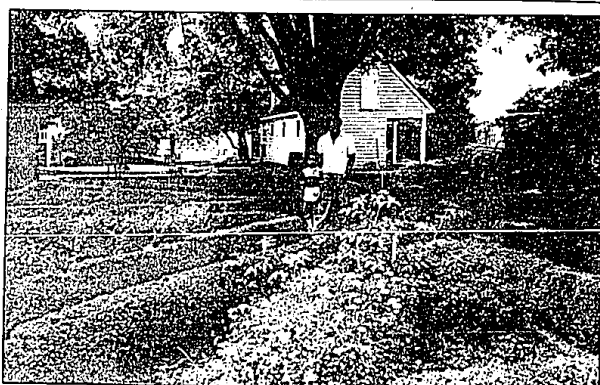
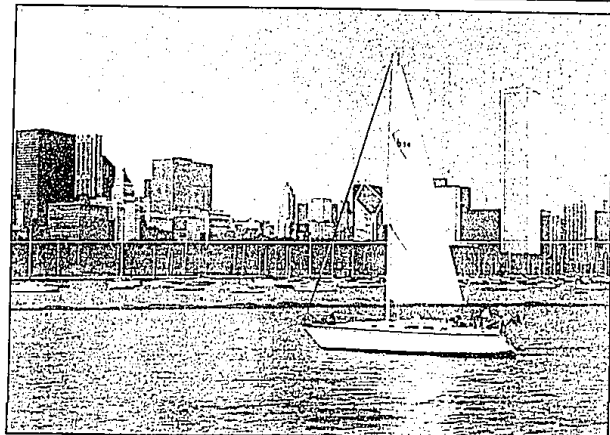




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The U.S. abounds with ideal vacation spots from a bustling metropolis like Chicago (left) on a great lake to a southern city like Little Rock featuring the Arkansas Territorial Restoration (above).

Summer's here and the travelin' is easy

SOMEONE SAID once, there are only two things you can count on in this life: death and taxes. But there is one more. Summer vacation. American family life is planned, arranged, structured around summer vacation.

Beginning in June when school is out, families pack up the car, put the dog in the kennel and get out on the road.

This year, with gas prices lower and terrorism fears higher, even more thousands will be summer vacationing in the United States and Canada.

From the mailbox here are ideas for your two weeks anywhere from Chicago to Texas:

• **CHICAGO'S** Museum of Science and Industry on Lake Shore Drive announces the opening of its new Henry Crown Space Center on July 1. "The Dream is Alive," a 70 mm film depicting a day in space with astronauts and the Space Shuttle, will be shown at the new, domed Omnimax Theatre.

The Omnimax will be a quantum leap ahead of other Omnimax Theatres already in operation. Viewing images 18 times larger than ordinary motion pictures, on a wrap-around screen, audiences will actually feel the lift-off — a you-are-there experience.

Other space exhibits are on display at the new center. Admission to Omnimax is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

YOU ARE invited to celebrate America's 210th birthday in Chicago with music: a Blues Festival, a Soul Music Day, folk and symphony concerts under the stars. Call 1-800-637-8569 for a list of events, museums and their hours, theater performances and lake cruises. Chicago has 20 miles of lakefront paths for joggers and bicyclers.

• If you've ever wanted to touch a beluga whale, trek to Sea World. Thirty minutes from Cleveland in Aurora, Ohio, the park is also where you can make friends with a sea lion, see dolphins perform or watch a killer whale spectacular. New this year is a show featuring John "LaFet," a swash-buckling, barefooted buccaner, in a "Pirate Ski Show."

A 3½-hour drive from Detroit, the park is open all day with fire works at dusk every evening during July and August and weekends in June. All day rate is \$13.95, children under 3 are free. Call (219)562-8101.

• IN TENNESSEE you can see a replica of singer Dolly Parton's childhood home. Its back porch faces an open air amphitheatre for musical performances.

While you are in Tennessee see the authentic reconstruction of Davy Crockett's birthplace, opening in time for Crockett's 200th birthday in August or go to Opry Land in Nashville where the musical theme park adds a new country music show and an \$800,000 miniature golf course.

North of Memphis is the Alex Harris State Historic Site opening in July. The boyhood home of the au-

thor of "Roots" is being restored and will feature memorabilia collected by the author.

For more information about Tennessee summer vacations, write to Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Box 23170, Nashville, Tenn. 37202 or call (615)641-7994.

