# Girlfriend **GETAWAYS**



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### Shady Creek Winery

Shady Creek Winery, located on nearly 20 acres of land with expansive views, features custom crafted wines, fireplaces, locally made artwork and jewelry, patios, covered porches, live original music artists, a tasting room and a bar.

shadycreekwinery.com

### wineries

## Carpenter Creek Cellars

Opened in 2013, Carpenter Creek Cellars, the original winery in Remington, Ind., is a farm winery producing world-class wines which embody the best terroir and fruit the Midwest has to offer.

### carpentercreekcellars.com





## Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets

The Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets mall, located in Michigan City, offers shoppers savings of 25 percent to 65 percent at 120 outlets from the world's leading designers and brand names.

premiumoutlets.com/lighthouseplace



## Lowell Downtown Merchants

Discover treasures while exploring historic downtown Lowell's collection of antique and specialty shops.

### shoplowellindiana.com



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## Lubeznik Center for the Arts

Visitors can explore world-class exhibits in five gallery spaces, outdoor sculpture collections, after-hours events, cultural programs and more at Michigan City's Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

lubeznikcenter.org

### arts & culture

## Theatre at the Center

Guests of Theatre at the Center can enjoy professional Broadway theatre productions in seats no further than seven rows from the stage.

theatreatthecenter.com

### entertainment





## Casinos

The southern shore of Lake Michigan is home to exciting casinos. Visitors can test their luck at Ameristar Casino Hotel and Majestic Star Casino and Hotel.

alongthesouthshore.com/casinos

### entertainment

## State of Mind Salon & Day Spa

Relax and unwind at State of Mind Salon & Day Spa. Visitors will leave feeling revitalized and refreshed after enjoying therapeutic spa treatments including massages, facials, manicures, pedicures, body polishes and more.

stateofmindsalonspa.com



# Very **DELICIOUS**



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## **ChicagoLand Popcorn**

Delight in more than 250 delicious seasonal flavors of freshly popped gourmet popcorn at ChicagoLand Popcorn. Choose from enticing flavors like classic caramel, butter and cheese, as well as unique flavors including Oreo, Snickers and loaded baked potato. ChicagoLand Popcorn offers flavors to please everyone!

chicagolandpopcorn.com

### Yesteryear's Meats And Specialty Shoppe

Savor the delicious selection of an old-fashioned meat market, smokehouse and deli. Yesteryear's offers a delectable array of freshly prepared, premium meats and side dishes, as well as numerous specialty grocery items and bakery treats.

#### yesteryearsmeats.com





## Popcorn Festival

Valparaiso's Popcorn Festival, held annually on the Saturday after Labor Day, offers family fun, food, kids' games, live entertainment, the Popcorn Panic 5K Walk/5M Run and the nation's first popcorn parade! Named "Best Festival of the Region" year after year by The Times' readers, this is a festival you don't want to miss!

#### valparaisoevents.com



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## Good to Go by Lucrezia

Offering an impressive selection of healthy, ultra-premium infused olive oils and balsamic vinegars, Good to Go by Lucrezia will inspire guests to experiment with creating culinary masterpieces at home. Visitors will also find an array of wines and a deli offering gourmet prepared items.

### goodtogobylucrezia.com

## Bartlett's Gourmet Grill & Tavern

Explore the Indiana Dunes lakeshore with a perfectly prepared "Bartlett's on the Beach" picnic basket, loaded with delicious selections from Bartlett's Gourmet Grill & Tavern, complete with spirits.

### eatatbartletts.com





## Gayety's

A third generation family-owned and operated ice cream parlor and chocolate shoppe, Gayety's offers premium homemade ice cream and ice cream toppings as well as gourmet hand-dipped chocolates.

gayetys.com

# Farm to **TABLE**



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### Farmhouse Restaurant

The Farmhouse Restaurant at Fair Oaks Farms brings the attraction's farm-to-fork experience full circle, using many ingredients raised and grown at Fair Oaks Farms.

fofarms.com/farmhouse

## 54 Main Bistro

Using only fresh ingredients, 54 Main Bistro has no walk-in cooler or freezer. Each week brings a new menu featuring ingredients that are fresh and locally available.

