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Try out these four scenes for summer fun in the sun across the USA.



By JERALYN GERBA





CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Being that the South Jersey landmark is one of the oldest seaside resort towns in the United States, Cape May has had plenty of time to nurture its cultural establishments

- theaters, mom-and-pop shops, restaurants - among clustered painted lady Victorians and ocean-facing hotels. It only takes 90 minutes driving from Philadelphia to reach quintessential beachy

bliss: dockside raw bars, T-shirts and flip-flops, surf and turf, and a promenade that runs parallel to the beach.

ADD TO THE AGENDA

Beach Plum Farm beachplumfarmcapemay.com A sustainable working farm with an Amish barn, farm kitchen (serving breakfast and lunch), picnic tables in the sun, a popular dinner series, and lovely cottage rentals 2 miles from historic downtown.

Louisa's Cafe

louisascapemay.com A tiny, seasonal, and sunny farm-to-table icon (from the '80s!) serving local fish, fruits, and veggies. Its year-round chocolate shop is right next door.

Givens Circle

givenscircle.com A thoughtfully curated indie shop with dresses, swimwear, books, bandanas, neat gifts, and cool creature comforts.

Lake love WASHINGTON ISLAND AND DOOR PENINSULA, WISCONSIN

Travelers from Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, the Twin Cities, and beyond flock to Wisconsin's northeastern coastal gem. It's known as the Cape Cod of the Midwest for its 300 miles of shoreline (jutting into Lake Michigan), quaint cliffside communities,

and vibrant agricultural scene — from growers to chefs and cider makers to cheesemongers. A ferry to Washington Island reveals rock beaches, remote parks, and lavender fields. The area was long ago settled by Scandinavians, and there are plenty of Nordic traditions in

nature to go around.

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Pelletier's Restaurant & Fish Boil doorcountyfishboil.com/home A unique local spot with a nightly Nordic tradition of

cooking whitefish from Lake Michigan over a giant open fire. Dinner ends with a slice of cherry pie.

Woodwalk Gallery Contemporary woodwalkgallery.com An 1890s dairy barn showcasing paintings, metalworks, pottery, and other nearly 100 regional artists.

Fragrant Isle fragrantisle.com Sprawling lavender gardens in bloom from June until August, with walking fields, a demonstration gazebo, and French-inspired lunch on a new garden terrace overlooking tens of thousands of purple plants.

Maritime mindset

OXNARD, CALIFORNIA

To get a sense of what California beaches looked like a century ago, nature enthusiasts can head to the waterfront between Malibu and Santa Barbara, about 90 minutes from LA. Eleven miles out to sea, the isolated Channel Islands (considered the Galapagos of North

America) preserve unique types of flora, fauna, and marine life — as well as diving, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, and camping. On the coast, travelers will find quiet, pristine stretches of beach with dunes and wetlands. The seaside town of Oxnard has an interesting pedigree — the place is a breeding ground for world champion boxers and a very laid-back attitude.

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Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach, Curio Collection by Hilton zacharidunes.com A new oceanfront all-suite hotel with a sophisticated hacienda feel and a one-stop beach shop where guests can borrow boogie boards, Hoverboards, scooters, beach games, Polaroids, and GoPros to explore the coastline as they like.

Channel Islands National Park

nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit A handful of rugged islands and their ocean environment inhabited by whales, seals, and dolphins. It's reachable by boat, rustic, and somewhat off-grid. Be sure to plan ahead.

Oxnard Taco Trail visitoxnard.com A guide to the town's varied taco offerings — all mom and pop, down to earth, and delicious.

View finder ESTES PARK, COLORADO

Ninety miles northwest of Denver, more than 7,500 feet above sea level, this small Colorado mountain town offers scenic drives, award-winning fishing rivers, historic landmarks, and one wildly popular Rocky Mountains National Park. The lucky bunch with timed entry permits and a plan will be privy to majestic peaks as far as the eye can see. Make Alpine lakes, hiking trails, river rafting, and stargazing part of your plan.

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Trailborn Rocky Mountains staytrailborn.com A new design-focused and environmentally conscious hotel at the entrance to Ester

environmentally conscious hotel at the entrance to Estes Park; its sister hotel sits farther up the road and has a more modest price point.

Kind Coffee kindcoffee.com A relaxed, light-filled local hang that's been brewing excellent organic cuppas for the last 20 years.

Rapid Transit Rafting rapidtransitrafting.com The homegrown go-to for family-friendly and group rafting trips on the Upper Colorado River and scenic drives across the national park's Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved road (soaring to an elevation of 12,183 feet!) in the United States.