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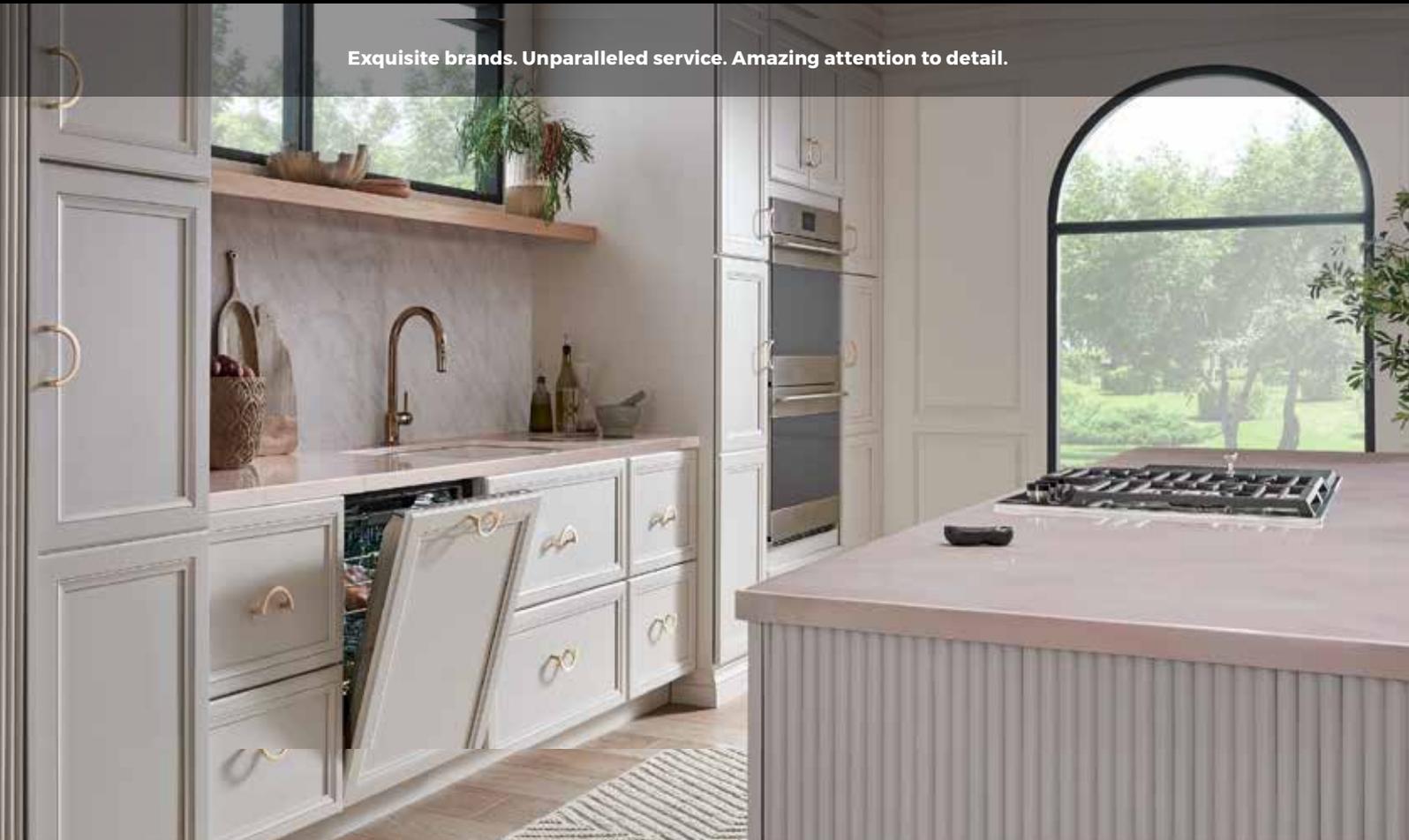


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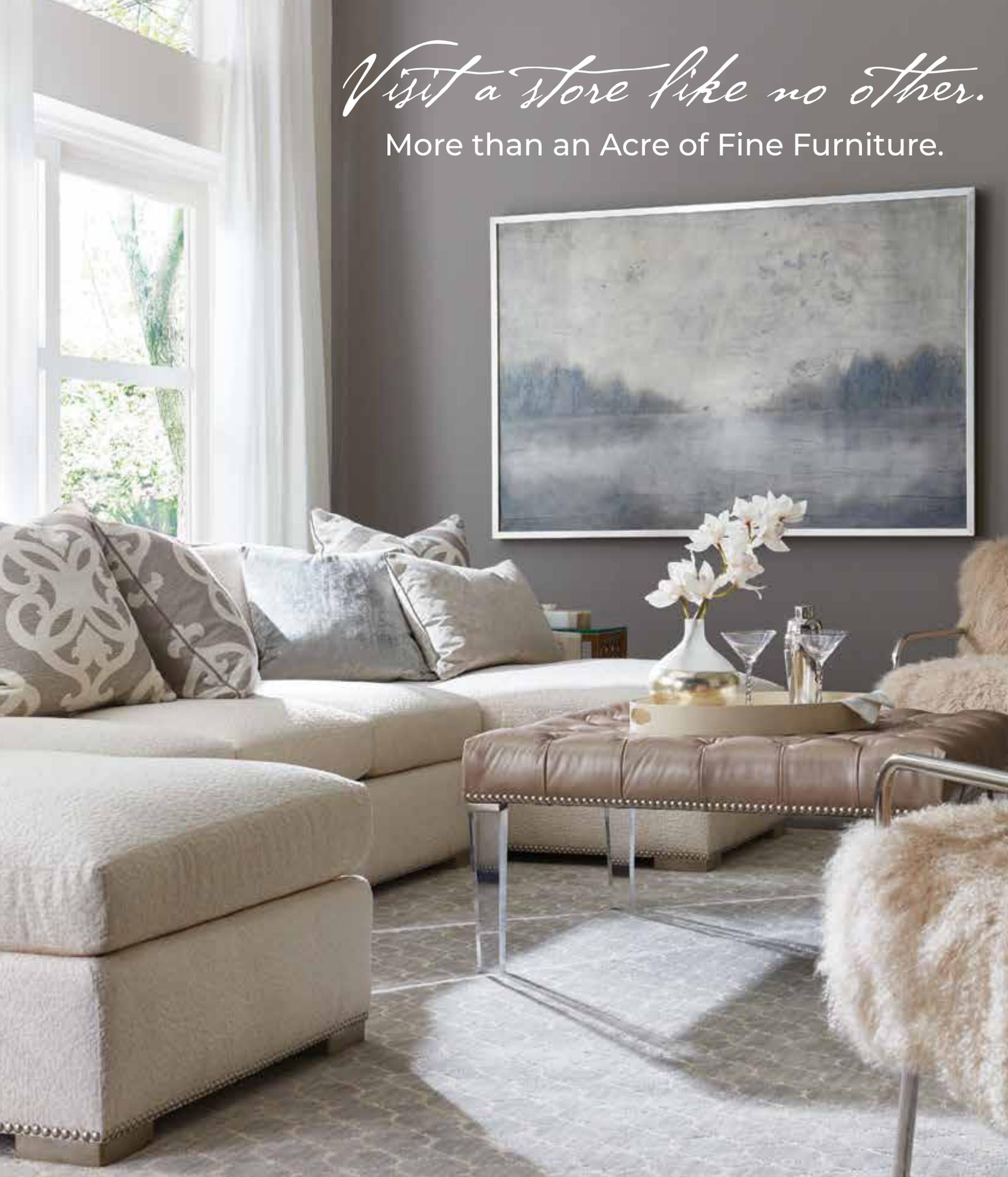
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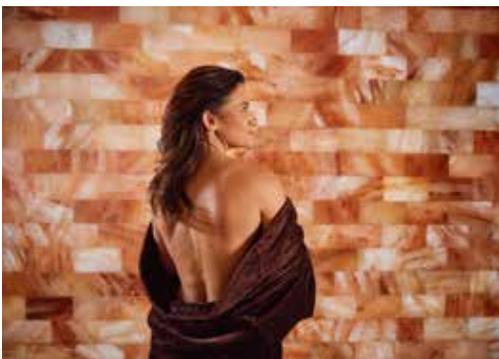


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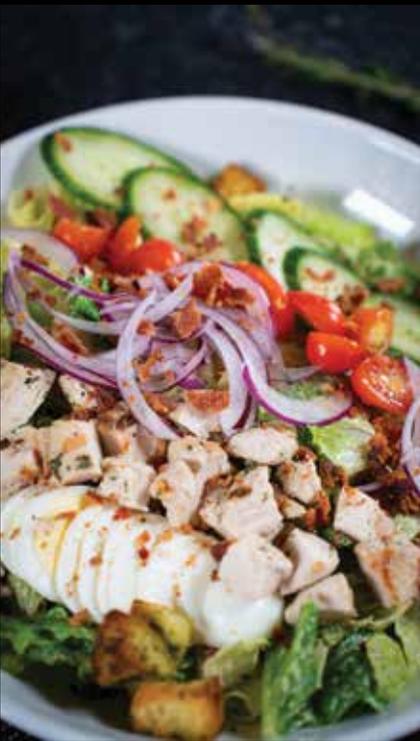
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AH, TRAVEL ... HOW I LOVE IT SO.

