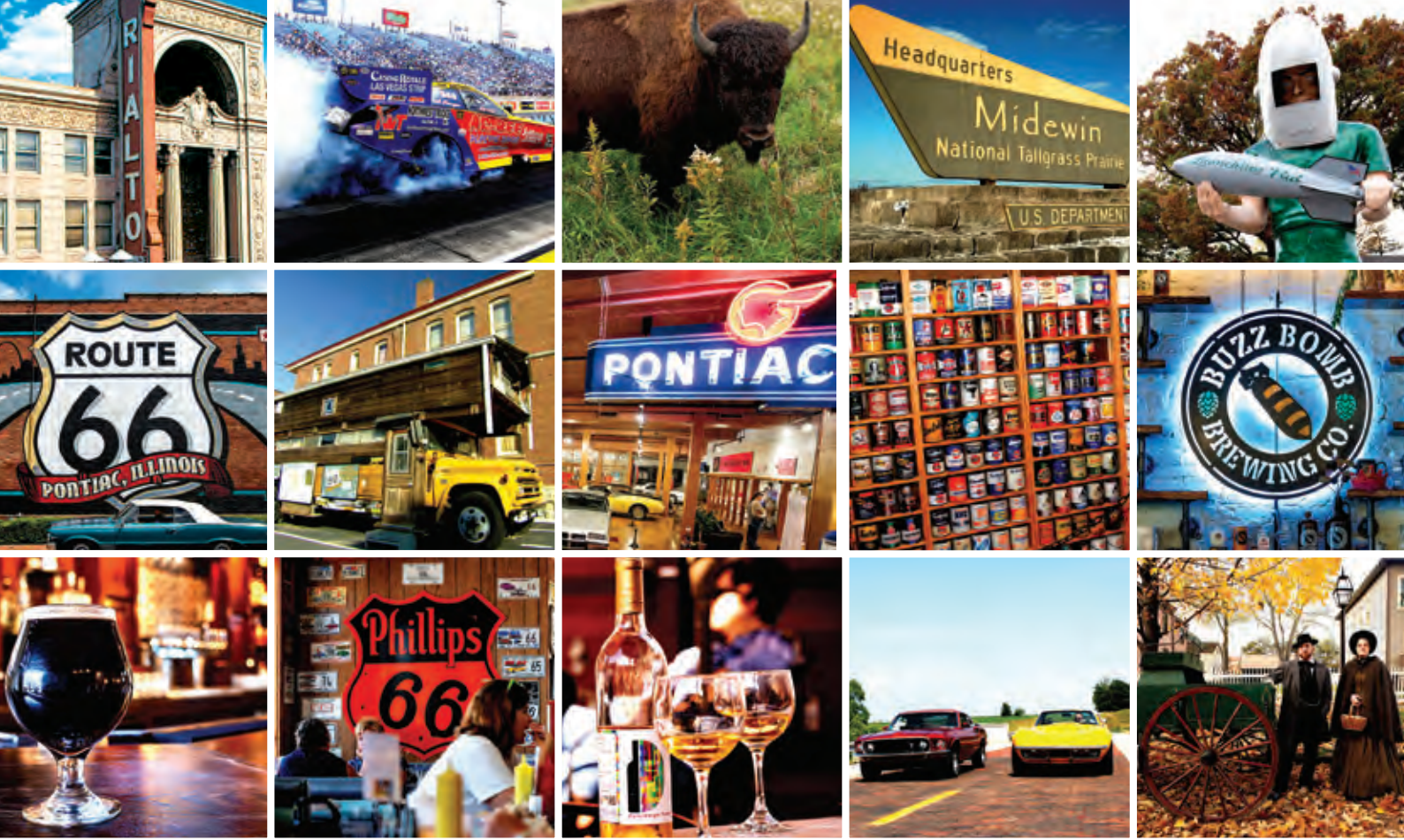
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TEEING OFF THE PETE DYE GOLF TRAIL



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A matchless collection of golf courses, the Trail offers golfers an experience that is uniquely Indiana. Among the courses on the Trail are the **Ackerman-Allen Course** in West Lafayette, where no two holes are alike, the **Fort Golf Resort** in Indianapolis, with its multiple elevation changes, **Brickyard Crossing**, also in Indianapolis, with four holes inside Indianapolis Motor Speedway's track, and **Kampen Golf Course**, West Lafayette, which has a unique water reclamation system.



