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ESSENTIAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

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CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE YOUR COMFORT ZONE TO APPRECIATE THE DANGER ZONE.

by Bret Love

55 ZIP FROM TREE TO TREE IN GEORGIA

Banning Mills, GA (78 miles from Atlanta), historicbanningmills.com

////// The new Woodland Canopy Tour is designed for beginners, allowing kids ages eight and up to zip through an old-growth hardwood forest.

////// Soar at speeds up to 60mph on the 1,500-foot "Big Daddy" lines on the Flight Pattern PLUS Zip Line Canopy Tour, ending with a 900-foot swoop over Snake Creek.

////// The All-Day Rush Tour is an adrenaline-lover's dream come true, with 60 zip lines and 52 Sky Bridges that make it the Guinness World Record holder for longest and largest canopy tour in the world.

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Least Adventurous

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Most Adventurous

56 BURN RUBBER AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Indianapolis

Try the "Miles Ahead" Performance Motoring School, where you'll learn how to drive a MINI Cooper on the IMS Formula 1 course. It's best for those who stick to the speed limit. bemilesahead.net

Strap on your helmet and get in the passenger's seat for a wild, high-speed ride in a two-person race car, achieving speeds of up to 180 miles per hour as you circle the famous track. indianapolismotorspeedway.com

The Indy Racing Experience Driving program allows you to get behind the wheel of an IndyCar that's been raced in the Indianapolis 500. indyracingexperience.com



57 SKI THE ROCKIES

60-100 miles from Denver

Sure, Beaver Creek has its famously terrifying World Cup trail, Birds of Prey. But it also has the best kids' school in the country, along with a wide variety of beginner slopes. Plus, warm chocolate chip cookies are handed out at the base after your last run. beavercreek.com

As the country's largest ski resort, with over 5,000 acres of terrain, there's plenty at Vail for everyone. Intermediates should head to Blue Sky Basin, a lightly gladed, incredibly scenic area just past the resort's famous backside bowls. vail.com

When there's enough snow to stick to Arapahoe Basin's East Wall, expect to see local daredevils hiking up to the top of the 13,050-foot peak to conquer the terrifyingly steep slopes of some of the highest in-bounds ski terrain in North America. arapahoebasin.com



58 HANG OUT WITH FLORIDA MANATEES

Crystal River, FL (75 miles from Tampa)

Visit Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park for guaranteed views of four resident manatees. There's also an underwater observatory featuring three daily manatee programs. floridastateparks.org

Rent kayaks from local tour operators and head up the Crystal River to Three Sisters Springs, where manatees often swim alongside you as you paddle. floridakayakcompany.com

Slip into a wetsuit and snorkel or dive the Crystal River waters, where some friendly manatees are known to approach divers in search of scratches to remove their copious algae.



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59 SOAR OVER TEXAS

Houston

Go up, up and away in a beautiful hot air balloon with Air Texas Balloon Adventures, taking to the skies above the Katy area for gorgeous views of the Gulf Coast sunrise. airtexasballoon.com

Want to feel the freedom of flight? Tandem hang gliding requires minimal instruction, and companies like Sportations will take you high above city sights like the Houston Space Center. sportations.com

If "tandem" sounds too tame, Houston's Solo Flight Training offers just what its name implies: a one-hour class that ends with you taking the controls of a plane for a bird's eye view of the city. soloflighttraining.com

60 GET WET IN JAMAICA

Montego Bay

Take a romantic three-mile bamboo raft ride down Trelawney's lazy Martha Brae River, stopping for a swim and a rope swing at Tarzan's Corner. jamaicrafting.com

If you prefer to spend your day in the water rather than on it, grab your snorkeling gear and head to aquatic hotspots like Doctor's Cave Beach in MoBay, St. Elizabeth's Treasure Beach, or Runaway Bay.

Climb 600 feet up Dunn's River Falls, Jamaica's No. 1 tourist attraction, with protruding rock ledges that create a series of natural stairs and rock slides. Careful, it's surprisingly slippery! dunnsriverfallsja.com



61 SAIL CHESAPEAKE BAY

Washington, DC

From romantic sunset floats aboard 74-foot schooners to kid-friendly pirate cruises, a host of different operators run half-, full- and multi-day tours of the picturesque bay out of Annapolis. cruisesonthebay.com

Sailors of all ages and skill levels can sharpen their maritime expertise like rigging, boat handling and docking in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's summer sailing program. cbmm.org

If you've got serious sea legs, test your mettle during Annapolis Race Week, the sailing regatta hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association every Labor Day weekend. cbyra.org



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62 FLY WITH BLUE ANGELS AT THE NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM

Pensacola, FL, navalaviationmuseum.org

////// The Magic of Flight IMAX movie puts you in the cockpit with the renowned Blue Angels, allowing you to experience the rush of flying at Mach speed without the motion sickness.

////// The museum's HD Motion-Based Simulator combines HD video and surround sound audio with a ride that'll have you feeling every horizontal roll and vertical climb.

////// For the ultimate Blue Angels experience, strap into a MaxFlight 360° Simulator, where you take the controls for ultra-realistic air-to-air combat and stunt flying, all in 3D.

63 RAFT THE JAMES RIVER

Richmond, VA, reelingandrafting.com

////// Looking for a lazy day on the water? James River Reeling and Rafting offers two to four hour tubing trips down a serene, secluded stretch of the Richmond-area river.

////// If you're a canoeing/kayaking newbie, the river's upper section offers miles of mild waters ranging from Class I to II, with opportunities for fishing along the way.

////// Those seeking more of a River Wild-type adrenaline rush will want to head for the lower section of the James, the only urban river in America with challenging Class III to IV rapids.



64 GO FOR A RIDE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Punta Cana

////// On a horseback ride at Rancho Caribeño, a guide will lead you along tropical white sand beaches with pastoral views of the Punta Cana countryside. puntacana.com

////// Take a 4x4 ride through Indigenous Eyes Ecological Park, exploring a private reserve of nature trails and crystal-clear freshwater lagoons. just-tours.net

////// A Dune Buggy Adventure allows you to get behind the wheel for a nine-hour trek starting at Unero Alto. Race through rice fields near Nissibon and the beaches of Playa La Vacama and meet locals along the way. puntacanatours.com

