

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

NORTH TEXAS MUSIC SCENE: Austin may be the king of live music, but Denton, about an hour north of Dallas, also has festivals, clubs, and other small venues worth checking out.

ALASKA DISNEY CRUISE: What are two grownups without kids doing on this Disney cruise? Plenty!

BEALE STREET, MEMPHIS: A music lover hits Beale Street, where the blues were born and where the clubs and juke joints of today keep the legacy alive.

DAY TRIP: El Paso

LOCAL COLOR: We interview a contender in Saint Arnold Brewing Company's One Pot Showdown.

MARCH/APRIL

LOUISE HOPKINS UNDERWOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS: This cultural center made up of a patchwork of industrial buildings in downtown Lubbock offers a surprising amount of activity.

HIGH TIMES IN HAWAII: We take you to the highest points on each of Hawaii's major islands.

ROSEMARY BEACH, FL: This award-winning beach town is designed for walking, cycling, and relaxing.

DAY TRIP: Lost Pines in Bastrop County

LOCAL COLOR: Interview with chairwoman of the Irish Flat cultural area at annual Night in Old San Antonio.

MAY/JUNE

CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA: The newest campus is in San Antonio, offering cooking classes, demos, and an on-site bakery and restaurant.

SWISS TIME: See the country by train, streetcar, funicular and mountain goat.

BOULDER, CO: Recently rated the No. 1 Sports Town in America by *Outside* magazine, this town has plenty of diversions for adventurers.

DAY TRIP: The Woodlands, 40 minutes north of Houston

LOCAL COLOR: Interview with a tour guide at Seminole Canyon State Park. Busy season is March–May.

JULY/AUGUST

KAYAK ADVENTURES, THREE WAYS: Saltwater fishing on the coast; art kayak tours near Galveston; and multiday Rio Grande trips in the Big Bend area.

MOUNT KILIMANJARO: Andrew McCarthy climbs to the top of Africa's highest peak. (Abercrombie & Kent tour)

CLOUDCROFT, NM: This cool mountain town is popular among Texans looking to escape the summer heat.

DAY TRIP: Bryan/College Station

LOCAL COLOR: An interview Jeff Henry who designed new rides at Schlitterbahn Water Park in New Braunfels.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

WORLD BIRDING CENTER: A look at the varied habitats that make up this amazing network of nine nature sites situated in the lower Rio Grand Valley.

CUBA: Learn about the people and culture of this up and coming tourist destination.

LOUISIANA BAYOU COUNTRY: Discover this lowland area from Lafayette to New Orleans, chiefly along US 90, where graceful antebellum mansions beckon amid moss-draped live oaks.

DAY TRIP: Plano, home of the popular Hot Air Balloon Festival held in September

LOCAL COLOR: Kim McPherson of McPherson Cellars in Lubbock talks about the Tempranillo grape, the latest varietal on the Texas wine scene.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

HOUSTON SPACE CENTER'S LEVEL 9 TOUR: Our writer goes behind the scenes to see Mission Control and the astronaut training area.

NEW ZEALAND ADVENTURE: Green, gourmet, and geothermal wonders in and around Wellington.

ROMANTIC CORONADO ISLAND, SAN DIEGO: A couple rekindles their relationship at this enchanting locale with a gondola ride, beach walks, and seaside dinners.

LOCAL COLOR: Interview with the actor who portrays King Henry VIII at the Texas Renaissance Festival.

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