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ANOTHER

Get a warm welcome into the Amish way of life

With around 20,000 Amish living in northern Indiana in the communities of Elkhart, Shipshewana, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, Bristol and Wakarusa, it's no wonder the region is a major draw for curious visitors.

The Amish way of life has fascinated "outsiders" for decades, with countless documentaries and films highlighting what they believe, how they farm and live, and how they regard what is going on in the "outside" world.

But, with shopping, dining, historic sites and Amish tours, there is every opportunity for visitors to get a real grasp of what Amish life is really like.

Blue Gate Amish Tours in Shipshewana, for example, head off into the beautiful farm-dotted countryside and make three stops along the way to visit Amish families, where visitors are welcomed and introduced to this unique culture.

Shipshewana itself is a thriving village with store-front-lined streets, horse-drawn buggy rides and a flea market that sells everything from fresh produce to hand-made Amish furniture.

The Blue Gate Restaurant in the village is a major stopping point for visitors, with some of the best Amish/Mennonite cooking around, while the bakery and adjoining theatre are both hugely popular, too.

As a complete contrast, the French Lick Resort, which nestles among the hills of the Hoosier National Forest, is a classic American destination with countless awards to its name.

Home to two AAA Four-Diamond historic hotels, three challenging golf courses, two rejuvenating spas and a Vegas-style casino, its Pete Dye Course at French Lick has been voted No 1

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course in Indiana for ten years in a row by Golf Week's Best You Can Play, while the Donald Ross Course at French Lick has been named Indiana's No 2 course every year since 2011.

The world-class beaches of Indiana Dunes, along the 15 miles of Lake Michigan on the lake's southern tip, may be the area's top attraction, but the Indiana



WORLD



INDIANA

Dunes National Park has much more to offer, from breathtaking scenery and eclectic nightlife to exhilarating biking and hiking. South of the dunes, the Chesterton Art Center, housed in an old machine shop, provides a one-of-a-kind art experience with monthly changing exhibitions and more than 100 regional artists' work on display.

Called "authentic, unique, and unspoiled" by National Geographic Traveler, Columbus was ranked 11th on its historic destinations list. The city blends small-town charm with world-class architecture like no other and

features some of the biggest names in both modern art and architecture. Located 40 miles south of state capital Indianapolis, it has more than 80 noteworthy buildings and public art installations.

With many favourite name brands at the Edinburgh Premium Outlets – and savings from 25 to 65 per cent every day – as well as intimate boutiques and specialty shops, shoppers are well catered for, while families should head to kidscommons, a terrific, three-storey museum with hands-on fun for all ages – including the world's largest toilet!





Someday we're going to pick a spot.