I am inspired by a young woman I know—a friend of my daughter—who is 26 years old and has visited 27 countries. Wow! When I was that age, that was an inconceivable lifestyle. But she has been savvy and procured a career that allows her to work from anywhere in the world. Right out of college, she began traveling with a small group of friends—each of them constantly on the hunt for last-minute deals to visit far-flung locations. It makes me long for youth again so I can do the travel part of my life differently.

That said, travel now is much more fulfilling to me than it was in the early days. I have a better sense of the type of traveler I am, and I'm careful to choose complementary travel partners. I also have the luxury of slowing down. I don't need to do all the touristy things. Honestly, I don't need to do any of them. Travel necessities for me now include immersing myself in the local culture. I can go on trips where I do nothing but walk the city day in and day out.

Walking the city is something you'll surely want to do when visiting Siena, Italy—or any city in Italy. Just mind the cobblestones as you crane your neck in awe of the alluring architecture and stretched-for-miles countryside alive with grape vines and olive trees. Although the Palio—an exuberant four-day celebration culminating in a mere-90-second horse race—has the air of a tourist attraction, it is a decidedly for-the-locals event that you won't want to miss. This is exactly the kind of event I want to experience everywhere I visit (Evocative Siena, page 32).

Maybe you long to plant yourself in the jungle but in the luxury of an eco-resort. Head to Belize. Writer Lexi Reich introduces us to Ka'ana Resort in San Ignacio (Belize's Best Kept Secret, page 44). Pottery and cooking classes, treks to ancient Mayan ruins, authentic cacao tasting, hiking, and more are just some of the experiences to be had here—if you can tear yourself away from the pool and spa.

If travel is not on your bingo card right now, you can still savor a culinary journey right here in the south metro. John Lehndorff introduces us to local brunch spots with international cuisines to tempt your tastebuds (Hold the Waffles!, page 18). Or plan a close-to-home trip to explore Colorado's amazing hot springs resorts. You can experience everything from clothing-optional to family-friendly, rustic amenities to luxury accommodations (Heavenly Hot Springs, page 58).

This issue is packed with travel inspiration, but of course, we highlight other amazing local stories as well. There's something for everyone to love in these pages, so sit, relax and enjoy the March issue!

Heather Shoning

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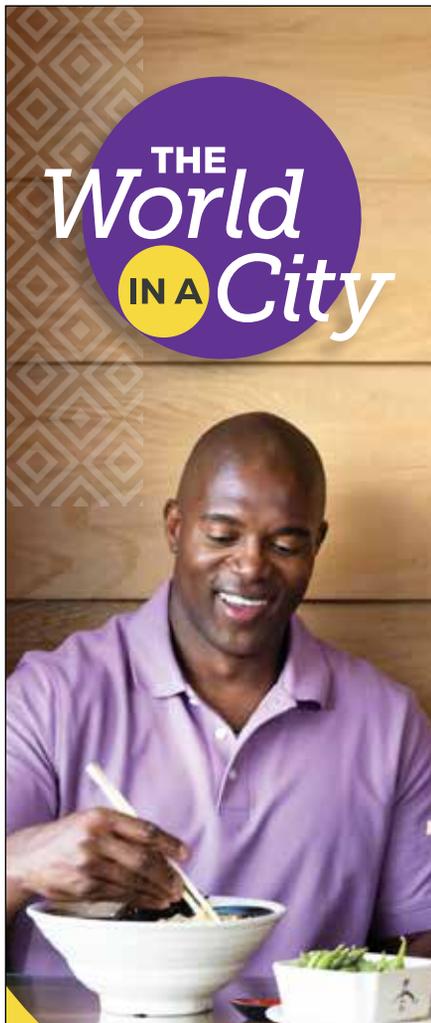


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Head up to Vail—not for skiing, but for snowshoeing! Every Wednesday in March, these easygoing, one-hour tours include a naturalist guide, snowshoe and pole rental, and a warming cup of hot chocolate at the end. Guided tours start at 10:30 a.m. and if you can't make it on Wednesdays, self-guided snowshoeing can take place any day of the week. **BETTY FORD ALPINE GARDENS**, bettufordalpinegardens.org



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February 29–March 2

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

Films from the annual Banff Mountain Film Festival in Canada go on tour around the world, stopping in Denver for three days of the very best in short films featuring remote mountain landscapes and heart-stopping adventures. This event promises to inspire, captivate and leave you with a renewed sense of wonder. Tickets or a 3-day pass are available for purchase now. The Denver screenings, hosted by the Colorado Mountain Club, are at **PARAMOUNT THEATRE**, cmc.org

March 1

ELECTRIC AVENUE: THE 80'S MTV EXPERIENCE

What if you could experience all the youthful energy and sonic celebration that was 1980s new wave and radio pop? Every sound. Every nuance. Every time. That's Electric Avenue. The best '80s music hits performed the way you remember them. If authenticity is your thing, Electric Avenue meticulously and painstakingly recreates every distinction and flavor of your favorite '80s songs. Delving into their personal stash of vintage synthesizers and rare signal processors, an Electric Avenue show is a true labor of love. 8 p.m. at **PACE CENTER**, parkerarts.org



Ongoing

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ART TOUR

In recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day (March 8), take a self-guided tour of Denver Public Art pieces by and about women. The collection features original works by many talented sculptors, painters, muralists and designers. The oldest piece in the collection is by a woman—Elsie Ward Hering's "The Boy and a Frog" (1898). The Denver Public Art website has a list and map of nearly 40 works so you can create your own unique tour. **DENVER**, denverpublicart.org

March 1–10

DENVER RESTAURANT WEEK

For two decades, Denver Restaurant Week has been serving up a much-anticipated experience for locals and visitors alike to celebrate the city's thriving culinary scene with restaurants now helmed by Michelin-starred and James Beard Award-winning chefs. Many of Denver's top restaurants offer three-course prix fixe dinners for \$25, \$35, \$45 or \$55, giving foodies a chance to experience the places they've always wanted to try, or to revisit their favorites and see what the chefs have in store. **DENVER**, denver.org/denver-restaurant-week

February 28–March 2

2024 WINE FESTIVAL OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Now in its 32nd year, this popular annual festival benefits the Colorado Springs Conservatory. The weekend at The Broadmoor is devoted to the wines of New Zealand. Events include wine tastings, seminars, a wine-pairing lunch and a gourmet dinner with a live auction. The hotel is also offering discounted rates for ticket holders. **THE BROADMOOR**, winefestivalofcoloradosprings.com



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March 2-23

YOUTH ART MONTH

Youth Art Month links more than 800,000 K-12 students and more than 200 art educators across America. The Curtis Center for the Arts is honored to exhibit the works of creative youth in our community. In lieu of receptions, the Curtis Center will be open until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 6, 13 and 20 as well as Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and regular weekday hours from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
CURTIS CENTER FOR THE ARTS,
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March 8

COLORADO WOMEN'S DAY

Colorado Women's Day is a day dedicated to women celebrating women, a day to inform woman about women's issues, woman's physical and mental health, and to celebrate and be inspired by achievements throughout the year. Additionally, ten amazing women from Colorado will be given awards during this annual luncheon, which also features a keynote speech from champion swimmer Sarah Thomas. You can also look forward to morning workshops and a motivational speaker.
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March 8-17

"COPPELIA"

For the first time in 15 years, Colorado Ballet will present "Coppélia," a widely acclaimed ballet based on two short stories by E.T.A. Hoffmann. Renowned for its charming blend of humor and classical sensibility, "Coppélia" is a whimsical story of love and mistaken identity. Colorado Ballet's adaptation features original choreography by Arthur Saint-Léon, staged by Sandra Brown, Lorita Travaglia and Maria Mosina, set to the music of Léo Delibes.
ELLIE CAULKINS OPERA HOUSE,
coloradoballet.org



