



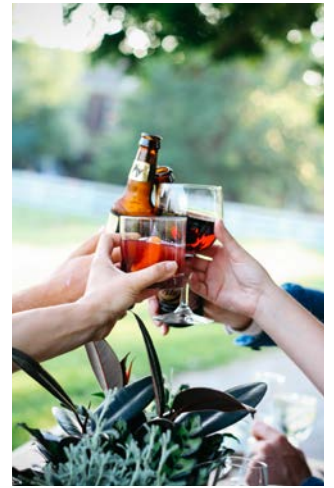
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TRAVEL SOUTH *with Garden & Gun*

WHETHER IT'S A GIRLS' ROAD TRIP, family-friendly weekend or sweethearts' getaway, there are places in the South that beg to be discovered and explored. We asked some of our favorite bloggers, photographers and influencers to visit seven southern states and report back with their hotel highlights, food finds and best-loved adventures.

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CULTURAL KENTUCKY

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PHOTOS: KIRK, CLAY & ZAC CHAMBERS



EXPLORING KENTUCKY'S GOODNESS, the Brothers Chambers hit The Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville, tasted bourbon at Wilderness Trail Distillery, and canoed down the Kentucky River at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. In historic Paducah, the men visited a historic Coca-Cola plant, now home to Dry Ground Brewing's craft beers and Pipers' smooth cappuccinos.



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SWEET ON ALABAMA

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MOBILE'S SUNSETS AND ORANGE BEACH'S CALM WAVES agreed with blogger and consultant Juley Le, who dug her feet in the sand and devoured fresh crab and fish tacos along the Gulf. In culturally rich Birmingham, history ruled. Highlands Bar and Grill provided a French spin on Southern fare for dinner.

Sweet Home Alabama



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"Revelator Coffee in Birmingham was a stunning shop, bringing West Coast cool and clean vibes to the South."

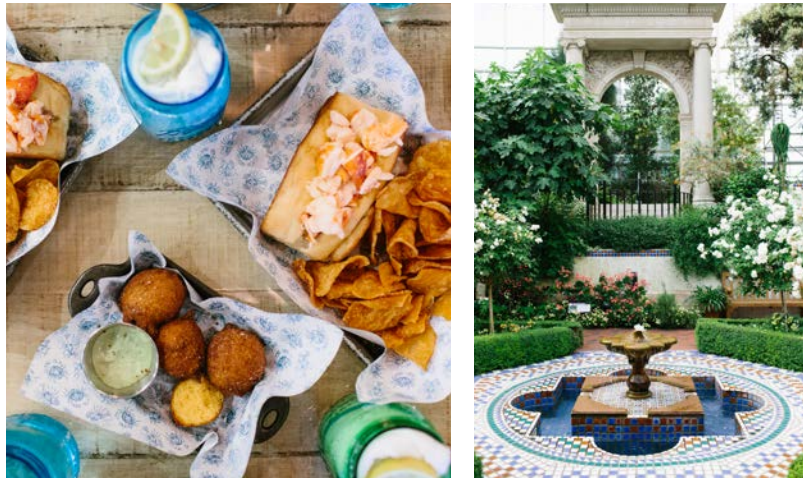
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PRIME MISSOURI

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PHOTOS: CHASSITY EVANS & GRAY BENKO



LOBSTER ROLLS AT PEACEMAKER and hydrangeas at the Missouri Botanical Garden! Blogger Chassity Evans and pal Gray soaked up the Missouri spirit, tandem biking on the Katy Trail and stopping at Montelle Winery to taste dry vigneoles before hearing Ben Harper croon love songs at The Pageant.



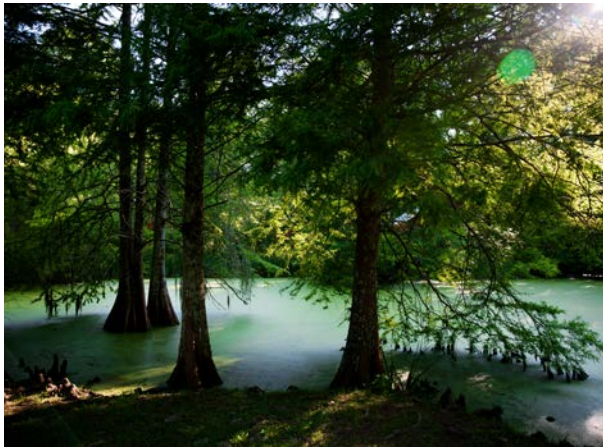
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“There’s so much inspiration in St. Louis’s old neighborhoods! I love the green gutters against the white stone.”


