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Scenic trips to celebrate America's 250th birthday



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island offers sweeping views of Lake Huron, the Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac Island's horse-drawn carriages. JILLIAN FELLOWS/PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW FILE

Awe inspiring landmarks cross the country

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America is turning 250, but some of its greatest treasures don't sit behind museum glass.

The awe-inspiring scenes that take your breath away and remind you of the beauty of our nation are hidden along winding roads, tucked into mountain valleys, perched atop sea cliffs and preserved in places that tell the story of who we are.

From a castle built by a Sherlock Holmes actor in Connecticut to lava fields in Idaho that helped train astronauts, these destinations showcase the beauty, ingenuity and delightful weirdness that make the United States unique.

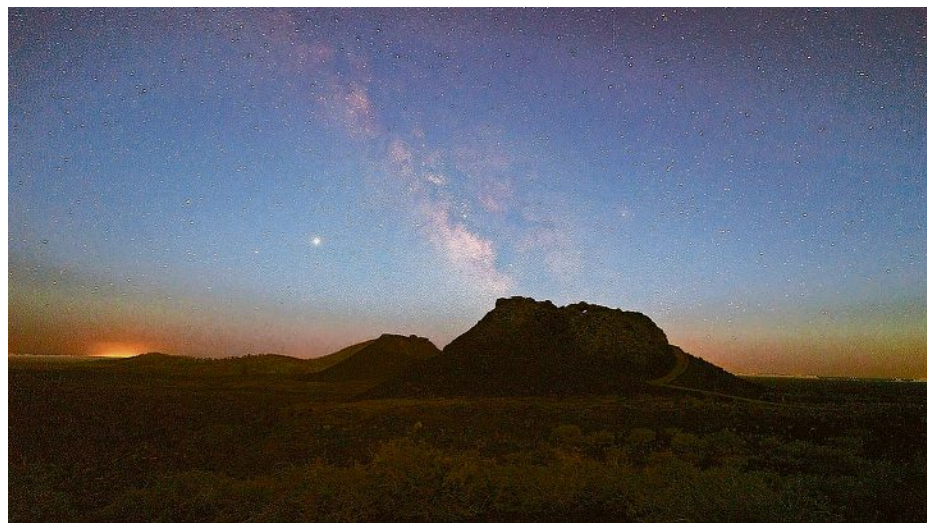
To celebrate the nation's semiquincentennial, the USA TODAY Network rounded up 15 places that capture the spirit of America, in hopes that it inspires travelers to see our land one unforgettable view, roadside attraction, historic landmark and natural wonder at a time.

Gillette Castle State Park

Gillette Castle State Park in Connecticut feels like stepping into a storybook perched above the Connecticut River. William Gillette's whimsical, hand-crafted mansion – complete with carved doors, custom glasswork, and the remnants of his private railway – invites visitors to explore a world as eccentric as the actor who defined Sherlock Holmes.

Wander forest trails, relax by the riverfront, discover the charming Osaki cottage, or hop on the historic

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Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve in Idaho served as a NASA research site. PROVIDED BY CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT AND PRESERVE



Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Corbin, Kentucky, includes 17 miles of hiking and a majestic view the Cumberland Falls.

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LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Partnership questioned again; they agree to mediation

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COSHOCTON – Should the Johnson-Humrickhouse Museum remain an entity under the Coshocton County District Library System even though this limits funding opportunities and ability to govern employees?

That's the question both entities are considering once again.

The topic first came up last summer and has progressed to the point where both sides have agreed to participate in governmental conflict resolution services. There is no timeline for talks at this time.

At the February board meeting, an opinion from the Ohio Attorney General's Office stated the library and museum separating was possible, but would be complex, costly and not required. Legal costs would start at \$10,000 and increase if counsel was needed. The board stated it didn't want to pursue any suits based on legal risk, personal liability, publicity and possible misunderstanding with the public.

The library board has also not approved allocating 4.75% of its public library funding to the museum for 2026.

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FORT LAURENS

Ceremony highlights restoration of war site

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A ceremony will rededicate the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution at Fort Laurens in Bolivar on June 27, highlighting a broader effort to restore Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort, according to a community announcement.

The Ohio History Connection and the Zoar Community Association plan the public event at the historic site, where an unidentified soldier and 22 other American troops from the fort's operation between 1778 and 1779 are buried.

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