

MILWAUKEE

Brew City's an old soul that's piquing new interest with its robust creative culture and unpretentious vibe.

Why Now: Once viewed as a less sophisticated alternative to Chicago, its flashier big-city rival, laid-back Milwaukee has grown into a coveted place to live and visit. Craft breweries fill the shoes vacated by their corporate predecessors, art blossoms in unexpected places and the lakeshore plays host to events all year long.

Where to Go: Kimpton's new Journeyman Hotel in the Third Ward is the talk of the town, and rightly so. Its pool tableand fireplace-accented lobby invites lingering, especially during the daily wine happy hour, while the rooftop bar has taken the city's drinks scene to new heights. Nearby, Holey Moley makes mornings better

with doughnuts packaged in eye-catching green boxes. Order a cookie dough-flavored one to go and walk up the block to homegrown java joint Colectivo Coffee. Hit the neighborhood shops, ducking into upscale stationery boutique Broadway Paper and contemporary general store Mod Gen, where you'll find

home goods that run the gamut from kitchen tools to birdhouses. Get your art on with a stroll along Sculpture Milwaukee, where 22 works dot a 1½mile stretch of Wisconsin Avenue—the event runs through October 22. Beer: It's what made Milwaukee famous, and Lakefront Brewery keeps the tradition alive by tapping creatively named brews such as Fixed Gear and El Wisco. The popular spot also offers tours led by improv comedians, a Friday night fish fry with a polka band and what may be the world's best cheese curds.

- JENNIFER BUEGE

HIT THE TOWN

Odd Duck

Top-rated restaurant lauded for its globally inspired small plates.

⊕ Indulgence Chocolatiers

Made-in-Milwaukee truffles and chocolate bars.

Milwaukee Art Museum

The Quadracci Pavilion has a striking winged design by Santiago Calatrava.



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

With the arrival of the locally focused **Detroit Foundation Hotel** in the former fire department HQ, Motor City continues to show it's a city on the rise • Tap into your creative genius at the U.S. debut of W Sound Suite, a music studio, writer's room and lounge at W Seattle • Dinner—12 surprise courses from powerhouse chef José Avillez—and a show await at one of Lisbon's latest hot spots, **Beco - Cabaret Gourmet •** The new Kelly Wearstler-designed **Filifera** bar boasts creative cocktails and stunning LA views from its sky-high home atop the Hollywood Proper Residences • It's "All aboard!" at London's recently arrived **Postal Museum**, where starting this month visitors can ride the Mail Rail train beneath the city.



EXPLORE SEATTLE

BILL SPEIDEL'S UNDERGROUND TOUR

Plunge deep into Seattle's obscure past during this 75-minute walking tour of the world beneath Pioneer Square. You'll journey through entombed city remnants while guides provide humorous historical commentary.



SAVOR SEATTLE FOOD TOURS: GOURMET SEATTLE

Tantalize your taste buds with samples from some of the city's best restaurants and artisan shops—all while also devouring cultural tidbits from the knowledgeable guides.



SEATTLE FREE WALKING TOURS: TRUE CRIME

Experience stories about the seedier side of the city on this night time walk that highlights Seattle's darkest hangouts and history, from crime during its earliest days to more modern-day malfeasance.