March 9

IRISH WHISKEY TASTING

Learn about the birthplace of whiskey, what makes it special and how it's made, then taste several samples, straight from Ireland. The tastings will be accompanied by heavy appetizers, and a cash bar is also available. And for an authentic experience, there will be live bagpiping. Reservations are required, and tickets for this event often sell out quickly.
CHEROKEE RANCH & CASTLE,
cherokeeranch.org



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March 15

COLD CASE & COCKTAILS

If you enjoy true-crime documentaries and podcasts, then this event in Highlands Ranch is perfect for you! You'll be taken behind the scenes with a real-life cold case and be given the chance to ask your most probing questions. This event will be led by retired agent Jonny Grusing, who collaborated with the BAU, the FBI's profiling unit, and various law enforcement agencies on this case. Sit back, sip on a cocktail and delve into this chilling case. Don't let this unforgettable evening pass you by. Register online, as seats are limited.
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March 9-17

DENVER JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

This popular festival, now in its 28th year, is an opportunity for viewers of all faiths and backgrounds to experience one-of-a-kind movies, not screening at any other theaters in the state. Get ready for 20-plus screenings of top cinematic delights from newly released Israeli and Jewish cinema, actors and producers at the Denver Jewish Film Festival. At this event, you'll get the chance to view films ranging from documentaries and culinary explorations to heart-warming feature films and shorts. In addition to hours of fabulous films, you'll also be treated to Q&A sessions with more than a dozen filmmakers.
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March 16

DENVER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Don't miss the largest St. Patrick's Day parade west of the Mississippi! The route starts on Wynkoop at 9:30 a.m., turns down 17th Street in front of Union Station, then turns down Blake and proceeds past Coors Field all the way to 27th. Arrive early to stake out your favorite spot and check online for the parade lineup, a map and parking information. **DOWNTOWN DENVER**, denverstpatriksdayparade.com

March 16

FAMILY DAY OUT: ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION

Here's a fun way for the whole family to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and to learn some valuable skills. This hands-on cooking class in Centennial is for kids ages 6-17 and their adults who will learn to make classic Irish beef stew, Irish soda bread and chocolate stout cookies. These family events often sell out so grab tickets quickly. Full schedule of events available online. **CENTENNIAL**, uncorkedkitchen.com

March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BAR CRAWL

Six hours might not be long enough to experience all the fun at this popular event that celebrates the luck of the Irish! It includes a self-guided bar crawl to a variety of venues with food and drink specials, plus a scavenger hunt for prizes, live music and more. 4-10 p.m. in **DOWNTOWN DENVER**, stpatriks crawls.com

March 16

SHAMROCK STAMPEDE

This annual family-friendly walk/run in Castle Rock raises awareness and funds for organizations helping veterans, first responders and others to break free from PTSD. The event includes a state-championship 10K, the flagship 5K, a free kids' Sham-Seram family fun run/walk and an Irish-themed festival with beer (for adults), bagels, live music and vendor booths. **DOUGLAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER**, runtochangelives.org



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March 28

TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF COUNTRY: A TRIBUTE TO PATSY, LORETTA AND DOLLY

With their chart-topping hits and record-breaking sales, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton wove threads of contemporary womanhood throughout the tapestry of country music, resulting in unprecedented commercial success. Trailblazing Women of Country will entertain and inspire audiences during this pivotal moment in our nation's history, featuring soloists Miko Marks, CMT's 2022 "Next Woman of Country," and Nashville-based singer, Kristina Train, supported by a 5-member all-female band. **LONE TREE**, lonetreeartscenter.org

March 30

THE COMEDY ZONE

See the same comedians you see in A-list comedy clubs across America! Parker Arts is proud to present the best stand-up comedy from Denver and beyond. Laugh out loud in this fun-packed series, featuring two hilarious comedians for one low ticket price. This event features headliner Alex Hooper (stand-up comedian, actor and all-around magical sprite). He delights crowds by blending dark humor with silly positivity. His joke writing is clever and fearless. On stage he bursts with energy. A show you won't want to miss, 7:30 p.m. at **THE SCHOOLHOUSE**, parkerarts.org



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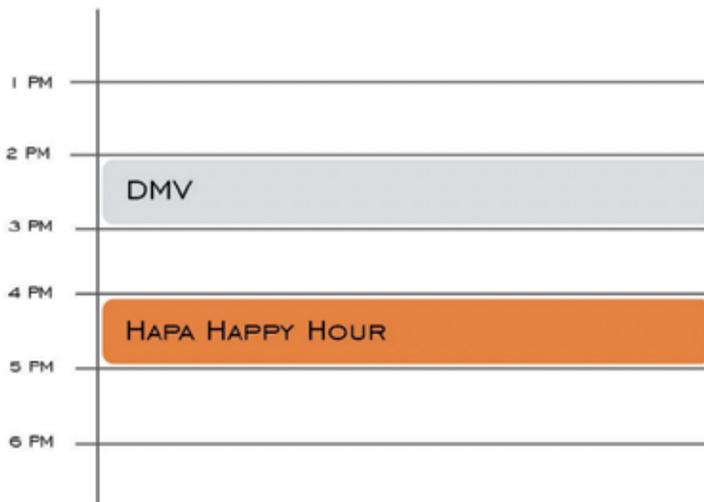
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By John Lehdorff

WE ARE ALL CREATURES OF HABIT, especially when it comes to dining. We tend to order the same few dishes when we go out for a leisurely weekend brunch with family and friends.

Visit the rapidly growing roster of brunch-y south metro eateries, and they feature the same obligatory dishes: the Benedicts, Belgian waffles, huevos rancheros and over-garnished Bloody Marys. One sure way to beat the Saturday and Sunday brunch blahs is to take a leap of taste and trade in the same old menu for *bolo de fubá*, *frutta di mare*, *saag paneer* or *bacalaitos*.

These south metro restaurants offer a culinary passport to a fresh brunch destination.

A BELT-LOOSENING BRAZILIAN FEAST

The brunch buffet has always been the ultimate weekend lunch indulgence. Big spreads remain an attraction, especially at hotels like The Inverness, but no eatery serves a splashier brunch buffet than **Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse** in Lone Tree.

The national chain is famous for serving dinner guests various types of meat cut from skewers tableside until they beg for mercy. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Brunch Market Table features a giant Brazilian smorgasbord of salads, cheeses, cured meats, soups and *bolo de fubá* (cornbread), plus omelet and waffle stations with beef hash and Brazilian sausages.

Fogo de Chão pours a full range of weekend beverages ranging from passion fruit mimosas to glasses of bubbly prosecco.



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Brunch can't help being a family religious experience at **Scileppi's at the Old Stone Church**. The unique Castle Rock eatery is in the historic former St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

The Scileppi family brought their Italian food from Long Island, where large families gather every Sunday to eat, talk and argue.

The weekend menu makes no concessions to typical brunch expectations. Scileppi's menu is split between "Old Testament" dishes like lasagna and chicken Marsala and "New Testament" favorites like short rib ravioli.

Start with made-to-share Italian soul fare ranging from crunchy baked eggplant "fries" and crispy calamari to *frutta di mare*—a beautiful bowl of clams, mussels, calamari, shrimp and marinara sauce on linguine.

Scileppi's Little Angels kids' menu wisely features macaroni with butter, while the parents' cocktail roster boasts The Missionary's Downfall: rum with peach liqueur, lime, pineapple and mint.

Considering the stained-glass setting, Scileppi's sweet tiramisu and cannoli come with a side order of brunch guilt.



Lasagna

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Crab Cake

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SHARING BITES OF NAAN, VINDALOO AND BIRYANI

For many families, brunch has become the new Sunday supper, the weekly meal where everyone can enjoy quality face time. **Tandoori Flames Indian Scratch Kitchen** in Castle Pines was designed to welcome groups with large tables, shareable dishes, big flavors and choices that satisfy picky dieters. Did we mention the extensive roster of malty Indian beers?

We could make a meal just from the hot-from-the-oven breads stuffed with everything from spiced potato and peas to cherries, nuts and raisins.

Indian family meals are built around shareable plates, not jealously protected personal entrees. Chunks of naan flatbread are used to grab bites of exceptional saag paneer—creamy spinach with chewy cheese—or tandoori-roasted meats.

