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THE GRAND RETURN OF THE WEEKLONG ROADTRIP

Covid adds unreliability to flights and cruises. But you know what is reliable? A good ol'-fashioned automobile on the open road. These six adventures are turnkey ready—especially with the right car.

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THE MIDWEST

SUP IN THE U.P.

For a week of adventure, start in **Detroit** and make your way to **Isle Royale National Park, Michigan**: Your first stop along the route is **Oscoda** to rent a SUP for the **Au Sable River**. Stay at the **Grand Hotel** on Mackinac Island to run the Western Hemisphere's longest suspension bridge (five miles). Chase waterfalls at **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** on the way to Marquette for all-day Mexican breakfast at **Bodega**, then drive to **Mount Bohemia**. Rent a trailside yurt before ferrying to **Isle Royale National Park** to hike and bike.

The Vehicle: Ford Maverick. Conquer all terrain in the hybrid truck that's rugged but roomy in cabin and bed space.





↑ THE NORTHWEST

SURF AND TURF

For wave chasing and camping, start in Seattle and make your way to Jackson,

Wyoming: Book a room at the cushy **Thompson Seattle** hotel to sneak in an early-morning waterfront run to **Pocket Beach** before leaving on I-90. Cross Oregon into Idaho for **Boise Whitewater Park** to surf or kayak dammed-up portions of the Boise River (pictured above). Spend the night at **Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve**. After refueling with a noodle bowl at **Glow Sun Valley**, in Ketchum, set out for **Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve**. Camp on a former lava field under ridiculous stars and climb the **Inferno Cone** at sunrise. Enjoy a night in a plush tent or cabin at **Linn Canyon Ranch**, in Victor. Finally, duck into Wyoming for kebabs and hummus at **Figs**, in Jackson.

The Vehicle: Subaru Outback Wilderness. Who needs a full-on SUV when you've got a wagon with 9.5 inches of ground clearance and all-wheel drive?



↗ THE SOUTHWEST

CLIMB, SOAK, REPEAT

For elevation and relaxation, start in Salt Lake City and make your way to Scottsdale, **Arizona:** Stay at the **Evo Hotel**, with its climbing gym and indoor-outdoor **All Together Skate-park** (pictured left). Then journey to Moab, Utah, for a hike through the surreal **Arches National Park**. Wind your way through the La Sal Mountains into Colorado for the trippy **CampV**, a motel/art project that feels like Burning Man, except you'll actually sleep. Next, trek through Anasazi archaeological sites at **Canyons of the Ancients National Monument** before driving through Four Corners en route to **Castle Hot Springs**. The sprawling (kid-free!) resort has mineral hot springs and the **Via Ferrata** cable-climbing course, a three-and-a-half-hour mountaineering expedition to scale a 400-foot peak. Ahead of reaching Scottsdale, feast on achote cauliflower and maitake mole mushrooms at **Terras** restaurant at the **Civana** resort.

The Vehicle: Toyota Tundra. This new full-size pickup is comfortable and classy but not so much so that you'll mind getting the bed dirty—that's what it's there for.

