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Welcome to Madison, Wisconsin

You might know us as the capital city. Or maybe you know us as the place where farm-to-table started or as the most bikeable city in the country. Our Native American founders knew us as Teejop, which means four lakes. Sports fans know us as Badgers. Locals know us as the best place to live in America. If you don't know us yet, we welcome you with open arms. We strive to be a city for all people, and think you'll find we're a great place with even better people. If you've been here before, you already know that, and we're glad to have you back.

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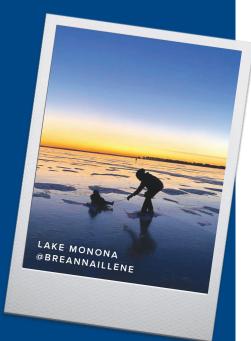




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REAM. SET. GO.

	Lake life is different here
	Where art imitates nature
	There's a reason our food tastes better
	It's more than a song
	Forward is our motto
	What makes a dish iconic?
	Madison's food scene is front-page news
	Unwind in unexpected places
	Fueling little minds at every step
	Long live the independent bookstore
	More than a caffeine fix
	Listen to the sounds of the capital city
	Our dairy reputation precedes us
	What's on tap?
	Why watch when you can try?
	Let the music move you
	End your day in a big way
	Your ticket to making memories
	Put the great in Greater Madison
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Q On the lakes in Madison

Lake life is different here

It's a year-round lifestyle. We're one of only two U.S. cities on an isthmus, a place to discover lake-city-lake life like no other. So picnic or paddle. Swim or skate. Our shorelines are open, and they're calling your name.

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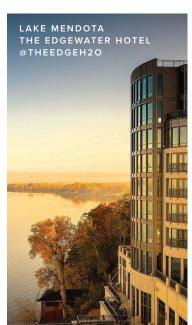






