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Greetings,

Here at ALIGN, we know that good, freedom-loving Americans live everywhere. Even California, one of the most disastrously “progressive” places in the country, has more registered Republicans than most states have people. If you happen to be one of those Californians, we would love to have you in Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, or another tipping state to help us hold the line!

We’ll admit California has some nice beaches and the New York skyline is pretty, but making memories in new places is priceless, especially when your vacation supports other Americans who love your country as much as you do. That’s why you should dodge insane gas prices and idiotic mask mandates and spend your money in Red America.

The Better Alternative

This list is far from exhaustive, but below are some hidden (or not-so-hidden) gems where you can enjoy an incredible vacation.

Silver Dollar City: Hopefully, you ditched Disney a long time ago for their self-professed pro-trans agenda. Universal, too, as it’s part of the Hollywood establishment. Instead, go to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. It’s a stunning, Americana-themed amusement park with explicitly Christian ownership.

Civil War Battlefields: Attendance has been dropping since the 1990s (along with many Americans’ appreciation of our nation’s history). Why not go against the grain and give your family an educational *and* entertaining experience? Our personal favorites are **Gettysburg**, PA, **Shiloh**, TN, and **Vicksburg**, MS.

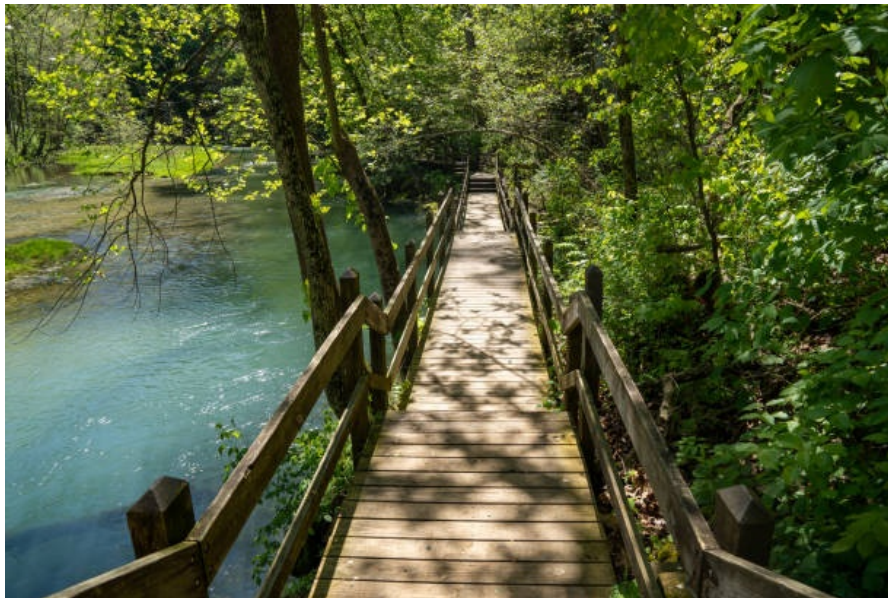
The Hermitage: People often visit George Washington’s Mt. Vernon and Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, but fewer head to the outskirts of Nashville to visit the home of Andrew Jackson. Stop by to learn about one of the most consequential presidents in American history in a truly beautiful place.

Graceland: While you're in Tennessee, why not visit Graceland in Memphis, the home of Elvis? They have Presley's plane on display, wonderful tours, and interactive ways to learn about an eccentric American icon.

Lookout Mountain & Ruby Falls: Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga is beautiful in its own right, but Ruby Falls within the mountain is a wonder—it's the tallest and deepest underground waterfall that the public can visit in the U.S.

Fort Worth Stockyards: For the western-lovers out there, the Fort Worth Stockyards in Texas is a great spot, especially if you have kids. Twice daily cattle drives, beautiful shopping and restaurants, and regular rodeos—it's a taste of Texas and the cowboy spirit.

Lake of the Ozarks: More folks are beginning to discover the Lake of the Ozarks, and for good reason. It's one of the most beautiful places in America, hands down. Whether you want a restful lake vacation, fun for the whole family, or a fishing trip with the guys, the Ozarks has you covered.



Let's reach everyone who knows a better way is possible. Forward this issue to your friends and invite them to [sign up](#) for ALIGN.

Business Spotlight

Now that you're filled with ideas of where to go, the next step is to figure out where to stay. A while back, we featured a much more aligned alternative to Airbnb and VRBO called **Plum Guide**. They're not explicitly conservative, but they don't shove the rainbow flag in your face at every turn like their competitors.

If you can't find what you want there, here's a pro-tip: Search on Airbnb or VRBO for your ideal spot, then type the name of the place you find into your favorite non-Google search engine. There's a good chance the location has their own website where you can book your rental or room without sending a cut to Airbnb.

The Bigger Picture

It's important to remember that red states and blue states aren't just different because of the policies they enact, but because of the type of politics they engage in. In [this episode](#) of THIS IS YOUR COUNTRY, our own [Paige Willey](#) describes the Democrats' approach as the "politics of demoralization."

"From education to basic law and order, many domains of public life have been degraded due to neglect or deliberate government policy. Instead of offering meaningful solutions to reverse the decline, the party in power seeks to compel Americans to accept worse and demand less of their leaders. This is the politics of demoralization—a perverse approach to politics that seems to work better in blue states than red states." [Listen here.](#)

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