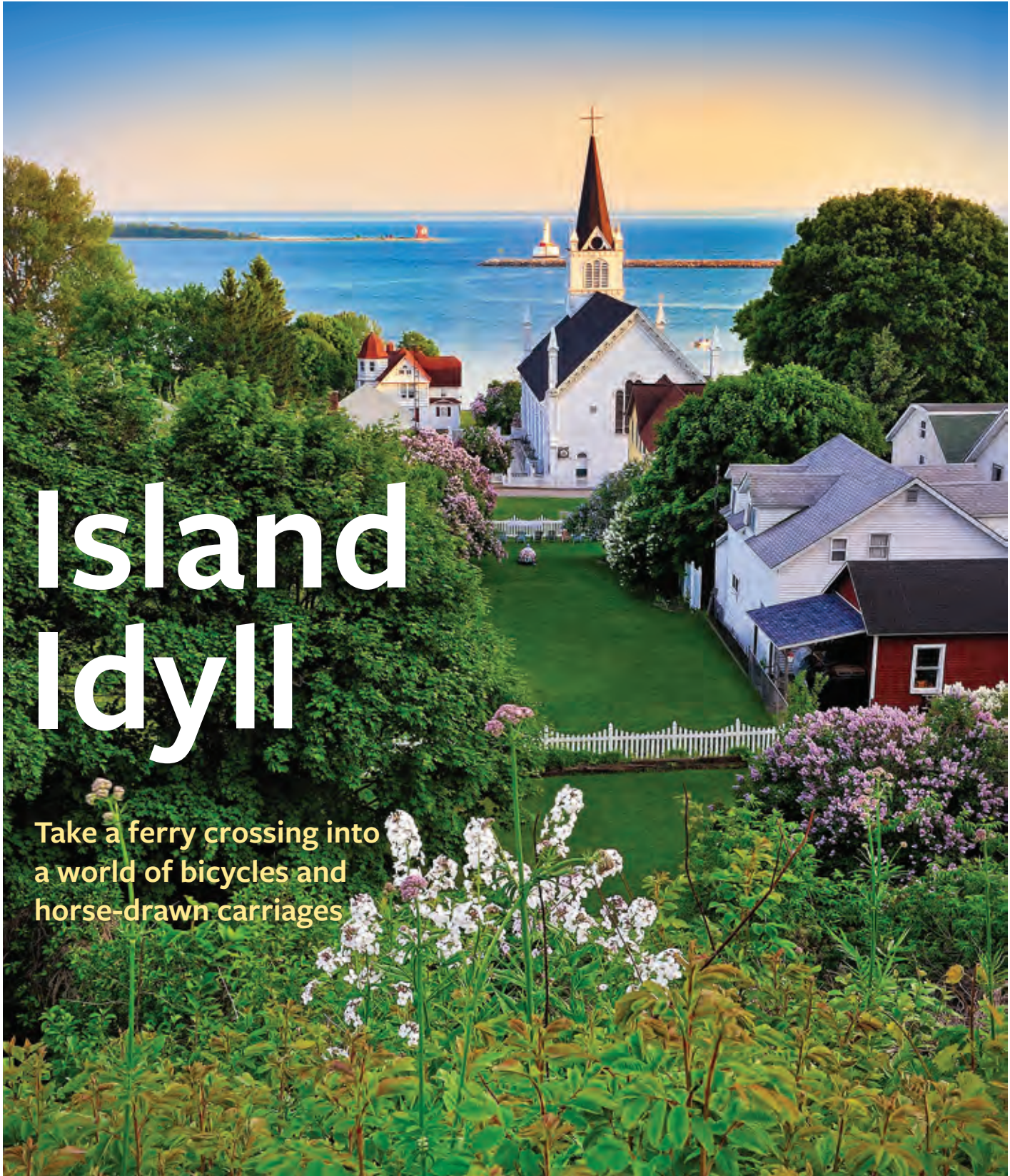
Someday we're going to turn off the phones
and just listen to the waves, the wind and the world.

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Island Idyll

Take a ferry crossing into a world of bicycles and horse-drawn carriages

There's a world of a difference waiting for visitors to Michigan's Upper Peninsula when they cross on the ferry to Mackinac Island ... a world without any cars.

As no cars are allowed on the island, "rush hour" is more likely to involve cyclists cruising along quaint streets, the only other traffic being horse-drawn

carriages that take tourists round the island's attractions, such as Fort Mackinac, Surrey Hill Square's Historic Carriage Museum and the elegant, hilltop, Victorian-era (1887) Grand Hotel. Fort Mackinac was built by the British during the War of Independence and is now a living-history museum.

Also in the Upper Peninsula, the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is a

42-mile stretch between Munising and Grand Marais that hugs the shoreline of Lake Superior. The first officially-designated National Lakeshore in the US, it takes its Pictured Rocks name from the 15 miles of colourful, sandstone cliffs that have been sculpted and stained by the weather over centuries into awe-inspiring things of beauty. The area also has miles of hiking trails and glorious

TEEING OFF BOYNE MOUNTAIN, BOYNE FALLS



Kelly Wolgemut

After a mile-long drive to the first tees at the summit, the two courses at Boyne Mountain offer golfers the unique opportunity to play down the mountain. The 36 challenging holes are laid into the breathtaking northern Michigan terrain, ranging from the summit of the slopes to the lake-view tee boxes. Choose from the open fairways of The Alpine or enjoy a round on The Monument, with 13 holes dedicated to golfing legends.



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On the north-west corner of the Lower Peninsula, the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is a 35-mile-long stretch of shoreline with sand dunes that tower 450 feet above Lake Michigan. Lush forests and spectacular views also contributed to the area being voted the Most Beautiful Place in America by viewers of one US TV show, while Traverse City has won countless awards, both local and international, as a small town with great charm that delights visitors.

Heading south along the coast of West Michigan, the beach towns that visitors encounter have an appeal all of their own. The Victorian port city of Manistee is the home of the Historic Ramsdell Theater and the beautiful 1.5-mile Riverwalk, while the glorious sandy beaches of Ludington and Muskegon (which also has 60 miles of wilderness trails) give visitors a chance to relax.