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LOUISIANA LOVE FEST

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PHOTOS: OLIVIA RAE JAMES & BLAKE FILI SUÁREZ

FOR OLIVIA RAE JAMES AND HER SWEETHEART BLAKE, Louisiana meant embracing crawfish at every meal—whether at Pont Breau’s in Breau Bridge or the Carriage House at the Myrtles Plantation in St. Francisville. A swamp tour in Henderson brought them face to face with alligators, while Abita Brewery in Covington made for a tame (and tasty) afternoon.




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“The food, the people, the landscapes, even the sweltering heat, became comforting in that familiar Southern way.”

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A SOUTH CAROLINA SONG

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PHOTOS: MANDY KELLOGG RYE & KATHRYN MCCRARY



A ROAD TRIP ALLOWED MANDY KELLOGG RYE and her girlfriends to bond while strolling down Main Street in Greenville, antiques in small-town Camden, and biking through Beaufort's moss-covered streets. The women made time for the beach and mini strawberry cakes at Sweet Vivi's.

South Carolina
Just right. 

"Hotel Domestique in Travelers Rest made us feel transported to a hillside of France, surrounded by vineyards and cyclists."



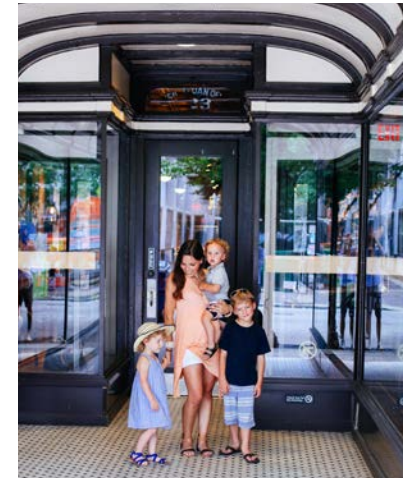
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PHOTOS: ANNA LIESEMEYER



AN ADVENTUROUS FAMILY TRIP WITH THREE KIDS IN TOW. The Liesemeyers' first stop was Raleigh for chicken and waffles at Beasley's Chicken + Honey. The Sarah P. Duke Gardens and the Parlour's ice cream satisfied the kiddos in Durham, before Mom and Dad's night out at Mateo Bar de Tapas.

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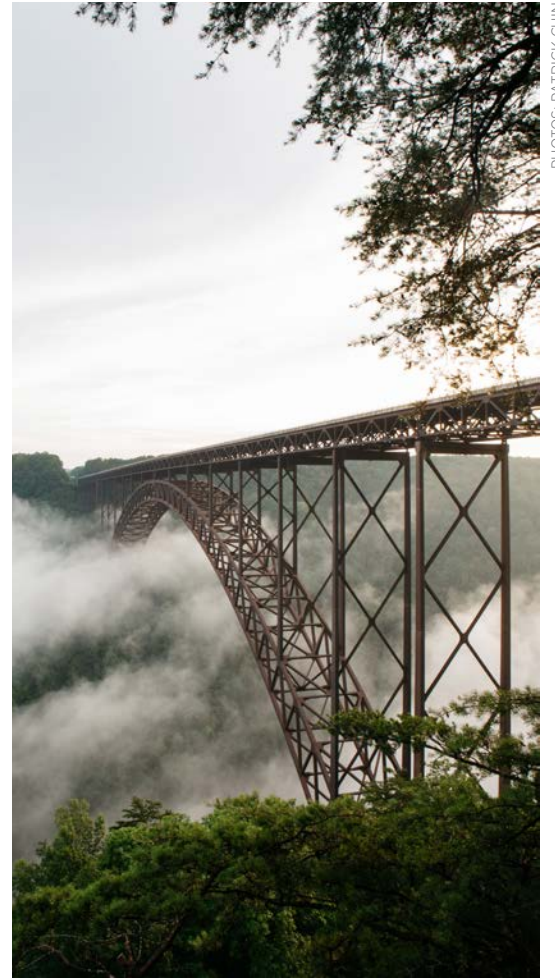
"The museums in Raleigh are free which allowed us to come and go according to the kids' attention spans."

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WEST VIRGINIA ADVENTURE

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PHOTOS: PATRICK CHIN



FIVE DAYS IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE

WERE photographic inspiration for photographer Patrick Chin, who snapped away while zip-lining and whitewater rafting. After hiking Seneca Rocks, Chin and his wife sought comfort at Thomas' charming Cooper House for a "Bed & Cocktail."

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WEST VIRGINIA



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*"The New River Gorge Bridge
at sunset was something
I'll never forget and can't wait
to experience again."*



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