

BEST OF FARMS & WINERIES

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Imagine awakening to the crow of a rooster instead of an alarm clock. Eagerly rolling out of bed to gather farm fresh eggs, laid just minutes earlier, then frying them up to serve with hand-picked organic fruit. Spending your afternoon hiking or swimming, then winding down by uncorking a bottle of wine and enjoying the sunset, its warm orange glow reflecting off your Airstream, sinking against endless rows of vines.

Sound like the perfect vacation? Visiting a farm can be loads of fun, and a trip through wine country will spark the romantic in anyone. Farm stays are growing in popularity all over the country, and as more and more people seek new experiences, living the simple life, an increasing number of property owners are opening their gates to road trippers.

In the pages that follow, you'll read about memorable farms, wineries, breweries, and other unique locales across five regions of the United States. Whether you visit these locations in your own Airstream or just use this as inspiration for road trip planning of your own, you'll leave knowing new experiences and possibilities are around every corner.

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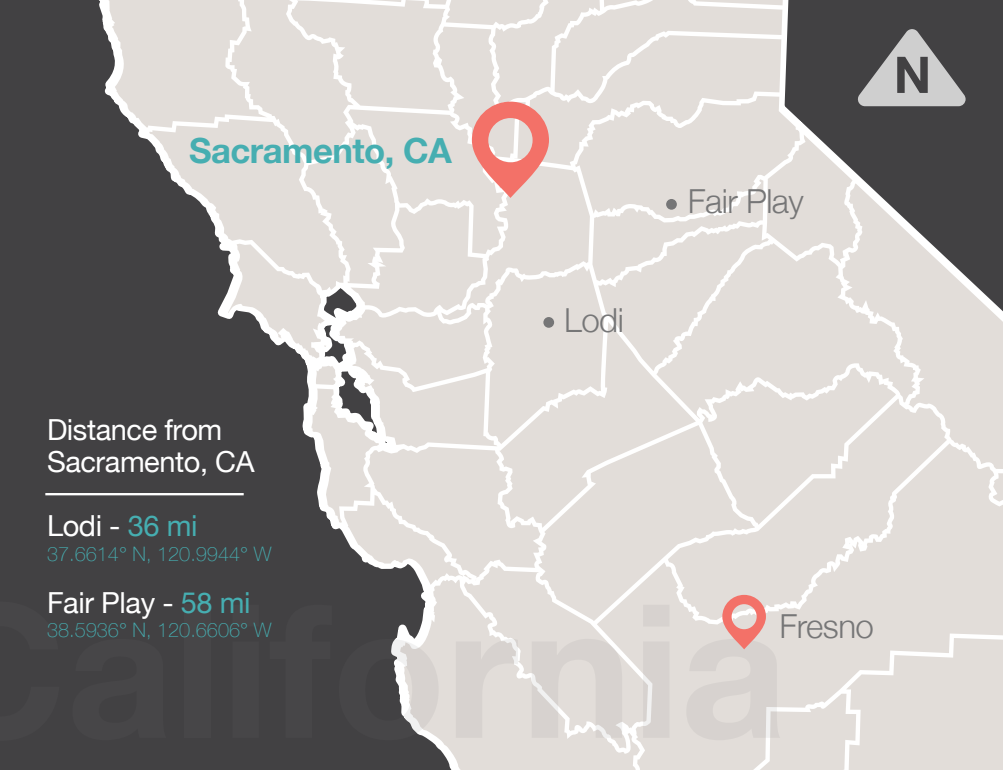


Little-Known Lodi California

Everyone knows the California wine hotspots of Sonoma and Napa, but there are so many lesser-known towns eager to welcome RVers with open arms. The town of Lodi sits about 60 miles east of Napa and 35 miles south of Sacramento. This town is best known for its Zinfandel Grapes, and is considered the Zinfandel Capitol of the World. If you've had a Zin recently, chances are, you've had a taste of Lodi.

Sure the Zin is great, but it's the untrellised Flame Tokay vines that stole our hearts at Jessie's Grove Winery. Take a stroll around the barn, say hello to the resident desert tortoise, offer up a little treat to the horses, then make your way to the groves of the old world vines more than a century old. And if you're lucky enough to snag a bottle of the Cinsault SinSo, you won't be disappointed.