In Grand Haven, a shop- and restaurant-lined boardwalk runs along the harbour to Grand Haven State Park beach, while Holland has a windmill, a tulip festival and Dutch shops and bakeries.

Farther south, there's a quaint downtown in charming, old-fashioned South Haven as well as the Michigan Maritime Museum; St Joseph makes an excellent base for touring the wineries and tasting rooms on the Southwest Michigan Wine Trail; and New Buffalo is an ideal starting point for exploring the southern lakeshore, wineries, breweries and antique shops.

If that's a glimpse into the old world, Detroit, the state's largest city, is very much in the forefront of the modern world. A host of new businesses and hotels, a vibrant music scene and heritage, some amazing architecture, an ever-increasing range of shopping opportunities, and the revitalisation of the iconic Michigan Central Station into a new campus devoted to the future of transportation, are all contributing to sparking the city into a new life.



It's GO time™ DETROIT



Photo by Michelle and Chris Gerard

“Cocktails are Detroit’s next great export.” – *Fodor’s Travel*

Detroit’s food scene is front and center, with upscale breweries and trendy restaurants popping up on every corner. The Sugar House in Corktown has long been considered one of the best bars in the country and is credited with starting the Detroit cocktail revolution. Yes we’re known for the Coney dog, but we’ve also become a foodie paradise, serving up delicious plates from James Beard award-winning chefs. And when the sun goes down, Detroit is just waking up. From sold-out arenas to intimate jazz clubs like the Willis Show Bar and Cliff Bell’s, Detroit has something for everyone. But the only way to take it all in is to GO all out. So grab yourself a cocktail, put on your dancing shoes and get moving. Detroit. It’s GO time!



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HIT *the* ROAD

Follow the
mighty Mississippi on a
fascinating trip into history

The mighty Mississippi, one of America's great rivers, starts in Minnesota and winds its way through another nine states en route to the Gulf of Mexico. And the Great River Road National Scenic Byway mirrors that route, highlighting magnificent scenery, beautiful river towns and historic sights along the way.

In Minnesota, the road starts in Itasca State Park, where the Mississippi is a small wilderness stream, before passing through historically-charming Bemidji and "super-cool" Grand Rapids, entering woods and crossing farmland and then on to Brainerd, with its small-town charm, Little Falls, with its original murals and frescoes, and fast-growing St Cloud.

The river then winds through Minnesota's largest cities, Minneapolis and





Peter de Sibour

Saint Paul, before reaching the enchanting towns of Red Wing, Lake City, Wabasha and Winona. The Great River Road finally crosses the state border into Iowa.

Another spectacular Minnesota route is the North Shore All-American Scenic Drive – designated as an All-American Road – along the shores of Lake Superior. It begins in Duluth, the third-largest city in Minnesota and the westernmost port in the Great Lakes, then travels through dense woods with awe-inspiring waterfalls and seven state parks that are ideal for camping, hiking and biking. The 250 miles of the Superior Hiking Trail, with its view of the Sawtooth Mountains, babbling brooks and abundant wildlife, give visitors the chance to get out of the car to stretch their legs.

To the north of the state, close to the Canadian border, the Boundary Waters



“ Minnesota is not just wonderful scenery and great drives... ”

Canoe Area Wilderness is a perfect get-away-from-it-all destination. With more than one million acres of unspoilt wilderness, it is a vast nature preserve that offers canoe routes (visitors travel only by canoe or kayak and on foot as no motor boats are allowed), hiking trails and campsites amid striking scenery.

But Minnesota is not just wonderful scenery and great drives. Near Minneapolis, Prince’s Paisley Park home and studio is a big draw, as are the city’s impressive Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and the striking Walker Art Centre, which is ranked in the top five most-visited, modern/contemporary art museums in the US.

Across the Mississippi, Saint Paul’s fascinating gangster history is highlighted in the Landmark Center and the Wabasha Street Caves; some of the state’s 170 craft beers are available at the Summit Brewing Company; and Mickey’s Diner, which harks back to 1939 and looks like a railroad dining car, is a celebrity haunt and film-location favourite.

One of the great draws for visitors to Minnesota who like to shop is that the state has no tax on clothing or shoes. And while Bloomington’s massive Mall of America, with its 520+ stores, is an obvious first stopping-off point, Minneapolis’s Nicollet (a mostly-pedestrianised mile-long avenue that was formerly called Nicollet Mall) contains multiple places to eat, shop and drink, while boutiques and Main Street shopping boulevards throughout the state offer hand-crafted and major brands.