• **TRAVELERS TO** Washington, D.C., may rely on the Washington Reservations Bureau to help with hotels, dinner reservations, details on special events, show times, political activities and details of museums exhibits. A new free service, the Bureau will plan your entire trip for you before you leave home. They'll help you get about the city on the Metrorail system and offer discounted hotel rates. Call 1-800-HOTEL DC.

• News for the handicapped traveler:

Delta Airlines now offers a service to hearing impaired travelers who have telecommunications devices for the deaf in their homes or offices. Using the toll-free number (800-831-4488) passengers may contact Delta about flight information and reservations. Republic also has a toll-free number for the hearing impaired: 1-800-328-2113.

• Accessible Georgia: A Traveler's Guide for the Mobility Impaired may be obtained by writing to the Georgia Tourist Division, P.O. Box 1776, Atlanta, Ga. 30301.

A TENNESSEE Accessibility Guide is available at: Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Box 23170, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

• Write to Arkansas Sequoia-Tennel Commission, University Tower Building, Suite 900, 12th and University Streets, Little Rock, Ark. 72204, for a directory of special events and projects celebrating Arkansas' admission into the Union in 1836.

Among the most interesting restorations listed will be the Arkansas

Territorial Restoration, a walled enclave of 14 buildings in downtown Little Rock, sometimes described as one of the finest restorations outside Williamsburg, Va.; Pioneer Village in Rison, featuring a typical 1840s homestead; and Mountain Village 1850 in Bull Shoals, a re-created village in the Ozark Mountains.

• **FURTHER WEST**, comes information about Club Med for Kids. Club Med for Kids? Sounds like a contradiction in terms. But they tell us that Kids of the World, a camp in Copper Mountain, Colo. is just that.

Planned for children 8-13, the camp, operated by Club Med in the Rocky Mountains, offers activities from circus workshop and outdoor cooking class to sailing, hiking, swimming, team sports, all with instruction. Hosted by professional guides, children can go whitewater rafting on the Colorado River or go on overnight camping trips with children from other lands. Write to Kids of the World, Club Med, 3 East 54th Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10022. But hurry, the first session begins June 28.

• 1986 is theme park "Six Flags Over Texas" 25th anniversary year. To celebrate, a new boisterous ride and additions to concert facilities have been planned.

Reaching speeds up to 32 miles per hour, the Avalanche Express will climb more than six stories into the air and then make a free-wheeling descent through the course.

THE MUSIC MALL Amphitheatre will double its seating capacity this year and will be the site of 20 concerts during the season. Call (817)440-8900 for more information.

• If your idea of a great summer vacation is to drive somewhere, leave your car and then bicycle around a scenic destination, then write to Bicycle USA, 6707 Whitestone Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207 or call (301)244-3399 for a copy of their

1986 Bicycle USA Tour Finder.

This is a compilation of bicycling tours in almost every country and throughout the USA, with offerings of more than 150 companies and organizations catering to a wide range of cycling vacation tastes and budgets.

The Tour Finder gives descriptions of each tour: length, daily miles to be covered, costs, scenic attractions, dates, etc. Cost is \$2 per copy.

• **BIKE VERMONT** celebrates its 10th year with a "photo on wheels" contest. Bike Vermont leads inn-to-inn bicycling tour trips from May through colorful October.

Bicyclists are invited to take pictures of the Vermont countryside during a five-week midweek tour; pictures of quiet back roads, covered bridges spanning rivers, plus farms or historical villages may be entered in the contest.

Color slides and black and white prints are eligible. A color brochure describing the tours, open to all levels of bikers, may be obtained by writing Bike Vermont, P.O. Box 207, Woodstock, Vt. 05091, or by calling (802)457-3553.

• More for bicyclists' vacations: Spokesongs, the largest bicycling vacation company in the North Central Midwest, offers two, three- or five-day trips with historic bed and breakfast stays, pedal-and-paddle combinations and international excursions.

Spokesongs rates their trips from novice class to advanced depending upon experience and quality of physical fitness. Package tours are available including lodging, all meals, support van and use of helmets. For free brochure, contact Spokesongs, 130 Fir Street, Mahomet, Minn. 55115 or call (612)429-2877.



See World in Ohio has such things as these Macaroni penguins. The park has 110 Penguins in a year-round science center which features daily snowfalls and polar terrain.

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