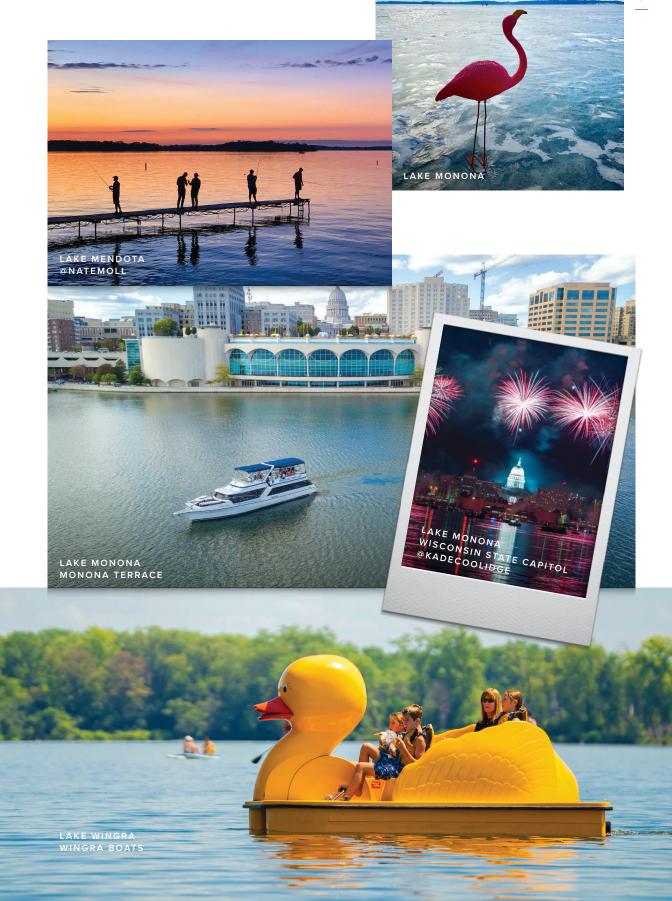




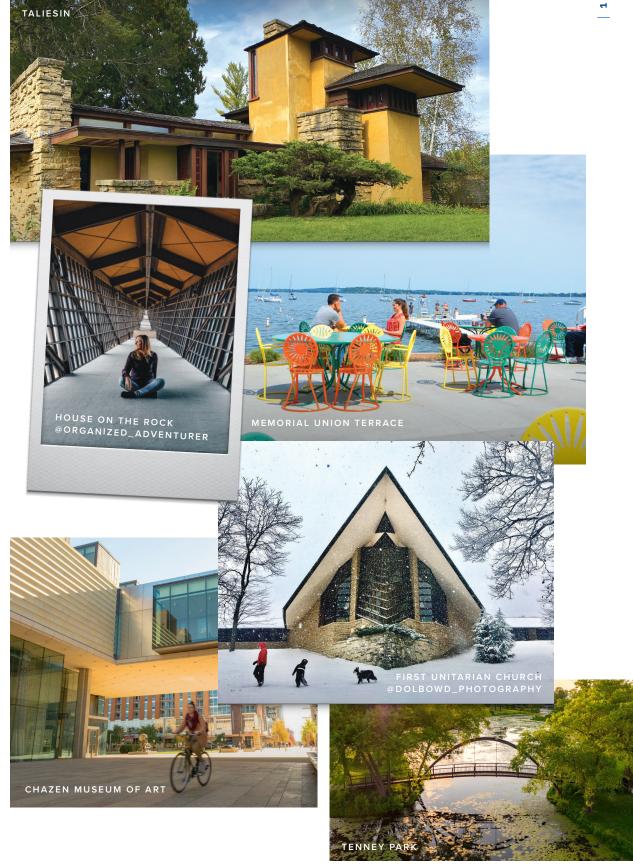




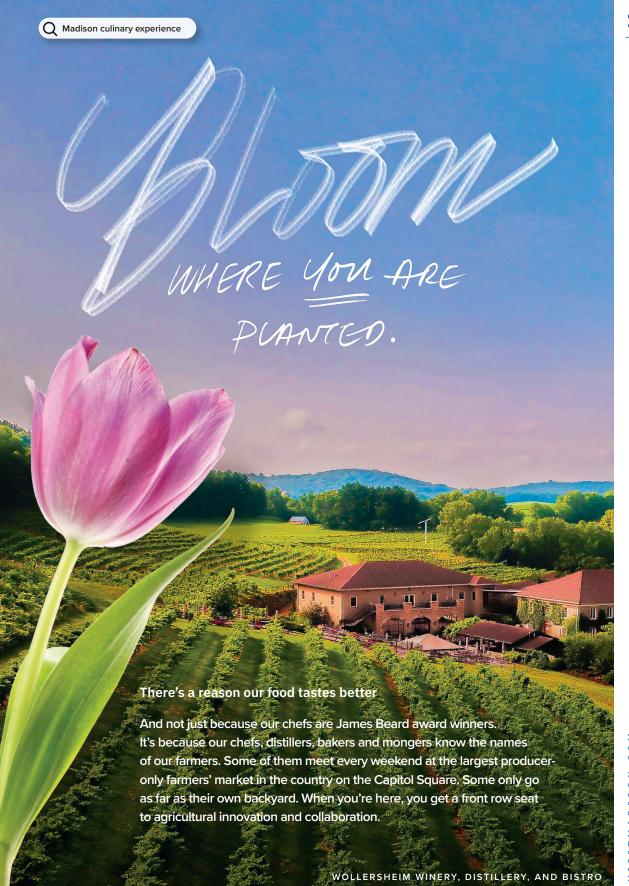




























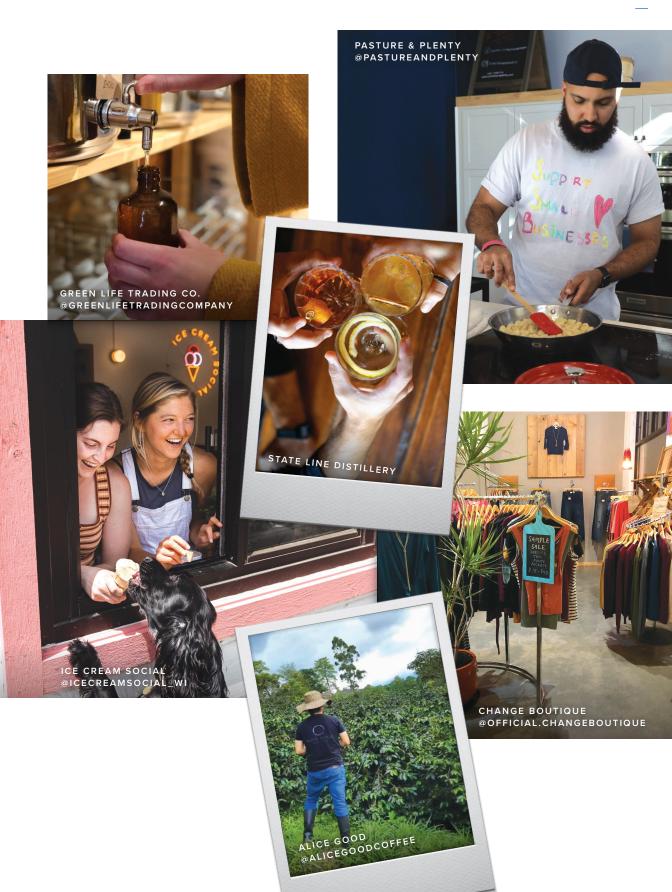






























What makes a dish iconic?

It's a formula that's part flavor, part presentation and part nostalgia. Madison's Iconic Eats is a series of the things we're known for, and some of the flavors we think you oughta know. There's not one food item that's iconic to Madison. There're dozens. Many inspired by global cuisine. All with their own unique stories. Your new favorite food is here, waiting for you to dig in.