NOTE: Order it "really hot," and Tandoor Flames' beef vindaloo curry will have you crying for more. >>>



Saag Paneer

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BREEZY SUNDAY BRUNCH IN THE ISLANDS

You may not be able to book a cruise to San Juan this week, but you can escape Colorado's chilly spring winds at **Isla Verde Restaurant**. This charming restaurant, set in a sunny renovated home in Parker, dishes a menu of authentic Puerto Rican dishes rarely available in Colorado.

The perfect gateway to the cuisine is Isla Verde's Street Sampler packed with flaky empanadas, *tostones* (fried plantain), yucca, and a warm ham and cheese sandwich.

Don't miss the *bacalaitos*—fried cod fritters. They are like fish and chips' more interesting cousin. They are a perfect mate for a Puerto Rican rum drink.

Other comfy island favorites include *mofongo* (buttery mashed plantains), *lechón asado* (fall-apart slow-roasted pork) and *sancocho*, a spicy stew packed with beef, chicken, vegetables, plantains and corn.

If you're not ready to leave Isla Verde's warm cocoon, linger over coffee and slices of chocoflan, and *tres leches* cake or sweet guava-filled pastries. 🦋



Empanadas, tostones and a sandwich

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The British Bulldog's regular (after 11 a.m.) menu features classic pub dishes like Scotch eggs, chips with curry sauce and a full English breakfast (including black pudding). Pair it with an Irish Coffee or Loaded Bloody Wanker, plus a Manchester United win gets fans a fine start to the weekend.

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Molecajete Sizzle

EL KARAJO proudly dishes blazing green chili, steaming fajitas and real margaritas

By John Lehdorff

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AS IT DOES IN THE FILM “Forrest Gump,” shrimp plays a starring role at Centennial’s **El Karajo Mexican Restaurant**. There’s shrimp ceviche, spinach quesadillas with shrimp, plus a burrito stuffed with shrimp fajitas. Don’t forget the shrimp cilantro lime salad.

“I like everything, but I *really* love my seafood,” admits Raul Flores, who co-owns the Littleton institution with his wife, Edith Flores.

“Diabla shrimp is made with a special sauce using chile de arbol. That’s very spicy,” he says.

The ultimate salt-water excursion is Kaldo Mares, a stew swimming with shrimp, mussels, scallops, clams, fish and crab legs.

Since El Karajo opened eight years ago, diners have made a beeline here from Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills, Lone Tree and Centennial to satisfy their green chili cravings. When they enter the cantina, the typical drab strip mall exterior gives way to a warm welcome and a color-drenched atmosphere.

Edith grew up in California. Raul is a native of Durango, Mexico. “My first job when I was sixteen was working at Las Brisas in Denver,” Raul Flores says, pointing out he has cooked in metro restaurants for more than 30 years.

The restaurant’s name is a play on a similar-sounding (shall we say “colorful”) Spanish expression. “To us, it means we’re tough about serving very good food and making everything from scratch,” Edith Flores says. That list includes all the sauces; the fork-tender, slow-cooked birria; hot sopapillas; and fresh churros accompanied by Mexican hot chocolate.

At El Karajo, an uncompromising attitude means serving breakfast all day every day, something not every eatery does. “There are customers who love to eat huevos rancheros at 8 p.m.,” she says with a grin.

El Karajo’s expansive menu ranges from tortas—Mexican sub sandwiches overloaded with achiote-marinated al pastor pork—to chile rellenos, Mexican burgers to tamales.

Meals start with sharables like guacamole and *queso fundido con chorizo*—hot cheese and sausage—scooped up with the fresh tortilla chips (and salsa) that come with every meal. The most spectacular dishes are the molecajetes (mowl-kuh-HAY-tays). These hot-from-the-oven bowls made from volcanic rock are chock full of spicy tomato sauce and festooned with a grilled array of meat, seafood, jalapeños and cactus leaves.

Raul Flores says he’s particularly proud of his poblano pollo enchiladas and the pollo poblano and shrimp, both delivered under warm comforters of creamy poblano chile sauce.

“They have a lot of flavor—not just heat,” he says, adding that the eatery’s most popular items are the enchilada fiesta plate, various carne asada dishes, combo fajitas and street tacos.

A diverse menu means diners can enjoy the combo #1 with its shredded beef burrito, cheese enchilada, and chile relleno with rice and



refried beans, or dig deeper for cool choices like Koctel de Campechano—iced shrimp and octopus in Clamato juice with cucumbers, avocado, and jalapeños.

El Karajo caters to many dietary options, but the signature green chili comes in exactly one zesty version.

“Our green chili has roasted pork, roasted Hatch chiles and jalapenos. It cooks for at least three hours,” Raul Flores says. The green chili is served in a bowl with warm tortillas (corn or flour) and is used to smother burritos and chimichangas.

While they aren’t grouped under a meatless banner, vegetarian items fill the menu. Edith Flores points to meatless fajitas, enchiladas and burritos and the excellent *rajas* street tacos filled with roasted poblano chilies, onions and crumbled cheese with a corn cream sauce.

From the day it opened, El Karajo has been all about family. Several extra-large tables are reserved to welcome large groups and families, especially on weekend. When spring’s sunny afternoons return, the patio at El Karajo is the place to be on Thursdays for \$2 street tacos filled with al pastor, adobada or carnitas.

Naturally, the tacos need to be washed down with a margarita, especially since a sign on the building boasts: “The Best Margaritas in Town.”

Sip an example, like the Karajo margarita, and it is obviously not an exaggeration. “That’s my recipe. We make the margaritas from scratch, not from a mix,” Raul Flores says. 🐝

John Lehdorff hosts Radio Nibbles on KGNU-FM.



Owners, Raul & Edith Flores

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Concourse A's two restaurant sections are slated to open in late June.

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YETI SPOTTING

Great Divide Brewery & Roadhouse comes to Lone Tree and is set to be open any day (as of press time) on the ground floor of the Charles Schwab conference center. Great Divide is Denver's oldest and largest packaging brewery and one of the most decorated breweries in America. Keep your eyes peeled for the lurking yeti, and lumber over for happy hour apps, classic cocktails and more brews than you can shake a club at.

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Art Smart in Santa Fe

Tips on buying authentic **NATIVE AMERICAN WARES**

By Kim D. McHugh



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HAVING A NATIVE AMERICAN VIBE as a central theme or simply to accessorize adds *je ne sais quoi* to your home's decor, and Santa Fe is a hotbed for buying these authentic items. While there are numerous intricately designed replica items, from rugs and blankets to pottery and baskets to figurines and fetishes, if it's authenticity you seek—and are willing to pay the associated premium prices—how do you know whether the Navajo rug you're eyeing is the real deal? Buy from a reputable source, be it a long-standing trading post, an art dealer or directly from the Native American weaver. Don't be fooled by labels affixed to the rugs, either.

"Tags can be bought at many specialty stores in New Mexico," says Jo Christen, proprietor of the family-owned Tin-Nee-Ann Trading Co. in Santa Fe. She adds that once, a friend came to her with 'Navajo rugs,' but they were actually from India. All these rugs had the same pattern—and in three different sizes.

Each genuine Navajo rug is unique, which is why the authentic ones often command top dollar. Do your homework, and you should be pleased with your purchasing decision.

"Navajo weavings are usually identifiable because of the manner that the rug is woven. Navajo artists use a vertical loom and single strings that move in one direction. When they get out to the end, they twist two threads all the way down and tie them off. You couldn't do that on a horizontal loom. If you pull on the edge and there are a bunch of threads, it's not a Navajo rug," Christen says.

How else do you verify it's an authentic Navajo? The yarn making up the width is wool, while the horizontal yarn could be wool or cotton. Many rugs imported from Mexico, China and India use acrylic or other synthetic fibers, and you'll see more symmetry and precision in the design because these rugs are machine-made. Since a genuine Navajo rug is hand-woven, the pattern is never uniform or exact, and a single selvedge cord woven down the side proves it is authentic. See tassels or fringes? Seldom do you see them in Navajo rugs. >>>



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Trio of Kachinas

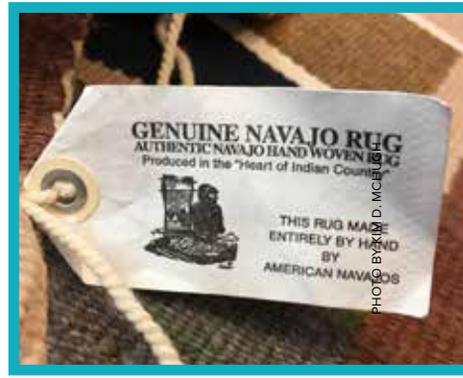


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If you want to add *kachina* or *Yeibichai* dolls to your decor, know that traditional Hopi *kachinas* are carved from a single piece of cottonwood. If the legs and arms are pegged and glued, it isn't Hopi carved. True Hopi *kachinas* have bodies that are proportionate to scale, and the painting of the figure is as meticulous as the knife work. Like authentic Navajo rugs, prices for vintage Hopi *kachinas* and *Yeibichai* dolls can range from \$500 to well into the thousands.