TEEING OFF THE QUARRY AT GIANT’S RIDGE, BIWABIK



Peter Wong




The Quarry course at the Giants Ridge resort was built on the site of an old sand/gravel and iron ore mining operation and, according to Golf Digest, is now the No 1 public golf course in Minnesota. It has been ranked in the top 20 public courses in the United States every year it has been eligible and its unique terrain and challenging golf complement the more traditional feel of the resort’s Legend course.


Stephanie Wagner



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Katherine Boyd



Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Cleveland, Ohio ROCKIN' IN THE GARAGE

Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which has the largest collection of rock artefacts in the world, may have opened in 1995, but it is still an ever-changing museum and now features The Garage exhibit which, in five main areas, allows visitors to pick up real instruments, learn to play, jam with friends, create a band brand with custom merchandise and check out gear and instruments from the museum's collection.



Chicago's North Shore, Glencoe, Illinois GARDEN OF DELIGHTS

Every year, more than one million people visit the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe – and no wonder. Covering 385 acres, its 27 gardens and four natural areas are set around nine islands, with six miles of lake shoreline. Opened more than 40 years ago, the Garden in Chicago's North Shore also has a highly-acclaimed bonsai collection and hosts a wide variety of exhibitions, ranging from photography to artwork. Various American sculptures feature prominently in the Garden.



Traverse City, Michigan A WINNER FOR WINE



With 55% of Michigan's wine grapes grown in the Traverse City region and a freshwater coast that is 105 miles long, wine aficionados are in their element in this part of the world. There's a tremendous diversity throughout the Traverse Wine Coast, and some tasting rooms having waterside views, hiking trails and outdoor patios – just perfect for sipping a few samples. Visitors can also enjoy Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Champaign County, Illinois BROTHERS IN BEER

Fresh ideas for the family farm pushed the Riggs brothers, Matt and Darin, in a new direction that has proved a stunning success. Turning the farm's grain into beer by launching the Riggs Beer Company changed their fortunes and now their brewery taproom, 20 minutes from the farm, is surrounded by a 200-seat family-friendly beer garden, with a range of seasonal beers and staples such as American Lager, Hefeweizen and Red Lager to help quench visitors' thirsts.



Duluth, Minnesota DYLAN LINKS

Fans of Bob Dylan, who was born and lived in Duluth during his early years, can explore the Bob Dylan Way – which includes Dylan-inspired artwork on manhole covers – visit his childhood home, drive iconic Highway 61, and see the Historic Armory, where 16-year-old Dylan (real name Robert Allen Zimmerman) watched his idol, Buddy Holly, play. Fitger's Brewery Complex, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, features a Dylan exhibit, and the Duluth Dylan Fest runs every May.



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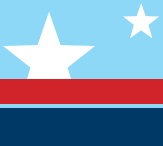
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Springfield, Illinois



PROGRAMMING THE PAST

A “living history programme throughout the summer” – that’s what the series of events in History Comes Alive is about in Springfield, the Illinois capital and the town Abraham Lincoln called home from 1837 until 1861. Running from June

until August, it recreates moments of the past and asks questions (and answers them) such as “What kind of games did kids play?”, “What was the music like?”, and “How did people manage without phones and the internet?”



Mall of America, Minnesota

THE MAGNIFICENT MALL

Superlatives come naturally to the Mall of America in Bloomington. Large enough to house 43 Boeing 747 Jumbo jets, it has more than 520 stores, 50 restaurants, a 1.3-million gallon aquarium and 27 rides and attractions in Nickelodeon Universe, the largest indoor theme park in the United States. Two on-site hotels – the Radisson Blu and JW Marriott – both offer concierge package pick-up from the Mall, where there is no sales tax on clothing and shoes.



Rockford, Illinois

A WINNING CONVERSION

Inspired in 1978 by trips to Japan and a visit to the Portland Japanese Garden in Oregon, Rockford businessman John Anderson – working with renowned designer Hoichi Kurisu – set about converting his swampy backyard along the city’s Spring Creek into a Japanese-style landscape. The result is the award-winning Anderson Japanese Gardens, which feature waterfalls, ponds, streams, rock formations, winding paths and a sukiya style tea house, as well as bronze angel sculptures by Sweden’s Carl Miles.