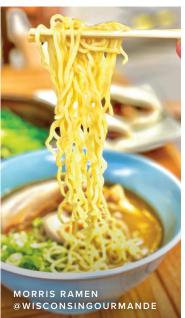






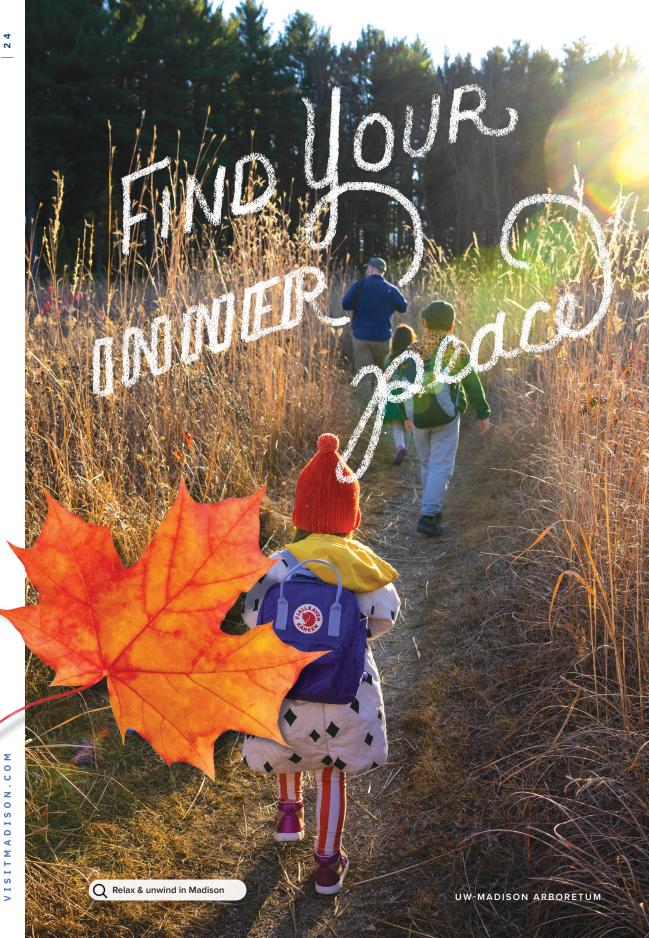










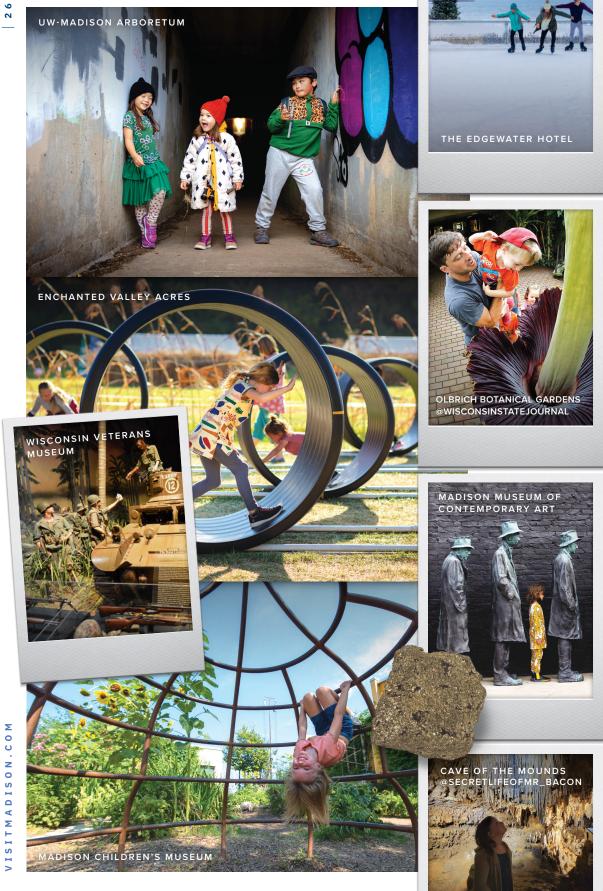




Relaxing doesn't mean boring. You can get a sense of our city without sensory overload. Mindfulness meets matter on our 200+ miles of trails, 260 parks and our calming spaces that are spirited yet subdued.

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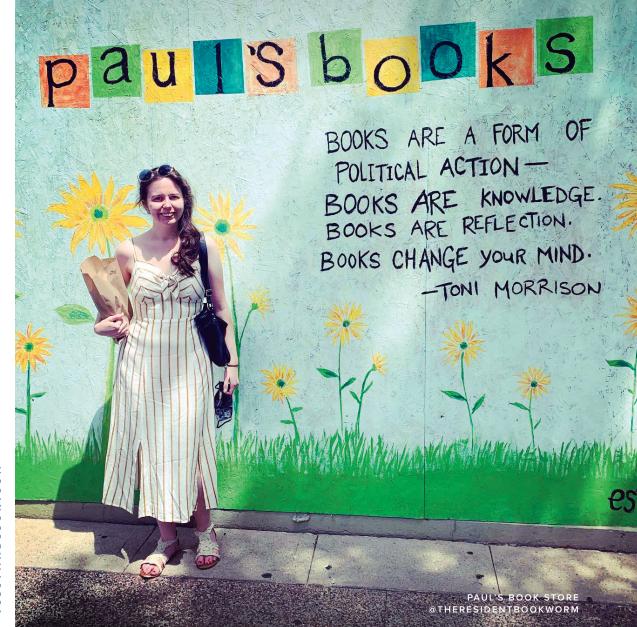
Fueling little minds at every step

Two things should never be boring: learning and exploring. Family time in Madison means bonding over the thrill of discovering something new, and doing so together. We're a city that embraces your whole family, no matter what your family looks like. You can go as big as touring the State Capitol, or as small as hunting for tiny replica Capitols hidden around town, thanks to our friend Ken Fager (kenfager.com/miniwi).



Long live the independent bookstore

Madison's independent bookstores each have a unique vibe but are united in a common connection of literature. Step into storied shops like Paul's Book Store, where Shel Silverstein used to frequent, to the queer and trans owned A Room of One's Own, which was once featured in the New York Times for its viral literary memes. You'll feel all the warm and fuzzies after stopping at each one (and your reading list will thank you).