If pottery is of interest, there are innumerable choices, but again, rely on the knowledge and integrity of your seller. Christen has a 'go to' book, "Pueblo Pottery Families, Acoma to Zuni," that is an excellent resource for learning more about potters and their work. Whether drawn to figurines, rugs or pottery, whatever you choose will be conversation starters. 🐝

DO'S AND DON'TS WHEN YOU SHOP:

Do interact with the Native American artists at the Palace of the Governors at the New Mexico History Museum. Not only do you meet them, but you're also buying direct.

Do comparison shop. There are north of 20 places in Santa Fe to buy Native American-produced items. Compare, then make your choice.

Don't forego buying rugs made in Mexico, India and China. They're attractive, durable and inexpensive.

Don't shy away from buying the less expensive *kachina* and *Yeibichai* dolls. Sure, they aren't collector quality, but if they bring you joy, go for it!

Don't ever negotiate prices with a Native American artist. It is poor manners, highly insulting and disrespectful.

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3 Yei Figurines

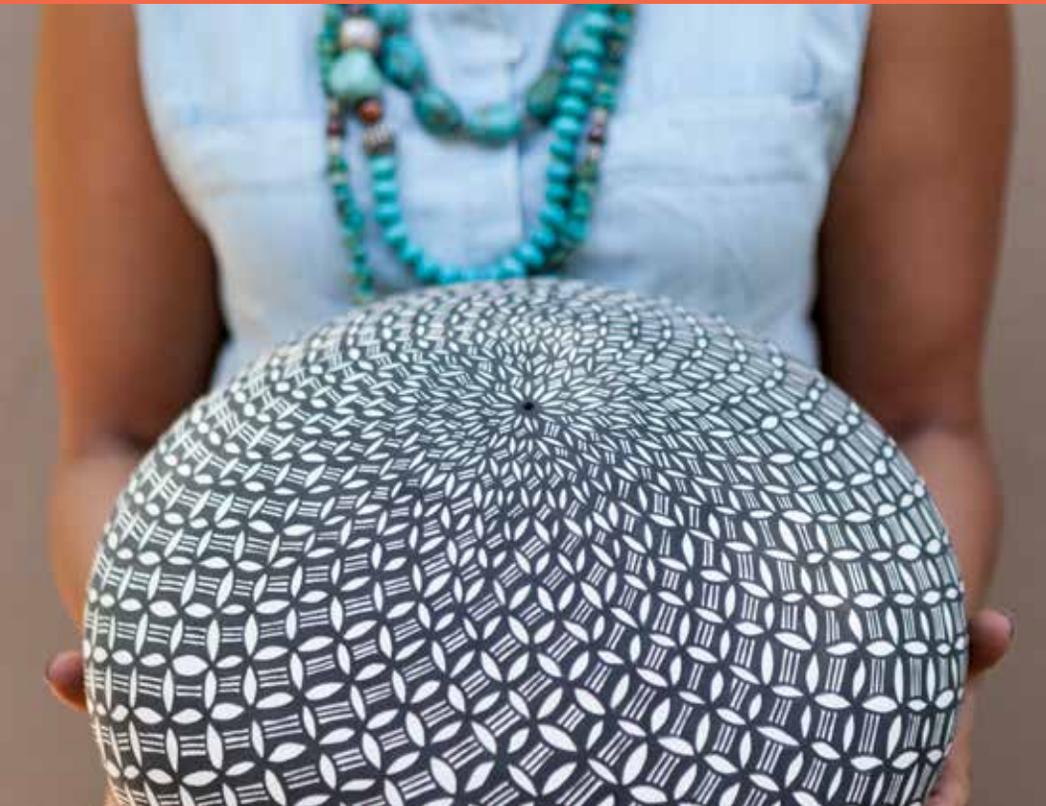


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EVOCATIVE *Siena*



Just a short train ride from Florence, this Tuscan city is an intimate introduction to the iconic region

By Rebecca Toy

IMAGINE A LABYRINTH of narrow cobblestone lanes climbing up, up, up a picturesque hillside, snaking between quaint, Gothic, near-millennia-old buildings to reach the pinnacle structure lording over a historic Italian village. A hilltop cathedral is a masterpiece of intricately detailed architecture with its own maze of soaring arched ceilings donning frescos by artists none other than Donatello and Michelangelo. This is Siena, a town that has remained medieval in size and tradition.

Familiarity comes easily here—nods from recognizable faces in door frames along routes that quickly become muscle memory. Then suddenly, at the turn of a corner—an arresting fresh view where the street drops and tiled villas pierced by cathedral towers stretch out into a neon blue twilight.

This is the enduring allure of Siena—disarming visitors with the ease of small-town rhythms before stunning them with aesthetic glories that stack up against the city's historic rival, Florence. An hour from its famous and often overrun neighbor, Siena makes a laid-back alternative base and gateway to Tuscany.

It's easy to tackle the condensed city's Duomo, famous Piazza del Campo and *pinacotecas* (art galleries) before hopping on to the next destination. But stop here. Soak it in. The rich cultural heritage beckons.





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THE SOUL OF SIENA

The secret to Siena’s civic spirit and livable center hides in plain sight. “There’s much more of that sense of community because it’s a small town filled with 17 villages that we call *contrade*,” says Anna Piperato, Siena & Italy Tours owner, professor and Lupa contrada member. Each centuries-old contrada has fanciful names and symbols (She-Wolf, Unicorn, Snail, Dragon) and bestows pride and identity. “If you come for only three hours, you’re not going to feel it,” says Piperato.

The amalgamation of this cultural pride—with Catholic revelry, of course—is the Palio of Siena, a famous, centuries-old horse race. But this is no ordinary state-fair-style event. It’s a four-day affair that happens twice yearly—in July and August. Laced with rich formal dress, a rainbow of contrada flags waving and rousing contrada songs bouncing off the walls, the event culminates with more than 50,000 people wedged into the center of the piazza to witness the 60 to 90 intense seconds of thundering hooves of ten horses wildly racing around the perimeter in an attempt not to win, but simply to prevent a rival contrada racer from winning.

Year-round, each contrada makes up the city’s heart with traditions, deep community connections, hidden social clubs, rivalries and celebrations. Piperato recommends visiting the contrada museums and churches with local guides who can get you behind the scenes—even into the contrada social clubs. “All of them are beautiful. Yes, even our rivals!” Piperato says. >>>



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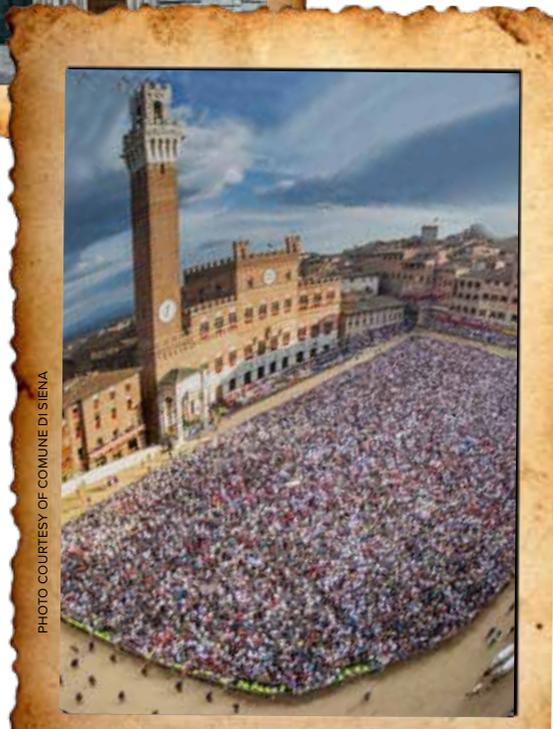


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ART IMMERSION

Like any Italian destination worth its salt, Siena has striking art and architecture packed into its spaces like an overstuffed attic. In 2024, the renowned Duomo is offering a new view. For the first time in history, guests can access the rafters with the Porta del Cielo (Gate of Heaven) tour and see the floor-to-ceiling artistry.