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GIANT STEPS EN ROUTE

Leaving Chicago, the first 100 miles of the famous Route 66, America’s “Mother Road”, offer some fascinating stops for visitors, including the Route 66 Welcome Center at the Joliet Area Historical Museum, the 30ft-tall, fibreglass Gemini Giant statue in Wilmington, Braidwood’s Polk-a-Dot Drive-in, the two-cell jail in Gardner, and the massive Route 66 logo mural (a great site for selfies) outside the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac.

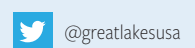
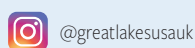


Detroit, Michigan

MOTOWN MAGIC

Voted “one of the hottest cities to visit” by Lonely Planet, Detroit is a music lover’s dream, with a Motown history that links legends such as Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson. The Motown Museum, nicknamed Hitsville USA, highlights the record label’s history. Techno music was born in Detroit, too, when, in the 1980s, three high school friends created electronic music tracks in their basement. Today, the Movement Electronic Music Festival takes place annually in Detroit.

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Grand Rapids, Michigan
BOOMING BREWERS

Twice named Beer City USA, Grand Rapids has a booming craft brewing industry (more than 40 craft breweries in the city itself) that features a Beer City Ale Trail and brewery tours that go behind-the-scenes to learn the secrets of the master brewers. Visitors

can compare the techniques of different brewmasters on a guided tour of multiple breweries or hop on a party bike or trolley that makes the journey almost as much fun as the breweries themselves!



Bloomington, Minnesota
ON THE TRAIL OF A DREAM



Peter Wong

With forests of pine trees, thousands of clear lakes and rolling green courses, the Great Northern Golf Trail is a golfer's dream. Kick off at Legends Golf Club, 20 minutes from the Mall of America, challenge yourself at the Wilds Golf Club at Prior Lake, then

head north to the Brainerd Lakes area to play The Classic at Madden's or one of Cragun's Legacy golf courses. Moving east, check out The Wilderness at Fortune Bay and The Legend at Giants Ridge.

Columbus, Ohio
ART AND SOUL

Described as the "art and soul" and "artistic hub" of Columbus, the Short North Arts District is a vibrant part of the city that offers boutique shopping and more than 20 contemporary galleries, combined with a lively bar and restaurant scene. North-east of the city, Easton, with its village setting, enjoys large public spaces and plazas and an eclectic assortment of restaurants, entertainment venues, exclusive retailers and a 30-screen movie theatre.



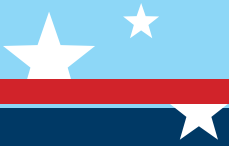
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Great Rivers & Routes, Illinois
TAKE TO THE SKIES



Locals and visitors alike can now take to the skies in a chondola (a type of lift that combines a chairlift and a gondola) on the new Aerie's Resort Sky Tour in Grafton. The resort, a spectacular destination that overlooks the meeting of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, also features a winery with award-winning wines, a seven-line, two-hour guided zipline canopy tour and "contemporary comfort and convenience in a scenic setting" at Aerie's Lodging.



FEATURED ATTRACTIONS



Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

AN AUDIENCE WITH ANDY WARHOL

The roots of the artistic legend, Andy Warhol, lie in Pittsburgh and for the last 25 years his collections and archived materials have been on display in The Andy Warhol Museum on the North Shore. It is the largest museum dedicated to a single artist in North America and explores his legacy through his extensive work on both film and canvas. Warhol created pieces ahead of his time that are now more popular than ever and with seven floors to explore, including a thirty minute film celebrating his life, time spent here leaves visitors feeling like they've experienced a personal audience with the creative icon himself.