A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN @ROOMOFONESOWN







More than a caffeine fix

Coffee shops are the best places to feel a city like the locals do. Madison's coffee shops are a patchwork that reflects our people: quirky, sophisticated, authentic, understated — and often unexpected. Catch a buzz with roasters and baristas who are keeping sustainability top of mind.





CITY CAST MADISON

Your daily dose of all things Madison is here. Host Bianca Martin peers into Madison's soul "with a journalist's skepticism and an optimist's heart." Exploring Madison like a local is easy with Bianca guiding you through topics like Madison's plant-based food scene, Friday fish fry, Wisconsin's love for Polka music and more.

CORNER TABLE

This is where the chefs do the talking. Capital Times food writer Lindsay Christians takes listeners on a journey through Madison's food and beverage scene, with stories straight from the people who are filling your plates and cups. Dive into the history of Wisconsin classics like cream puffs, learn how to take the perfect food pic and so much more.



Listen to the sounds of the capital city

Madison is a city that gives you something to talk about. You can hear the city's vibe straight from the mouths of people who love it the most. These podcasts each touch on something that is distinctly Madison. From craft beer to Black culture, you can learn a whole lot about our city, right from your AirPods.







BLACK OXYGEN

Angela Russell is a Black woman who loves Wisconsin, and sometimes needs a little extra dose of Black oxygen.

The podcast dives into Black stories from the capital city straight from the insightful minds of some of Madison's finest. Follow along on journeys in navigating the Madison Black social scene and pick up some recommendations along the way.

POUR ANOTHER ROUND

Craft beverages are key to
Madison's culture, and nobody
knows craft beverages like Jon
and Cameron from Pour Another
Round, a podcast for beer lovers,
by beer lovers featuring beer
creators. Get to know the stories
behind your new favorite craft
beverage and when you do,
don't forget to pour another round.

WILD WISCONSIN: OFF THE RECORD

Loving the outdoors and loving Madison are one in the same.
The folks at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources are experts on all things nature in Wisconsin and are sharing that expertise on Wild Wisconsin: Off the Record.

Check out the episode "Escape the Indoors" to find state park hidden gems.