Another limited experience goes from the heights of the city to its depths. This hidden tour takes you into the Bottini di Siena, the ingenious ancient underground aqueducts that feed the city's copious fountains. Piperato warns that it is tough to get tickets, but with enough planning, you could get lucky. Visit Siena Official coordinates these exclusive adventures.

Specialized tours will take you from reveling in works of art to creating them. Siena Experience Italian Hub offers artisan introductions and ceramics labs for families. Make sure to join its tour of artist Marco Caratelli's 14th-century studio. You'll learn the historical techniques to work in gold-ground medieval painting, creating your own work using plaster, clay, gold and egg tempura. >>>

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Siena Alley

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TASTING TUSCANY

It's as easy to find a tour of the iconic countryside that fits your culinary desires as it is to enjoy a glass of Chianti. Consider devoting a day to relaxing at a farm that counts Jack Nicklaus and Michael Jordan as fans: Tenuta Casanova. Owners Silvano and Rita Cis stepped away from corporate life to rebuild a property once owned by the Vatican. The family enjoys sharing their authentic culture and making new friends on their restored farm, which mirrors one from the 16th century. "People live the same lives here, day by day," Silvano Cis says.

Less than an hour from Siena, Tenuta Casanova offers three experiences. The most popular is

the lunch featuring samples of its namesake wine, olive oil and balsamic vinaigrette, which are unavailable in stores. For those wanting to jump into the kitchen, a local chef guides a small-group cooking class through 12 recipes over seven hours, savoring results throughout the day—book at least three months in advance for this memorable experience.

"Tenuta Casanova is a magical place because of its beauty and the family," says Molly Lee Greenblatt of Denver, who visited in the summer of 2023. "The family is as beautiful as the scenery. The organic winery, with its emphasis on high-quality and curated ingredients, is impressive."

Two years ago, the family added an exclusive dinner experience limited to just one party on the entire farm. The sparkling light of the Tuscan sunset is a striking backdrop for this spectacular gourmet dinner with authentic Tuscan recipes.

"You will see something that is not so common here," Silvano Cis says. "People will cancel the rest of the tour and stay at the farm all day for quiet moments." And the proof is in the return rate; over the last decade, at least half the farm's bookings are repeat visitors. >>>

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—SILVANO CIS

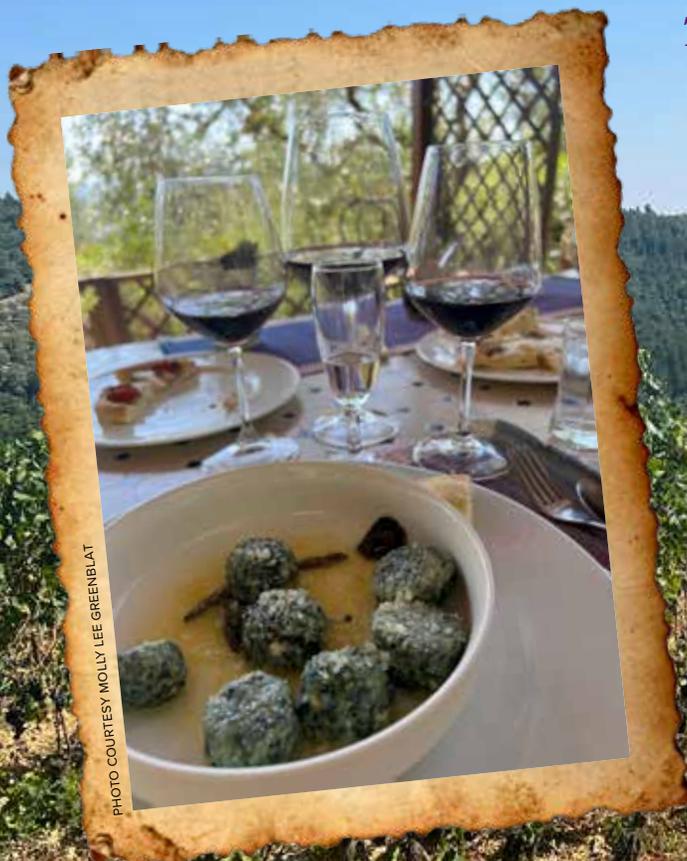


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HARVESTING OIL

October hosts a hallowed Tuscan tradition. Olive harvest dominates the countryside as families bring in the fruits of their trees to fill their jars for the year. “This is a chance to understand how the whole community in Siena comes together to harvest this precious oil,” says Deb Larsen, co-owner of Italy Unfiltered with her Sienese husband, Massi Mori. “It’s a part of the yearly cycle: a stake in the ground and a defining moment. Fall is here!”

Beginning October 16, 2024, and running for the next month, depending on the harvest, guests can add the olive oil mill to their sightseeing or tasting tours. The locally owned mill hosts families in two-hour increments around the clock, bringing olives in buckets for processing into coveted oil ready for the jars. Not a drop goes to commercial sales; this is the families’ supplies for the year—or until it’s gone.

The experience, best booked at least five months in advance, includes education and a tasting fresh off the press. “You’ve never had anything fresher in your life,” Larsen says. “We take it right off the spigot and pour it on the bread.” 🐝

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March to May

Low temps: low 40s to low 50s

Highs temps: upper 50s to low 70s

Light jackets or sweaters for crisp mornings and evenings

Long-sleeved shirts or blouses

Trousers or jeans

Scarf or shawl for layering

SUMMER

June to August

Low temps: upper 50s to low 60s

High temps: low to upper 80s

Lightweight shorts, skirts, dresses and T-shirts

Sandals

Sunhat, sunglasses and sunscreen

Light jacket or shawl

AUTUMN

September to November

Low temps: mid 40s to upper 50s

High temps: upper 50s to upper 70s

Similar to spring (and much like home), pack layers

Long pants or skirts

Long-sleeved tops

Light sweaters

Lightweight jacket

WINTER

December to February

Low temps: upper 30s

High temps: low 50s

Sweaters, coats, scarves and gloves

Waterproof and insulated footwear

Thermals (if you plan to be outdoors extensively)

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By Lexi Reich

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WHEN MOST PICTURE BELIZE—the Central American oasis just a four-hour flight from Denver—sandy beaches and azure waters are often first in mind. But did you know that within the country lies an entirely distinct geographical realm rich with rivers, caves, mountains and ancient Mayan ruins? Enter the Cayo District of Belize, a region with a long-held enticing mystique. Although it may seem worlds apart from the coastal charm, Cayo stands as the fastest-growing ecotourism hub in Belize, attracting adventurers, artists and nature enthusiasts alike.

In close proximity to the Guatemalan border, this vibrant green paradise unfolds, boasting not only stunning natural beauty but also extraordinary historical sites. Among these treasures is the El Castillo pyramid, which stands tall amidst the Xunantunich ruins, and Caracol, the largest Maya archaeological site in the country.





The “Heavenly Place”

Following a two-hour drive from Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport, arriving at **Ka’ana Resort** in San Ignacio feels like a long-anticipated exhale, where you’ll be greeted with a bright “Kulum Bilesh!” (Mayan for welcome).

“We built Ka’ana out of a love for Belize: its people, its past and its non-stop sense of adventure,” says Zinnia Kotch, a reservation coordinator for the five-star hotel.

In alignment with its Mayan roots, Ka’ana, or heavenly place, is a boutique property that actually encourages its guests to get out and explore every day. Although you might find it challenging initially because the property is so beautiful and inviting, you may not want to leave. The minimalist, eco-luxury design draws you right in.

“Every piece of wood you see at Ka’ana was grown, harvested and fashioned into furniture within thirty miles of where we are now,” Kotch says. “The soaps and cleansers you use during your stay are entirely organic and are made just eight miles from Ka’ana; the snacks in the mini bar are some of the local favorites; the art on the walls comes from local and regional artists, as well as some images we’ve gathered from friends over the years.”

Wandering through intertwining pathways leads to 17 hacienda-style suites and villas that are so intimate you can hear the harmonies of neighboring birds. A full-service pool, luxury spa, organic garden and “farm-to-jungle” restaurant are all on-site. Still, Ka’ana’s goal is to serve as a basecamp for the plethora of cultural and outdoor activities that await. Pottery and cooking classes, treks to ancient Mayan ruins, authentic cacao tasting, hiking at Big Rock Falls, cave tubing and native bird-watching tours, among others, are all at guests’ fingertips. >>>





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The San Antonio Women's Co-op, a collective of indigenous Mayan craftswomen, offers a taste of Belizean hospitality with fresh homemade vegetable tamales as well as stories of their ancestry and customs.