### bistro54main.com





### Sage Restaurant

Sage Restaurant offers diners exceptionally fresh American-Italian fusion cuisine. Chef Joe prepares creative and seasonal dishes using locally grown produce and fresh, handmade pasta.

### sagerestaurant.net

## Third Coast Spice Café

Located just a few miles from Lake Michigan's southern shore, Third Coast Spice Café offers diners delicious fare using organic and local ingredients.

### thirdcoastspice.com



# Farm to **TABLE**





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### JT Shrimp

JT Shrimp LLC is a family-owned shrimp farm that harvests and sells the highest quality, healthy shrimp. Using a unique recirculating water aquaculture system, the farm's shrimp are raised in an ecosystem close to their natural habitat, but free of pollutants, hormones, chemicals and antibiotics. Various tours are offered at the farm where visitors will learn about shrimp farming, discover where the shrimp are raised and see actual shrimp up close.

### jtshrimp.com

## Broken Wagon Bison

Located in Hobart, Indiana, Broken Wagon Bison is a farm like no other! Broken Wagon Bison offers tours of their bison farm by wagon. Visitors can check out the farm's store, which features handmade jewelry, bison leather products and other bison-related items. The store also sells bison meat - a healthier alternative to beef!

#### brokenwagonbison.com





## **County Line Orchard**

Located in Hobart, Indiana, County Line Orchard is the closet u-pick apple orchard to downtown Chicago. With 20 different varieties of apples, pumpkins, intricately themed corn mazes, a bakery and live entertainment, County Line Orchard will provide much fun for families during their open season from September through the end of October.

### countylineorchard.com



# South Shore Brewery TRAIL

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### **Crown Brewing**

Crown Brewing of Crown Point offers numerous awardwinning beers. Outdoor and family-friendly dining is also available. Visitors can take a tour of the brewery the first Monday of each month.

crownbrewing.com

## Bulldog Brewing Company

Bulldog Brewing, located in downtown Whiting, celebrates Whiting's industrial heritage and the blue-collar worker. The brewery offers several delicious microbrews and a family-friendly brewpub.

### bulldogbrewingco.com





## Four Fathers Brewing

The brewers of Four Fathers Brewing produce beers that nod at traditional beginnings, but like the revolutionary ideas that founded this country, follow a slightly different path to new territory.

### fourfathersbrewing.com

## Brew Festivals

To sample numerous local brews and more, be sure to check out these great craft beer festivals: Crown Beer Fest -5/14/16Hobart Brews & Blues Fest -9/17/16Valpo Brewfest -9/24/16Munster Ale Fest -10/15/16



# Uniquely SOUTH SHORE



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## Shrine of Christ's Passion

The Shrine of Christ's Passion offers a spiritual journey through the passion of Christ along a half-mile winding prayer trail. The recreation of the Holy Land features detailed, hand-carved bronze and marble sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross. Recordings by veteran broadcaster Bill Kurtis accompany each station. The Shrine of Christ's Passion also offers visitors a 6,000-square-foot gift shoppe featuring a large variety of unique and inspiring gifts for all occasions.

### shrineofchristspassion.org

## Indiana Dunes

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park are comprised of 15,000 acres and stretch 25 miles along the southern shores of Lake Michigan in northern Indiana. The national lakeshore consists of dunes, oak savannas, swamps, bogs, marshes, prairies, rivers and forests. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of activities during each season, including camping, sledding, cross-country skiing, bird watching, fishing, hiking, biking and swimming.

### alongthesouthshore.com/dunes





## Pierogi Fest®

Whiting's Pierogi Fest<sup>®</sup> mixes tradition with humor during this celebration of heritage that features authentic food, life-size Polish pastries, a lawn-mower brigade and much more.