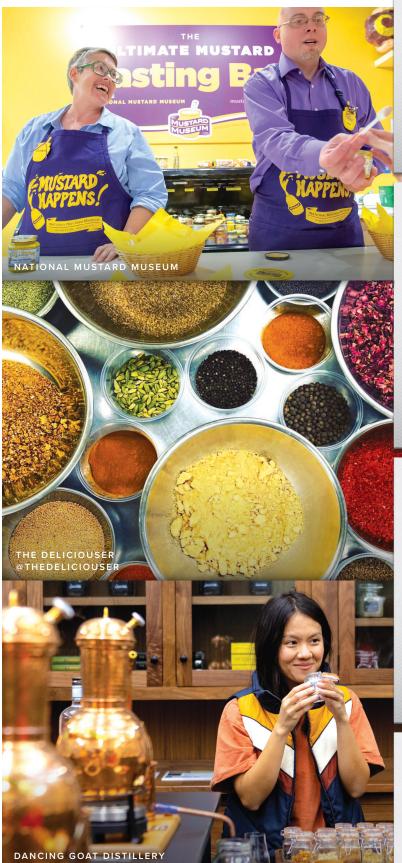








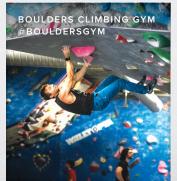










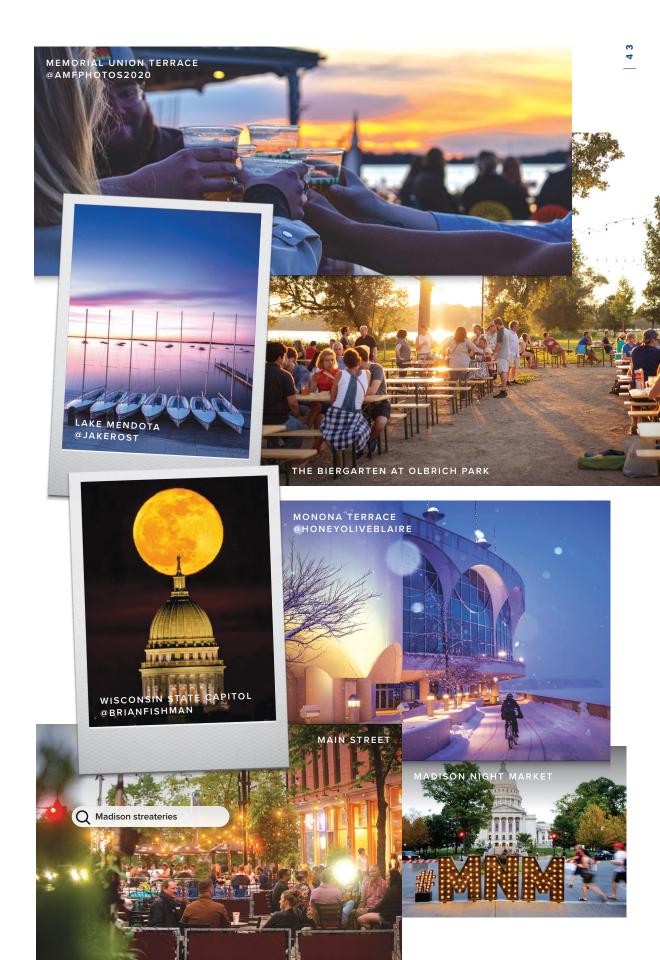












Beer and Cheese Fest

Winter Carnival

Frozen Assets Festival

International Festival

Midwest Horse Fair

Dane County Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square

Wisconsin Film Festival

Syttende Mai Norwegian Heritage Festival

World's Largest Brat Fest

Marquette **Waterfront Festival**

Juneteenth Celebration

Make Music Madison

Concerts on the Square

Fitchburg Festival of Speed

Art Fair on the Square

La Fete de Marquette

Sugar Maple Music Festival

Sun Prairie Sweet Corn Festival

National Mustard Day

Curd Fest

Great Taste of the Midwest

OutReach Magic Pride Festival

Middleton Good Neighbor Festival

Taste of Madison

Thirsty Troll Brew Fest

Willy Street Fair

World Dairy Expo

Oktoberfest

Wisconsin Book Festival

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Verona

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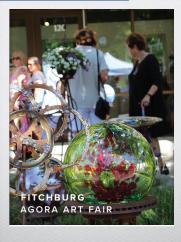
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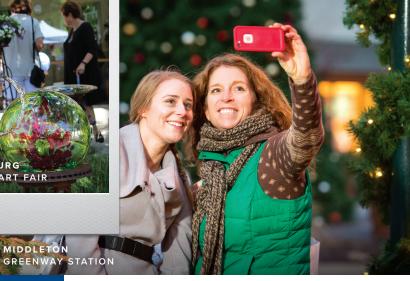
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Sun Prairie