Belize is abundant not only in natural beauty but also in its layered past. The locals take immense pride in both their heritage and their relationship with the landscapes they call home. For visitors, this deep connection is palpable. Paired with the rejuvenating Caribbean weather, Belize stands as a bucket-list destination well worth the trip. 🐝

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THANKFULLY, IF YOU VISIT a jungle retreat in Belize such as **Ka'ana Resort**, you won't be met with "resort attire" requirements because—let's face it—it's hot there! Casual and comfortable is the uniform for this vacation.

Lightweight clothing is a top pick for your jungle adventure. Be sure to pack:

- Breathable T-shirts, tank tops and lightweight tops
- Quick-drying shorts
- Lightweight, casual dresses for poolside or dinner
- Swimsuits, of course
- Poolside cover-ups
- Flip-flops

Just because the resort doesn't have a dress code doesn't mean you can't put your best dress forward for dinner. Just choose something cool and breathable—maybe even a kimono—then add accessories to dress it up.

- ✿ Beaded bracelets
- ✿ Statement earrings
- ✿ Hair accessories
- ✿ Strappy, sexy but low-heel sandals

You'll probably take an excursion or two, so be prepared! Ka'ana Resort suggests:

- ☀ A small backpack
- ☀ Sturdy hiking shoes
- ☀ Sport sandals for water-based adventures
- ☀ Sunscreen
- ☀ Insect repellent

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Longing for A LID LIFT?

Surgical and non-surgical options FOR LID LIFTS
and other cosmetic eye surgeries

By Amanda Lacey

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OUR EYES CAN CONVEY a lot of messages and emotions. These messages can include whether we got a good night's sleep or if we're taking care of ourselves. But sometimes the eyes just need a little boost to give your whole face a more youthful, healthy glow. That's where we may need a little bit of help. Surgical and non-surgical options can lend this helping hand, and we've asked for insight from local board-certified surgeons.

Among the top five cosmetic surgical procedures in the U.S. is a blepharoplasty, also known as an upper eyelid lift, where excess skin is removed to rejuvenate the appearance and an incision is hidden in the upper eyelid crease to make the scars heal almost invisibly. Other common upper eyelid options include a brow lift and a ptosis repair (an operation to tighten the muscle that lifts your upper eyelid). Standard lower lid options include a lower blepharoplasty (think eye bags) where excess fat is moved, and a skin pinch removes redundant skin from the lower eyelid along the lash line, assisting with crinkled or wrinkly skin.

While the thought of an invasive treatment may seem slightly unsettling, these surgical options typically aren't very painful and likely require up to a couple weeks of downtime at the most. And you can rest assured of your results. "I often hear 'I look tired' or that they don't recognize themselves in the mirror," says Michael McCracken MD, FACS, of **McCracken Eye and Face Institute**. "These treatments aren't done to make you look like somebody else—if the procedure is done well, the goal is to make you look natural, refreshed and like yourself. People may even think you're simply rested from taking a week off from work, and that's the best compliment of them all."

Not sure if a surgical option is the best route for you? Enter non-surgical options. Laser resurfacing of the eyelids will help with wrinkles around the eyelids and help tighten the skin. Using Botox, a liquid brow lift will help raise the eyelids to take the hooding off the upper eyelids. Dr. Cory Bovenzi, a board-certified surgeon with **Smith Cosmetic Surgery**, notes that while it's a good option, using Botox will not last as long and will not have as dramatic an effect. Smith Cosmetic Surgery uses its medical imaging software to give a realistic idea of how these procedures can look on each patient's face. Additional non-surgical options include radio frequency tightening and thread lifts done under the skin to lift the brow.

As for some things you can do at home: skincare, skincare, skincare! "A good skincare regimen is very important to try to prevent needing any kind of surgical intervention in the future," Dr. Bovenzi says. "The three things I recommend the most are making sure you're using a good sunscreen with high SPF, a good moisturizer—especially in the dry Colorado climate—and a retinol. These things will help to pre-rejuvenate or rejuvenate around the eyes."

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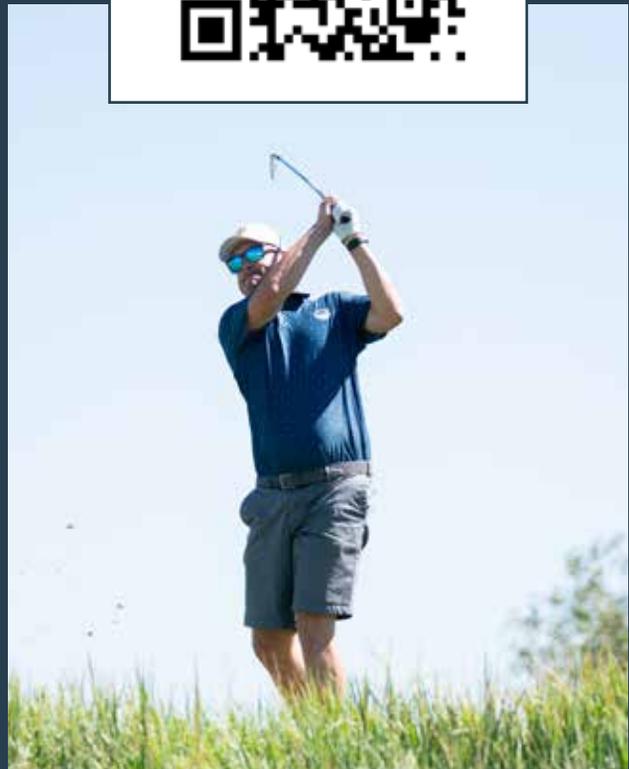
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MALL *Maestro*

SENIOR GM STEVEN SAYERS champions Park Meadows Mall's longstanding tradition of supporting local community organizations

By Kim D. McHugh

Photography By Vanessa Miranda

AS MARK TWAIN ONCE QUIPPED, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." For Steven Sayers, starting in retail mall management began when he saw a posting for a training program offered by Simon Property Group (SPG), an Indianapolis, Indiana-based firm involved in the ownership and management of premier shopping, dining and mixed-use properties.

"My interest was born out of pure necessity because I started job searching in 2009, a terrible time given the economy was being impacted by the Great Recession," Sayers says. "I just fell into it completely by accident. [Simon] had an eighteen-month training program that would train how to be a general manager, so I applied for it, got it, and the rest is history."

Originally from Massachusetts, he earned a Business Administration degree from the University at Albany, SUNY in New York. Soon after completing his training program, he became the assistant general manager of West Town Mall in Knoxville, Tennessee. Sayers spent the next seven years with SPG rotating between three malls in California, one in Florida, one in Massachusetts and one in New York, before hiring on with Brookfield Properties, which placed him in Southern California for six-plus years. Today, he is the new senior general manager of **Park Meadows Mall** in Lone Tree.

Distinguished by its award-winning, eye-catching Colorado grand mountain lodge architecture, the iconic mall opened in August 1996 and remains the go-to place for patrons drawn to retailers from Apple, Crate & Barrel, Nordstrom, Tesla and Williams-Sonoma to restaurants like Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse, Perry's Steakhouse & Grille, P.F. Chang's China Bistro and Seasons 52.

"Compared to other malls in America, it's a completely different experience. This property is already at a very high level but having the "retail resort" tagline gives it a whole other feel," Sayer says. "We have resort-style seating and amenities, and last year, we had the first annual Unlock the Holidays in early November to build momentum around the holidays with the community."

Appreciating that The Hahn Company, the original builders of the 1.58-million-square-foot landmark, commissioned more than \$1 million in unique art from Colorado artists only serves to enhance that level of sophistication. As he looks forward ten years, ideas include expansion based on a multi-phase plan.