The 2016 Pierogi Fest<sup>®</sup> will be July 29-31 and will feature multiple stages with acts including polka, jazz and modern rock music, dancing shows, pierogi eating contest, beer garden with live entertainment and kid's area with games and rides.

### pierogifest.net

# Uniquely SOUTH SHORE

## Civil War Memorial Trail

The South Shore Civil War Memorial Trail is a collection of the last known resting places, monuments and architectural icons related to the brave men and women of Lake and Porter counties who sacrificed during this most pivotal era in history.

### alongthesouthshore.com/civilwartrail



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## "A Christmas Story" Comes Home

The holiday movie classic, "A Christmas Story," was based on Jean Shepherd's book, "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash." Shepherd wrote this book about his boyhood tales about growing up in Hammond, Indiana.

This holiday season, visit the Indiana Welcome Center to view the bronze Flick statue and six animatronic window displays depicting iconic scenes from the film, compete in special events like the Oh Fuuudge! relay race or the Mommy's Little Piggy eating contest and take your photo with Santa atop Santa's Mountain!

#### achristmasstorycomeshome.com

## John Dillinger Museum

The John Dillinger Museum offers visitors a journey through the life and times of John Dillinger and his gang while emphasizing that crime does not pay. While exploring the history of Dillinger, visitors will also learn about the rise of the FBI and advancements made in crime fighting technology on a local, state and national level.

### dillingermuseum.com



# Family **FUN**



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## Albanese Candy Factory

Albanese Candy Factory is one of Northwest Indiana's bestkept secrets. Lots of surprises await visitors at the World's Best Gummi and Gold Label Chocolate manufacturing facilities, complete with a factory direct outlet store with thousands of different candies and chocolates. Visitors will see the world's tallest chocolate fountain and can take a self-guided tour or a guided tour, depending on the number of visitors. Self-guided tours are available any time during store business hours with no reservation required. Following the tour, visitors will be able to sample a gummi and a chocolate.

### albanesecandy.com

## Deep River Waterpark

Deep River Waterpark, Indiana's premier waterpark, is easily accessible to all of Northern Indiana, Chicagoland and Southern Michigan areas. Visitors will find slides, a wavepool, two river rides, the world's first double-dueling cannon bowl ride, the PlayZone and Mayor Byrdovich's Courthouse for kids and much more!

### deepriverwaterpark.com



## Bellaboo's

Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center is a self-directed play facility providing colorful fun and secure areas where young children can explore, create and interact. With room after room of "play," including water play, dress up, face painting and much more, kids will definitely enjoy the day! The café is located in the center of the play areas so adults can easily keep an eye on the little ones.

#### mybellaboos.com



# Family FUN



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### Fair Oaks Farms

Fair Oaks Farms, located in Newton County, has become one of the most unique facilities of its kind in the world. At Fair Oaks Farms, visitors are encouraged to explore, question and learn about the dedication and practices that go into food production from farm to table. In addition to The Dairy Adventure and The Pig Adventure, families can sample award-winning cheeses made at the cheese factory or delight in freshly made ice cream in the café, visit Mooville and explore the Green Gate Garden.

#### fofarms.com

### Baseball

The bases are loaded along the South Shore! Catch any one of the South Shore's baseball teams for major fun at minor prices. At the U.S. Steelyard, the Gary SouthShore RailCats offer close parking, great seats at low prices and loads of entertainment for the family. Visitors can even experience vintage baseball played as a gentlemen's sport with the Deep River Grinders or the Munster Centennials.

### alongthesouthshore.com/baseball





## Hoosier Bat

Hoosier Bat, the third longest standing wood bat manufacturer in the country, offers free tours Monday through Friday by appointment only. Visitors will learn the reason why Major League professionals, like Hall of Famer Frank Thomas, choose to swing a Hoosier Bat.

#### hoosierbatco.com