Just up the hill is the El Dorado County wine region. One of the many stops that welcomes travelers is Chateau Routon, in Fair Play. Turn onto their private drive and you might think you've arrived at a horse ranch instead of a winery. As you wind up the hill past the working barns and stables, you'll find yourself surrounded by vines.

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fully-stocked wine fridge."

Park your Airstream at the very top, surrounded by grapes, and soak in the views. The wines here are all solid but the house specialty is the ice cream sundae drizzled with their divine port style wine. Yes, it's absolutely sinful!

These are just two of our favorite stops, but there are several other destinations in the area that allow RVers to camp overnight. Tasty new experiences can be found everywhere around here, and who knows? Maybe you'll drive off with a new favorite wine region and a fully-stocked wine fridge.



Visit the Zinfandel Capitol of the World and check out these can't miss spots.

Jessie's Grove Winery, Lodi

Taste the Cinsault SinSo, grown from Flame Tokay vines

Chateau Routon, Fair Play

Try an ice cream sundae enjoyed with port style wine



The Islands of Washington

If you've ever been to the Olympic Peninsula or Puget Sound, chances are you're already planning a return trip. With lush mild summers, fresh seafood (hello Penn Cove Mussels), and dramatic bluffs, it's no wonder visiting this area is on most people's bucket list.

Whidbey Island is the largest of the islands, with major attractions that make this a haven for road trippers. Find great views of sunsets over the water, scenic hikes through forests, and protected shorelines perfect for kayaking, along the Saratoga Passage, Penn Cove, and Skagit Bay. You will want to explore every mile from north to south, and it just so happens there are two ideal hosts for this trip.

Sandwiched between the famous Deception Pass and Fort Ebey State Park is Lavender Wind Farm. The owner, Sarah Richards, is happy to show you around the farm and let you wander on your own. We suggest a stroll to pick your own flowers, then settle in for the killer views out over the Strait to the snow-capped mountains.





Located in the historic town of Langley, the Heising family invites you to taste the fruits of their labor at the Whidbey Island Farm and Distillery. After a sampling of the silk smooth loganberry, raspberry and blackberry liqueurs, you'll sleep like a baby.

"There's more to experience than you can fit into one summer."

At this point if you haven't taken a ferry ride, this is a prime opportunity. Hop over to Olympic National Park for the dramatic peaks of the Olympic Mountains and old-growth forests straight from the pages of a fairy tale. Wear out your adventurous soles by day and relax by night. Choose to be surrounded by the sweet smell of the Purple Haze Lavender Farm in Sequim, or wind down with a tasting flight at Hoodspport Winery. (Or, you can always spend a night at each!)

One thing is for sure, no matter where you start or which direction you head, there's more to experience here than you can fit into one summer.



These jewels of the Pacific Northwest are only a few hours from Seattle, and worth the drive.

Whidbey Island Distillery, Langley

Sample a variety of award-winning wines among historic stone buildings

Olympic National Park, Port Angeles

One of the last sacramental wineries in the world, producing wine from local grapes

Lavender Wind Farm, Coupeville

Taste traditional European wine and explore 140 acres of vineyards, ponds, and woodlands

Purple Haze Lavender Farm, Sequim

Try a hand-crafted ale, then view 1,500 hills of hops at this farm and brewery

Hoodspport Winery, Hoodspport

Enjoy a tasting flight at this award-winning winery with a mountain view



Rugged Colorado

Colorado is an epic destination full of adventures. The history is rich and diverse, from the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad to the World Heritage Site of the Ancestral Pueblo people in Mesa Verde National Park.

Dress to the nines and head for Aspen, or throw on a pair of running shoes and attempt a summit up the infamous Manitou Incline. With breathtaking views of the Rockies, world-class whitewater, abundant craft beer, sun-kissed summers and snow-capped winters, what's not to love?

Ranch culture still runs deep in the wild parts of Colorado. Travel through the plains and you're likely to see the rugged and solitary way of life of the open range.