Abby Warhola

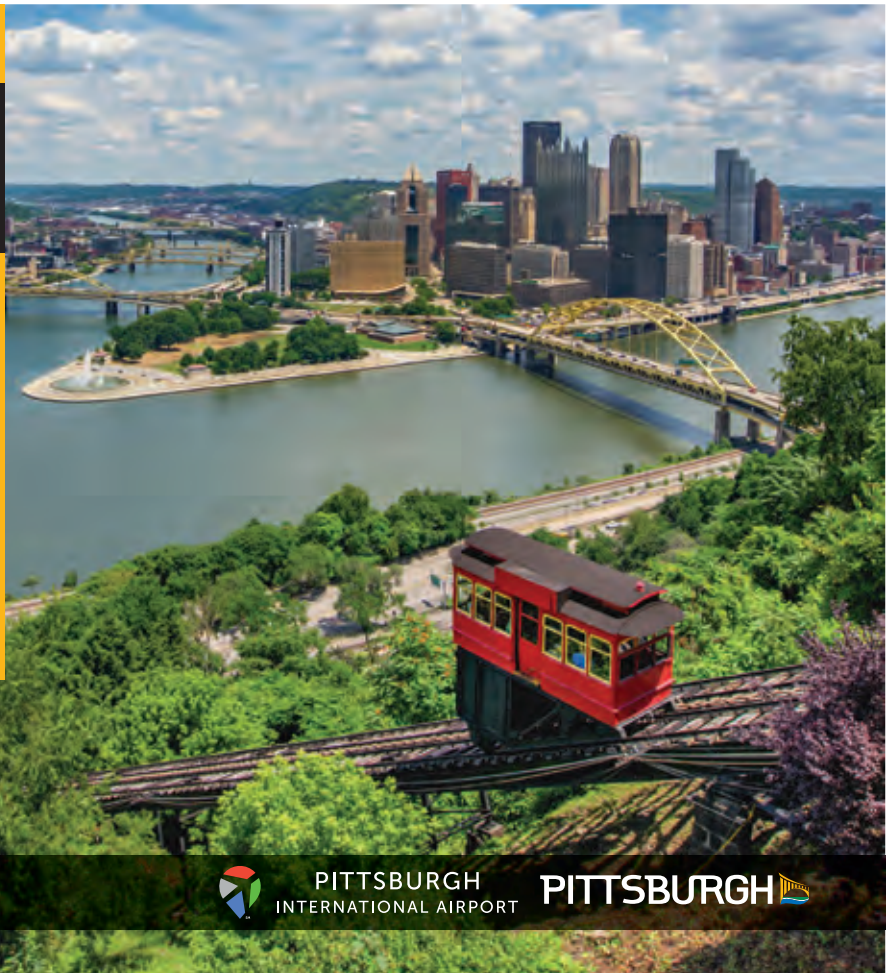
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HISTORY'S HOLE IN ONE

History lands a hole in one at the Chicago Golf Club, said to be the first 18-hole golf course in the US and dating back to the 1890s. Located in Wheaton, west of Chicago, it was also one of the five founding clubs of the United States Golf Association (USGA). Created by Scot Charles B Macdonald, the "father of US golf" and renowned course designer, it has staged many US Open tournaments as well as the Walker Cup.

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ACTION STATIONS



Whether it's heading on to the open road to explore the highways and byways of the state, picking up your golf clubs and making for the nearest fairway, catching your breath at the top of a gut-wrenching roller-coaster, or taking your seat at an American football game, Ohio reckons visitors can "Find It Here".

Take American football. The Buckeye State is recognised as the place where it was launched. The American Professional Football Association was formed in Canton in 1920, so it's no surprise that the Pro Football Hall of Fame – where you can learn about the legends of the game and experience interactive exhibits – is located in that same city.

The state has two NFL American football teams, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Cleveland Browns, so there's every opportunity to catch a game on a visit.

Cedar Point in Sandusky – where they promise 'a new adventure every visit'



– is not only the second-oldest (1870) operating amusement park in the US but is also recognised as the Roller-Coaster

Capital of the World, with 72 rides and attractions, including 17 nerve-jangling roller-coasters. Nearby is a mile-long, white-sand beach and two water parks, Cedar Point Shores (outdoors) and Castaway Bay (indoors).

Want to take to the skies without even leaving the ground? Then head for the National Museum of the United States Air force in Dayton, which has four hangars packed full of military airplanes, space shuttles, nuclear rockets and more.

Ohio also lays claim to be the Birth-place of Aviation as the Wright brothers – the first people to design and build a flying craft that could be controlled

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TEEING OFF QUARRY GOLF CLUB, CANTON




Located minutes away from downtown Canton, the Quarry Golf Club features a unique lay-out on a quarry that traces its roots back to the 1800s. Featuring target-style golf at its finest, each tee shot gives a spectacular (and sometimes daunting) view of the natural terrain. Although a quarry site, the course is predominantly wooded and has many tree-lined fairways. The clubhouse is located on the tip of a huge quarry, which offers dramatic views of the finishing holes.

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while in the air – did most of their testing and flying at Huffman Prairie in Dayton.

You can actually get an idea of what it was like flying in an open biplane with Goodfolk & O'Tymes Biplane Rides near Dayton.