Waunakee















Q Madison area hotels

MADISON	PET FRIENDLY	POOL	COMP BREAKFAST	COMP PARKING
Capitol/Downtown				
AC Hotel Madison Downtown (608) 286-1337	•			
Best Western Premier Park Hotel (608) 285-8000		•		
Clarion Suites at the Alliant Energy Center (608) 284-1234	•	•	•	•
The Edgewater (608) 535-8200	•	•		
Embassy Suites Extended Stay Hotel Madison East Coming Soon (608) 740-6753				
Hilton Garden Inn Madison Downtown (608) 251-9588	•			
Hilton Madison Monona Terrace (608) 255-5100	•	•		
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Madison Central (608) 709-5050	•	•	•	•
Home2 Suites by Hilton Madison Central Alliant Energy Center (608) 949-9650	•	•	•	•
Hotel Monona (608) 255-7400	•	•	•	•
Hotel Ruby Marie (608) 327-7829			•	•
Hyatt Place Madison/Downtown (608) 257-2700	•	•		
The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club (608) 257-6000	•	•	•*	
Mansion Hill Inn (608) 255-0172			•	
Sheraton Madison Hotel (608) 251-2300	•	•		•
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East Best Western East Towne Suites (608) 244-2020	•	•	•	•
Cambria Hotel Madison East (608) 241-7070		•		•
Comfort Inn & Suites Madison - Airport (608) 244-6265	•	•	•	•
Courtyard by Marriott - Madison East (608) 661-8100		•		•
DoubleTree by Hilton Madison East (608) 244-4703		•		•
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Madison East 608) 661-2700		•	•	•
Hampton Inn of Madison - East Towne Mall (608) 244-9400	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Madison (608) 467-3555		•		•
Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center (608) 249-4220		•		•
Hotel Indigo Madison Downtown (608) 256-0061	•		_	
The Livingston Inn (608) 238-6317				•
MainStay Suites Extended Stay Hotel Madison East (608) 740-6753		•	•	•
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Madison East (608) 242-9000	•		•	•
Moxy Madison Opening Winter 2023			_	
Red Roof Inn (608) 241-1787	•			•
Rodeway Inn & Suites Madison Northeast (608) 249-1815	•		_	•
Staybridge Suites - Madison East (608) 241-2300	•	•		•
Super 8 Madison East (608) 249-5300			•	•
South				
Baymont Inn & Suites by Wyndham Madison (608) 851-5500	•	•	•	
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson - Madison Southwest (608) 270-1900		•	<u> </u>	•
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson - Madison/Monona (608) 467-0962	•	•	•	•
Days Inn & Suites (608) 223-1800	•	•	•	•
Magnuson Grand Hotel Madison (608) 224-1500		•	•	•
Sleep Inn/Mainstay Suites Madison (608) 284-5914	•	•	•	•
Super 8 Madison South (608) 258-8882	•	•	•	•
State Street/Campus				
Best Western Plus InnTowner Madison (608) 233-8778		•	•	•
The Buckingham Inn (608) 819-8029			•	•
DoubleTree by Hilton Madison Downtown (608) 251-5511				
Graduate Madison (608) 257-4391	•			
Hampton Inn & Suites Madison/Downtown (608) 255-0360	•	•	•	
Wisconsin Union Hotel and Club Suites (608) 263-2600				•

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AmericInn by Wyndham Madison West (608) 662-1990	•	•	•	<u> </u>
Baymont Inn & Suites - West (608) 831-7711		•	- :	
Best Western West Towne Suites (608) 833-4200	•	•	•	
Comfort Suites - West (608) 836-3033	•	•	•	•
Hampton Inn & Suites Madison - West ↓ (608) 271-0200 Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Madison West ↓ (608) 826-0500	· ·	•	•	
Homewood Suites by Hilton - Madison West (608) 271-0600	•	•	•	•
SpringHill Suites by Marriott Madison (608) 233-4580		•	•	
Tru by Hilton Madison West I (608) 820-1083	•		•	•
BELLEVILLE				
Cameo Rose Victorian Country Inn (608) 424-6340			•	•
Seven Acre Dairy Company (608) 416-4023	•		•	•
CAMBRIDGE				
Lake Ripley Lodge (608) 217-5075				•
COTTAGE GROVE				
Comfort Suites Cottage Grove - Madison (608) 839-0366		•	•	•
DEFOREST				
Comfort Inn & Suites DeForest (608) 653-2247	•	•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express DeForest (608) 846-8686	Dogs Only	•	•	•
FITCHBURG	Dogs Only			
MainStay Suites Fitchburg - Madison (608) 271-3400	•	•	•	•
Staybridge Suites Madison - Fitchburg (608) 616-5664	•	•	•	•
Wyndham Garden Madison Fitchburg (608) 571-6326	•	•	•	•
MIDDLETON				
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson - Madison West (608) 831-6970	•	•	•	•
Courtyard by Marriott - Madison West/Middleton (608) 203-0100		•		•
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Madison West (608) 831-1400	•	•	•	•
Hilton Garden Inn Madison West/Middleton (608) 831-2220	•	•		•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Madison West - Middleton (608) 581-9111	_	•	•	•
Madison Marriott West (608) 831-2000	•	•		
Residence Inn by Marriott - Madison West/Middleton (608) 662-1100	•	•	•	•
Staybridge Suites - Middleton (608) 664-5888	•	•	•	<u> </u>
TownePlace Suites by Marriott (608) 820-2400	•		•	
MONONA				
AmericInn by Wyndham Madison South (608) 467-4791	•	•	•	•
avid hotels Madison - Monona (608) 957-7600	•		•	•
GrandStay Hotel & Suites Mount Horeb - Madison (608) 437-5200	•	•	•	•
Sunniva Inn (608) 437-4227			•	•
NEW GLARUS				
Chalet Landhaus Inn (608) 527-5234	•	•	•	•
OREGON				
Sleep Inn & Suites - Oregon (608) 291-2323	•	•	•	•
SUN PRAIRIE				
Quality Inn & Suites - Sun Prairie/Madison East (608) 834-9889	•	•	•	•
VERONA				
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Madison/Verona (608) 845-3000		•	•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Madison/Verona (608) 497-4500	•	•	•	•
Hyatt Place Madison/Verona (608) 497-3223	•	•	•	•
Super 8 Verona (608) 848-7829			•	•
WAUNAKEE				
The Mill Hotel – Waunakee (608) 931-0818				•