Several ranches and farms throughout Colorado offer picturesque spots to park and hang your hat. Pleasant Journey Alpacas is a 35-acre ranch near Durango with stunning mountain views (and lots of furry faces). Stock up on fresh grass-fed beef, free range eggs, asparagus, and lavender at Dayspring Farm in Olathe.





Distance from
Aspen, CO

Olathe - 127 mi

38.6064° N, 107.9811° W

Palisade - 116 mi

39.1094° N, 108.3542° W

Mesa Verde - 278 mi

37.1838° N, 108.4887° W



One of our favorite stops in Colorado has got to be Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy in Buena Vista! Here they take you on a milking tour where you'll see and taste their old world farmstead cheese. These goats are so sweet, if you lean in far enough, you'll get a kiss!

If you're more of a city folk don't worry, you won't have to get your boots muddy everywhere you go in Colorado. In Palisade, you can sink your teeth into some of the best peaches we've ever tasted at Aloha Organics. There's also a meadery and three wineries within a short drive of Grand Junction that welcomes travelers to stay overnight in their RVs.

Closer to the town of Pueblo you can park it at the historic Holy Cross Abbey. They may not drink the wine, but those Benedictine Monks sure know how to ferment it!

From the open range to the snowcapped mountains, this landscape is simply stunning. There's no doubt a trip through Colorado will stir your venturesome spirit.



Whether you're looking for farm fresh foods, scenic hikes, or just something you've never done before, find it in Colorado.

Dayspring Farm, Olathe

Stock up on organic fruits, vegetables, and other farm-fresh foods

Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy, Buena Vista

Take a milking tour, sample fresh cheese, and pet the friendly goats

Aloha Organics, Palisade

Their handpicked peaches are the best you'll ever taste

Mesa Verde National Park, Mesa Verde

Visit 1,500 year old cliff dwellings at the largest archaeological preserve in the U.S.

Holy Cross Abbey, Pueblo

Tour this historic abbey to taste delicious wine made by Benedictine Monks



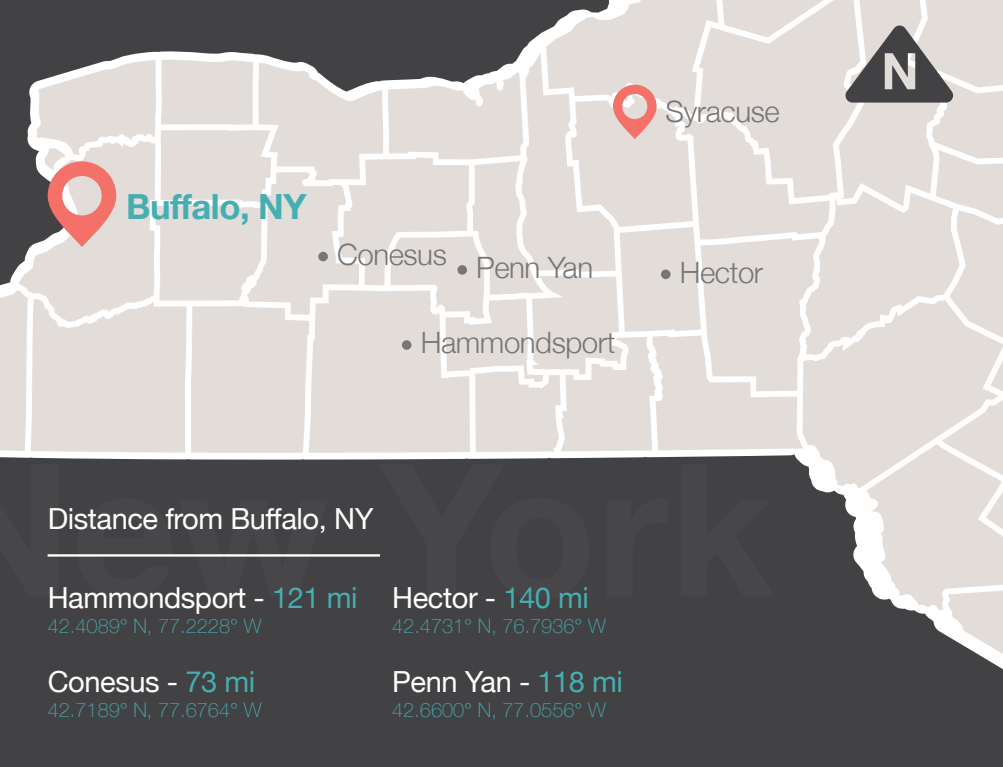
Wining Around The Finger Lakes

South of Lake Ontario, eleven scenic lakes spread like fingers across the central part of New York. It's a hotspot for the farm-to-table movement, bio-dynamic farming, cider houses, and an ever-growing craft beer scene with almost 100 stops on the incredible Finger Lakes Beer Trail.

