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Summer never has to end. CANADA: we reveal the absolute best travel spots & events

Cupcakes, sorbets, macarons, oh my!

THE PRETTIEST SUMMER TO FALL WARDROBE YOU EVER WISHED FOR

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Traverse City, Michigan

Voted the number 10 best beach town and the number-one foodie town in America, Traverse City is a favorite for those looking to sun, shop, wine, and dine. Oh, and if you're one for cherries, this is the place to be. Every kind of cherry and every kind of food made out of cherries can be found here.

Head to Clinch Park or Traverse City State Park for some amazing views and sun bathing (if you go in the summer time, that is.) Lake Michigan is a placid blue picture perfect body of water—and it stays perfectly chilly all summer to cool you off when you decide to ditch your beach towel.



For those of you unfamiliar with the gorgeous landscape of northern Michigan, the climate there allows for grape and other fruit to grow exceptionally well—making Traverse City one of the best spots for wine in the country. The nearby wineries offer tasting daily, are wine-novice friendly, and even sell unique fruit wines, like one in particular—apple wine—of which I once purchased an entire box.

If you're looking to find a wide range of drinks to try—from bubbly to hard cider to merlot—try Black Star Farms (blackstarfarms.com), where you can get your hands on aged sparkling wine, cherry wine, pear wine, and more. Oh, and one more thing, Black Star is also a creamery, which means you can do a little wine and cheese tasting.

TASTING ROOM AT BLACK STAR FARMS OLD MISSION
360 MCKINLEY ROAD
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686

If you're looking for a bit of luxury, try Chateau Chantal (chateauchantal.com) or Grand Traverse Resort and Spa



(grandtraverseresort.com). The former is a sprawling bed and breakfast and winery ... and a great place to get tapas, while the latter is a spa and hotel inside a 900 acre spread of land that we're pretty sure you'll never want to leave.

CHATEAU CHANTAL
15900 RUE DE VIN
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686

GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT & SPA
100 GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT VILLAGE BOULEVARD
ACME, MI 49610

The boutiques are little goldmines—offering enough price ranges to satisfy any size wallet and enough brands to go gaga for that you'll easily spend an entire day perusing store shelves.

One store we find particularly indulgent is Bon Fite Brassiere Boutique (bonfitebrassiereboutique.com), which specializes in—yes—bras. They'll find your perfect fit and can supply you with enough lingerie to keep you feeling sexy for a lifetime.

BON FITTE BRASSIERE BOUTIQUE
123 EAST FRONT STREET
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684

And of course we couldn't go without mentioning great vintage finds—both for your closet and your apartment. Ella's Vintage Clothing (ellasvintageclothing.com) has a store full of vintage wears and furniture, from netted hats to chaise lounges.

ELLA'S VINTAGE CLOTHING
209 EAST FRONT STREET
TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686





Chicago, Illinois

Chicago has plenty of everything—beaches, hotels, bars, ball games, shopping, shopping, shopping. But most won't often assume Chicago is also quite well known for its bakeries. They're everywhere. You can't go into a single Chicago neighborhood without seeing at least a couple. So, to accommodate all your cupcake dreams, several Chicagoans have embarked on cupcake tours around the city. Trust me, if your stomach is on board, you will have a day filled with some of the most delightful flavors ever to hit your palette. Try these favorite cupcake bakeries to get you started on your journey:

ALLIANCE BAKERY
1736 WEST DIVISION STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60622
alliance-bakery.com

GODDESS AND GROCER
25 EAST DELAWARE PLACE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611
goddessandgrocer.com



MOLLY'S CUPCAKES
2536 NORTH CLARK STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60614
mollyscupcakes.com

SUGAR BLISS CAKE BOUTIQUE
115 NORTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60602
sugarblisscakes.com

SWEET MANDY BS
1208 WEST WEBSTER AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60614

SWIRLZ CUPCAKES
705 WEST BELDEN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60614
swirlzcupcakes.com

Most visitors to Chicago inevitably are drawn to the high-rise downtown hotels for their relative closeness to Michigan Avenue shopping and restaurants. But, there are some hidden inns just a short distance away from downtown that are

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Floating along a gorgeous lake in a boat filled with friends and colorful drinks, followed by a night under the stars—this Wisconsin hideaway provides luxury and relaxation. The lakeside is filled with sprawling houses, no lack of availability in boutique hotels and bed and breakfasts, and while there you won't have to worry about a thing. It's a small, unassuming town with a lake that George Clooney might even leave his Italian getaway home to check out.

While we highly encourage you to go camping at one of the many enormous campsites in Wisconsin (there's gorgeous nature and lakes for miles), we couldn't resist suggesting you try out the Abbey Resort, which looks like it belongs in the tropics, but is surrounded by Lake Geneva's astounding nature. It's a full-service resort, with a spa, docks out back, and all the space you could ask for, especially after a long day spent driving through middle America. Amenities include the nearby lake, a pool,

outdoor cabanas, a sanctuary suite, and dockside dining. Summertime will thank you for visiting.

THE ABBEY RESORT
269 FONTANA AVENUE
FONTANA, WI 53125
theabbeyresort.com

What's nice about not living in a huge city is that occasionally you can find decently priced vintage items at any number of stores around town. That's where Lake Geneva comes in. They have a dozen or so antique and vintage stores, and are especially antique-decor-lover friendly. We recommend Refined Rustic because not only do they have an amazing selection of new and old products, but they also offer vintage furniture like Swedish tables and farmhouse China cabinets.

REFINED RUSTIC STUDIO/GALLERY
231 COOK ST.
LAKE GENEVA, WI 53147
philipsassanodesign.com

well worth booking. So, skip the expensive franchise hotels and head west for a bed and breakfast as chic as it is cozy. The Wicker Park Inn in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago is well kept, impeccably designed, and perfect for a weekend in the city. We recommend booking the Wicker Park Room, easily the most stylish of the eight rooms available.

WICKER PARK INN
773.645.9827
1329 N. WICKER PARK AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60622
wickerparkinn.com

Last but not least, while you cruise around the west side of Chicago and shop in the amazing variety of boutiques Bucktown has to offer, we recommend setting a few hours aside to check out Mojo Spa. It's creatively made soaps, with natural ingredients, are shaped like dessert, and the spa menu will have you wondering why you don't just spend the whole weekend there. They even serve you cake and mimosas while you get your toes scrubbed. Check out our interview with Mojo Spa creator and the at-home spa article to bring a little bit of Mojo to your neck of the woods.

MOJO SPA
1468 MILWAUKEE AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60622
mojospa.com



wicker park inn