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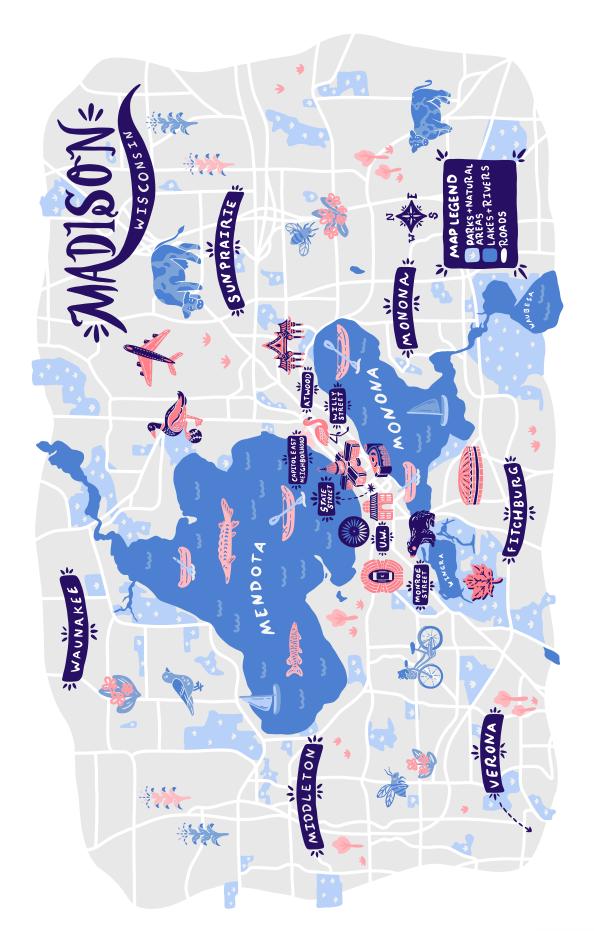
ABOUT MADISON

At Destination Madison, we are people with a passion. A passion for an amazing community. A city of inquisitive minds and inclusive spirits with an independent vibe. We share Madison's story far and wide. And we welcome others to experience our energy. In short, we inspire a love for Madison.



Destination Madison is an independent non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation dedicated to creating economic impact through tourism. Our team is led by President & CEO Ellie Westman Chin and our dedicated board of directors.

Destination Madison acknowledges our region's story is a vibrant patchwork of histories, successes, challenges and perspectives. The land we occupy is the current and ancestral home of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and we honor their elders past, present and future. We continue to amplify Madison's diverse range of voices and visions to share our community with visitors. We are on this journey together with staff, leadership, partners and the community, requiring us to look inside with curiosity and take action to disrupt the individual and organizational biases that have limited our views. Our DEAI commitment involves continual learning and unlearning while encouraging each other to grow and make Madison a place for all.







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