This area is dotted with state parks, rivers, waterfalls, and deep gorges. Oh, and let's not forget the "Grand Canyon of the East," Letchworth State Park, or the world famous Niagara Falls, just a short drive away. There's no reason to hold back on the indulgences here. The Finger Lakes provide plenty of activities to work off all the decadence.

The number one draw here is the wine. This is the largest wine-producing region in New York. The "lake effect" micro-climate produces some of the world's best Rieslings and provides a great escape from the summer heat.





Vintners have been crafting wine here for years. In fact, the area has two of America's oldest wineries, The Pleasant Valley Wine Company, circa 1860, and O-Neh-Da Vineyard, circa 1872.

"The options are endless, but why not start with one of these?"

There are fifteen hosts in the Finger Lakes who welcome RVers to come and stay the night. The options here are endless, but why not start with one of these? Spend the night in Hammondsport surrounded by the historic stone buildings of Pleasant Valley Wine Company while sipping on their delicious Great Western Champagne. Park your Airstream surrounded by 1500 hills of hops at Climbing Bines in Penn Yan, then step inside for a super local hand-crafted ale. Sip an old world style late harvest Riesling and soak in the never-ending panoramic view over Seneca Lake at Chateau Lafayette Reneau in Hector. NY. The best part? In your Airstream, home is always just a few steps away.



The Finger Lakes are hotspot for the farm-to-table movement and also play host to an incredible craft beer scene.

Pleasant Valley Wine Company, Hammondsport

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O-Neh-Da Vineyard, Conesus

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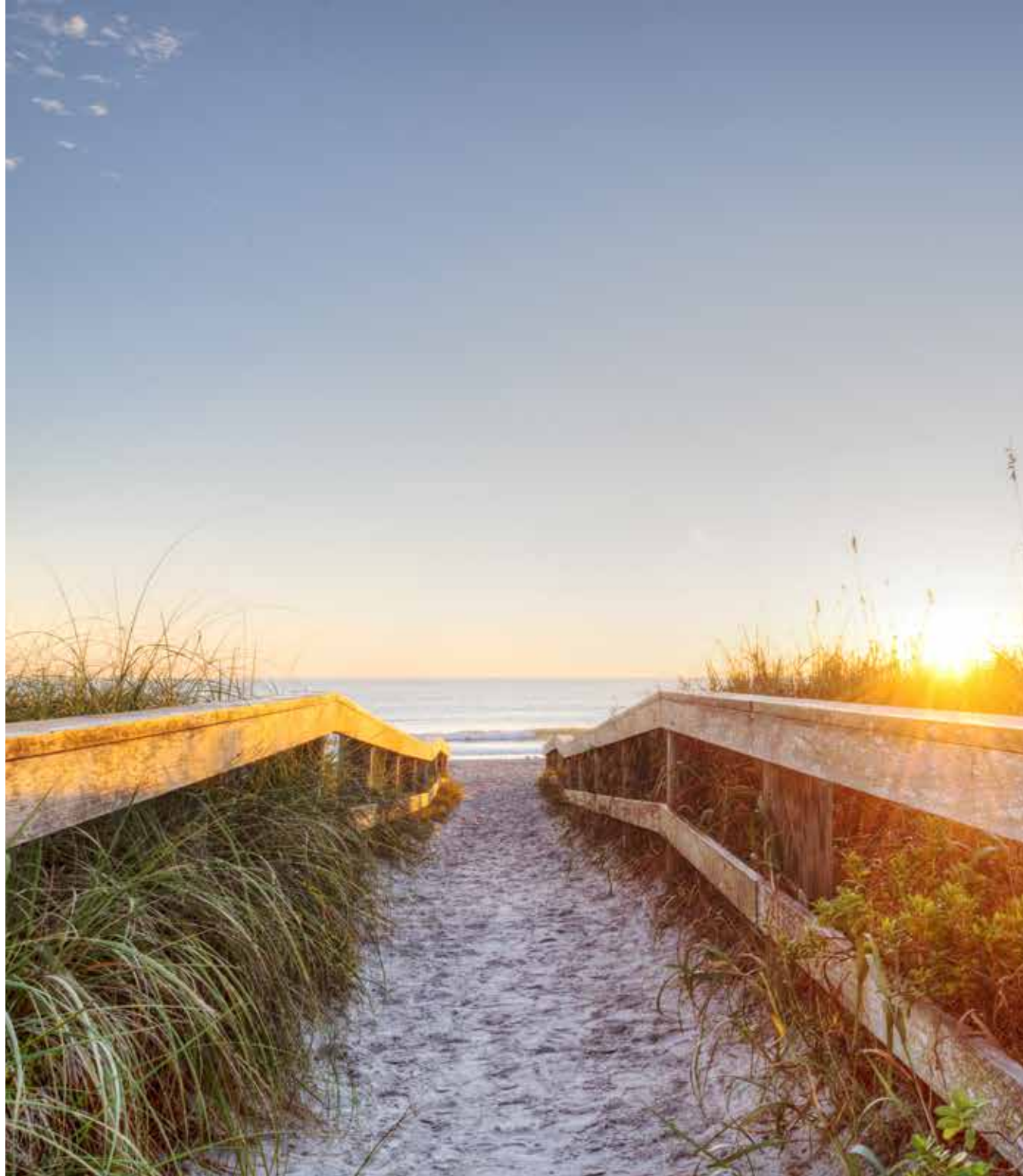