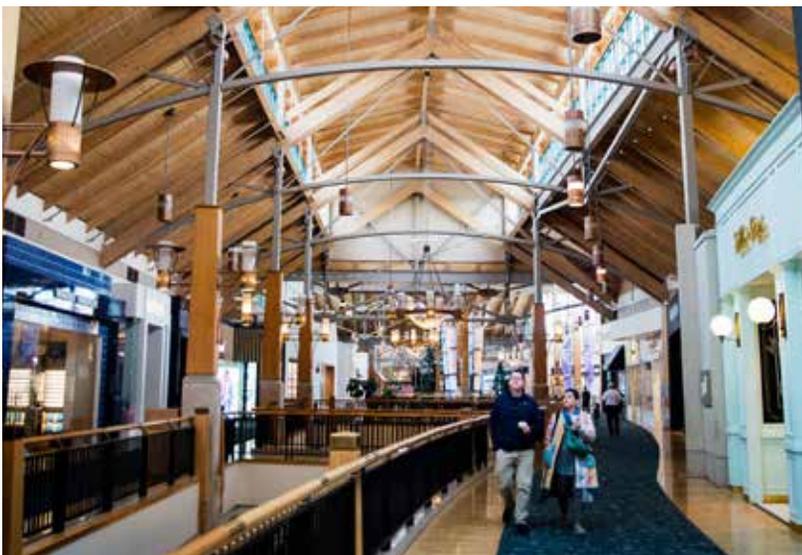
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—STEVEN SAYERS

“We’re looking at integrating elements that could include an inviting public plaza, more retail and restaurants, multi-family residential, maybe an ice-skating rink, and a four- or five-star hotel at some point, so there’s further densification of the asset and even more compelling reasons to make the mall a destination,” Sayers explains.

A good corporate neighbor, Park Meadows Mall has consistently demonstrated a willingness to support meaningful causes. “We’ve partnered with various organizations for a long time and have recently been very supportive of the Lone Tree Arts Center,” says Sayers.

Among others, the mall donates to or arranges fundraising events for the Cancer League of Colorado, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Food Bank of the Rockies, The Gabby Krause Foundation, Hide in Plain Sight, Junior Achievement, 4-H and numerous Douglas County entities including libraries, schools, law enforcement agencies and hospitals. 🦋



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By Heather Shoning

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Considering that there are more than 30 hot springs areas in the state, it's no surprise that you can find everything from rustic, backcountry soakers to a larger-than-Olympic-size steaming mineral pool—and the accompanying accommodations are equally as encompassing.

Indigenous people regarded the hot springs as sacred spaces, and regardless of which you choose, hot springs are therapeutic, doing wonders for both mind and body. The mineral-rich waters are said to improve circulation, offer pain relief for joints and overworked muscles, cleanse and moisturize the skin, detoxify the body by promoting sweating, and much more. Not to mention the relaxation and stress relief that comes from unwinding with a nice, hot soak.

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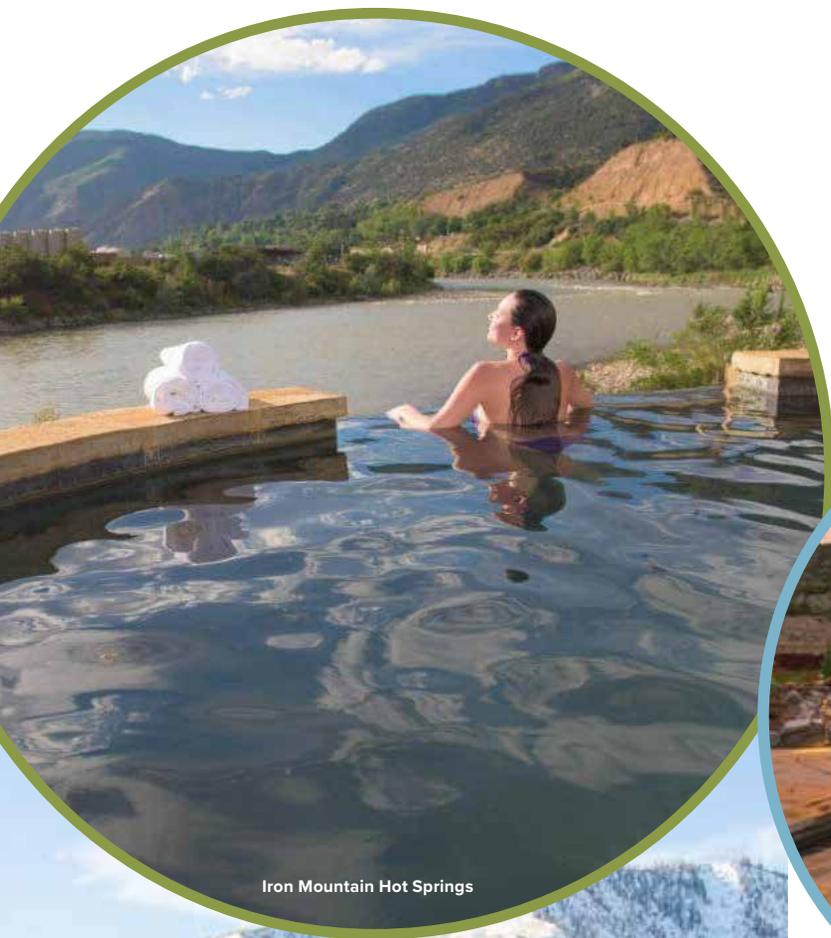
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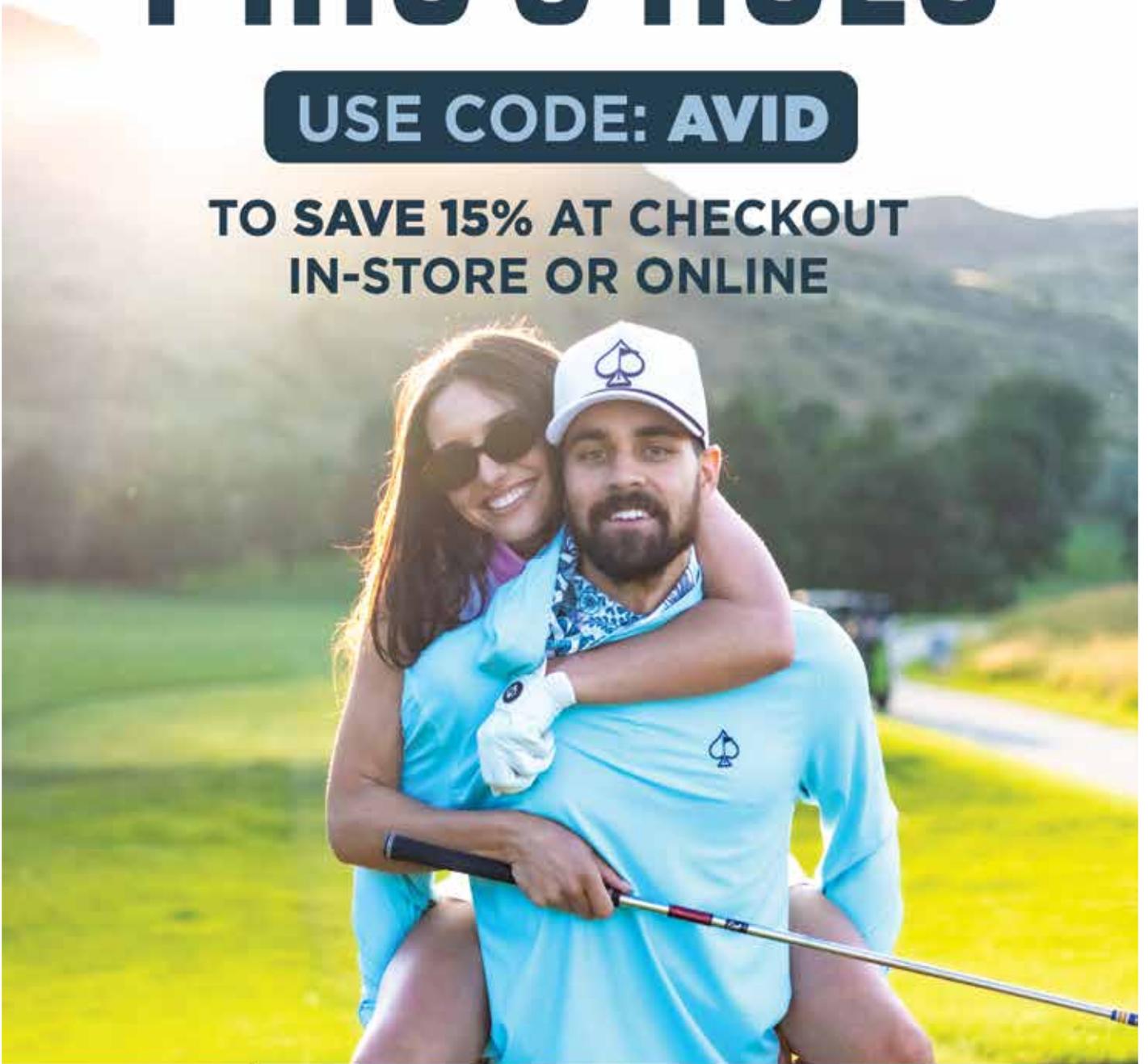
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