

# Life

The Best College Towns in America (When the Students Are Gone)

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(Clockwise) Photo: Courtesy of Sue Moen. Photos: Courtesy of Guillermo Gongora.

Build Your Vacation Around a

Sandwich: Columbus, Ohio

In the quaint German Village neighborhood, across town from Ohio State, Katzinger's deli slings ten different Reuben sandwiches. Order yours (perhaps the rosemary-and-garlic roast beef with hot brisket, white Cheddar, slaw, and Russian dressing on grilled rye) to go. Grab a fistful of free whole pickles. Picnic in nearby Schiller Park.



Maduro: the rare cigar bar that's not douchey. Photo: Courtesy of Jason Markgraff

Wisconsin's the Dairy State, but no one would dispute its secondary claim to fame as a land that flows with beer. Home to Miller and its offspring (not to mention the birthplace of Pabst), it's got more than a hundred breweries spread out across its plains. The best of them are in or around Madison, the state's capital and home to its flagship university, and that makes sense: The 43,000 Wisconsin Badgers are almost all double-majoring in beer consumption. Luckily, they've decamped for internships out east or cabins up north for the summer, so the taps are yours for the taking.

Rent a car and set out early for the state's most beloved craft brewery, New Glarus, which churns out a rotating selection of big-taste brews. You can try three of them for just \$3.50, but choose wisely and stick to only three: It's a forty-minute drive back to town.

From there, you've got choices, starting with O.G. Capital Brewery, whose thirty-year-old headquarters abut a biergarten where you can soak up the rare Wisconsin sun. You might also visit the new kid in town, year-old Karben4 Brewing, where you can't leave without trying the sweet pitch-black NightCall Smoked Porter. Or head north to Ale Asylum, a behemoth out by the regional airport, where you can drunkenly ogle gleaming equipment like the massive snaking bottler that fills nearly 300 bottles a minute.

Cab it back to HotelRed, where the multi-spout shower is like your own private rain room. Mummify yourself in a bathrobe, collapse on the pillow-top bed, and take a nap.