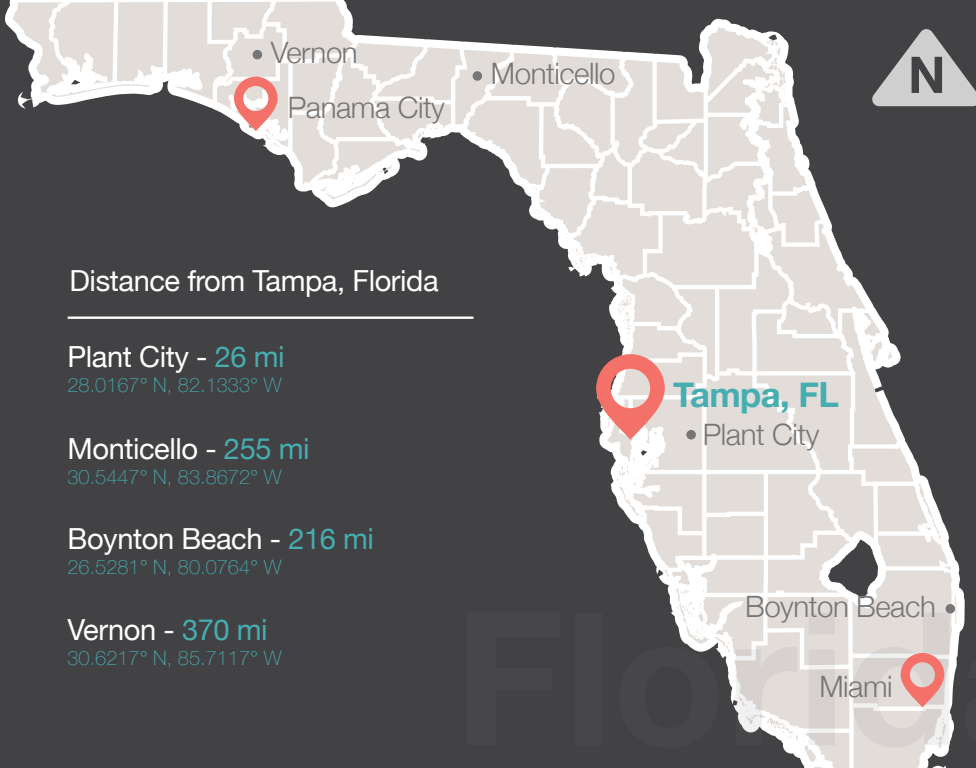
A Winter Escape in Florida

If snowflakes and icicles are not what you're dreaming of this winter, join the thousands that flock to the Sunshine State for, well, sunshine. But don't let me mislead you, there's more than tropical sunny skies in Florida to justify a winter road trip.