Back on land, Cedar Point and the Pro Football Hall of Fame are just two of the stopping-off points on the *Rock, Ride and Explore Road Trip*, one of ten themed trips at RoadTrips.Ohio.org. It also takes in stops at the world's largest Amish community, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland and the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield,

a closed prison that has been used in several films, including the Oscar-nominated *Shawshank Redemption*.

With more than 700 courses to choose from, golfers are in their element in Ohio. Jack Nicklaus's Muirfield Village course in Dublin was designed by the master and each year hosts the Memorial Golf Tournament, a major PGA event. It is also the only course to stage the Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup and the President's Cup.

And as Columbus is Jack Nicklaus's home town, it's only natural that the Jack Nicklaus Museum is located in the state's capital city.





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TEEING OFF SAND VALLEY RESORT, NEKOOSA




In addition to Kohler's Whistling Straits, where the 2020 Ryder Cup is being held, Wisconsin has many world class public golf courses. These include the two 18-hole courses at the Sand Valley Resort that haven't been around very long but have already been highly acclaimed. The Sand Valley course was voted Golf Digest's Best New Course of 2017, while the Mammoth Dunes course was decreed Golf Magazine's Best New Course of 2018. Sand Valley has some dual fairways and enormous greens, while Mammoth Dunes has huge fairways and visually-unique hillsides of exposed sand, hence "mammoth dunes".



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HOT *on*

Check out a world-famous architect and
follow the state's scenic byways

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The work of world-famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright is scattered throughout the globe, but Wisconsin – where he was born – is lucky enough to have many of the buildings he designed fairly close to each other in the southern part of the state.

And visitors heading out on the self-guided, 200-mile Frank Lloyd Wright Trail can hit nine of them – from Taliesin, which overlooks the Wisconsin River, near Spring Green (where Wright spent his boyhood summers), and the nearby Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center to Racine's SC Johnson Administration Building (claimed to be one of the top 25 buildings of the 20th century) and the First Unitarian Society

Meeting House (where Wright worshipped) in Madison.

Another great road trip is the Wisconsin Great River Road, the state's only National Scenic Byway, which travels 250 miles along the east side of the Mississippi River and connects with 33 towns and villages en route, visiting some of the state's oldest communities.

Visitors will feel like they are taking a step back in time as they explore communities composed almost entirely of 19th-century architecture. In the north, for example, the road kicks off in Prescott, which dates back to 1839 and was named after Philander Prescott, a fur-trader and interpreter who was sent to the area by the military at Fort Snelling in Saint Paul.

TRAIL



Amy Steger

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One of the top touring destinations in Wisconsin is the Door County area, which combines glorious scenery with some real American small-town living. With 300 miles of picturesque coastline, six wineries, five state parks – including Potawatomi State Park with its 1,200 acres of gentle, rolling countryside and rugged limestone cliffs – and 32 beaches, it has more than enough to keep the most demanding of visitors happy.

At the southern end of Door County, Green Bay – famous for having the only NFL American football team, the Green Bay Packers, to be owned by its fans – is Wisconsin’s oldest settlement. In the 1600s, beaver pelts were sold to European hat makers, but today paper and shipping industries contribute to the community’s prosperity.

With all these road trips, visitors may, of course, prefer to hit the highways on a motor bike but before that, a visit to the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee is in order.

The museum, the only Harley-Davidson Museum in the world, provides a fascinating insight into bikes and biking, with 450 motorcycles and artefacts on show, including the oldest known Harley-Davidson motorcycle: Serial Number One.

The museum also offers a Steel Toe Tour, a trip to Harley-Davidson’s Pilgrim Road Powertrain Operations facility, and a behind-the-scenes look into the Harley-Davidson archives.



En route there are numerous shops, galleries, restaurants, hotels, bed & breakfasts and other distinctive businesses, as well as unique annual festivals

and events. Finally, in the southern end of the route, Potosi claims the longest main street (three miles) in the world without an intersection.

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4 EXPERIENCE THRILLING SIGHTS: Choose your adventure in Chicago, whether by foot, bike, trolley, or even helicopter. The Riverwalk is a year-round hotspot with jaw-dropping city and river views. Willis Tower is one of the tallest buildings in the Western Hemisphere and features The Ledge — a glass balcony that extends four feet beyond the building, 1,353 feet up in the air. At world-famous Millennium Park, capture the perfect selfie at Cloud Gate (aka "The Bean"), and splash around in the interactive Crown Fountain. Witness Chicago's skyline on the 18-mile Lakefront Trail, lined with 26 sandy beaches and outdoor cafes.

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