Miles of powdery white beaches along the Panhandle. Citrus groves in central Florida. Cypress trees in the Everglades. Vibrant coral reefs of the Keys. What more do you need? There's something here for everyone. This is the place to devour buckets of fresh seafood and then work it off bicycling, paddling, or swimming. Just be cautious of how many of those "cocktail on the beach" photos you post to Instagram. Your friends back home defrosting their windshields may not want to see them all.

Kick things off with a stay in the small town of Vernon at Three Oaks Winery. Their low-alcohol Florida fruit wines are perfect for sunsets on the emerald coast.





As you head further into the state, take an off-the-beaten-path trip to Golden Acres Ranch in Monticello. They are known for their lamb and goat meat, but it's the free range chickens that will keep you entertained. Bobbie and Fred Golden are the quintessential farm couple and get a kick out of sharing their farm. Join them on a feeding, or roam around the farm to discover on your own.

If you happen to be rolling through Plant City (just outside of Tampa) on a Friday or Saturday, chances are you'll catch live music at this two-for-one. Okay, more like a three-for-one. Keel & Curley Winery and Two Henrys Brewing Company is a u-pick farm that crafts fruit wine, fusions, and beer. So, you can eat and drink your fruit here.

As you are making your through the Keys, spend a night at Bedner's Farm Fresh Market in Boynton Beach. This sustainable u-pick farm stand is the perfect place to restock and learn about sustainable farming in Florida.

Florida is full of unexpected treasures waiting to be discovered, and while you'll likely be dusting the sand from your shoes, rest assured you won't be shoveling any snow.



Among the pristine beaches, find these Florida treasures shining bright under sunny skies.

Three Oaks Winery, Vernon

Stock up on organic fruits, vegetables, and other farm-fresh foods

Golden Acres Ranch, Monticello

Take a milking tour, sample fresh cheese, and pet the friendly goats

Keel & Curley Winery, Plant City

Their handpicked peaches are the best you'll ever taste

Two Henrys Brewing, Plant City

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Bedner's Farm Fresh Market, Boynton Beach

Tour this historic abbey to taste delicious wine made by Benedictine Monks

If you're looking to take your Airstream out for a unique adventure and stay somewhere unexpected, the sky's the limit! While Harvest Hosts was created specifically for RVers, there are plenty of other unique opportunities out there as well. Here are a few websites and brief descriptions to get your wheels spinning on your next Airstream adventure.



Harvest Hosts harvesthosts.com

A membership based network of wineries, farms, museums, and agritourism sites that invite self-contained RVers to visit and stay overnight for free.

Dude Ranch Vacations duderanch.org

Get a taste of what it's like to live on a ranch. Go on overnight pack trips, cattle drives, cutting, team penning, or a host of other ranch style activities.

Woofing wwofusa.org

Spend a half day (or more if you choose) helping out a host farm while learning about the organic movement and sustainable agriculture in exchange for room and board.

Farmstays farmstayus.com

A listing of farms and ranches where you can pay to stay and become a part of the farm family for a day. From campsites to 5-star lodging, there's a little bit of everything here.



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Final Thoughts

Pack up your Airstream and let your adventures guide your route. Because it's not about how long the trip, how far the destination, or even what type of Airstream you have. It's knowing that new experiences and possibilities are around every corner.

It's the feeling you get when you hear the "pop" from uncorking a bottle of wine. It's the unfamiliar smiles as you gather around the farm table for a family style ranch meal. It's the satisfaction of a familiar bed and a hot shower after lending a hand during harvest on an organic fruit farm.

Let's ignite our venturesome spirits and come alive. Let's head down that windy dirt road and see what adventure lies at the end. It's these drives that open new worlds of experiences. It's believing there's no wrong way to do it! It's rising to the adventure and summing it up with two simple words: Live Riveted.

In the words of our founder, Wally Byam, it's time to get out and "open a world of new experiences."

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