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TRAVEL

VANCOUVER

Hiking, watersports, “flightseeing” and an eclectic mix of neighborhoods keep travelers in a constant state of discovery and exploration.

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THE BAHAMAS

The Bahamas offers visitors pristine beaches, gambling, shopping, nightlife and much more.

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TREASURE HUNT

Quirky stores brimming with antiques and vintage finds within a few hours drive of Baltimore. Hop in the car and head back in time.

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ON THE COVER: SIGNPOST, CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK, COURTESY OF TOURISM VANCOUVER; **TOP:** LADIES ON THE PATIO, ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA WITH FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER IN THE BACKGROUND, PHOTO BY CANADIAN TOURISM COMMISSION (CTC), COURTESY OF TOURISM VANCOUVER; **BOTTOM LEFT:** VIEW FROM VANIER PARK FEATURING THE H. R. MCMILLAN SPACE CENTRE AND MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER, PHOTO BY AL HARVEY, COURTESY OF TOURISM VANCOUVER; **BOTTOM CENTER:** KAYAKING, COURTESY OF THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS; **BOTTOM RIGHT:** THE PEOPLE'S STORE ANTIQUE CENTER LOCATED IN LAMBERTVILLE, N.J.

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TREASURE HUNT

SMALL TOWN SALVAGE AND ANTIQUES

By Sarah Cavill, Contributing Writer

After a long cold winter, spring is a wonderful time to hop in the car and explore all the charming, quaint towns within a few hours drive of Baltimore. Many have wonderful restaurants and inns, as well as the time honored small town tradition of quirky stores brimming with antiques and vintage finds. From high-end to salvage, these hubs of nostalgia, whimsy and elegance are ideal for sprucing up your living room, your garden or just soaking up the charm and character of a well-loved collection.

MARYLAND
Chartreuse and Co.

4007 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, Md.

“When out searching for items for Chartreuse & Co., I’m drawn to pieces with

what I call ‘good bones.’ Whether it’s an industrial mechanism or a French chair, it must have a beautiful shape first. Secondly, items showing a rough and tumble past, years of good use, the touch of time – these are the items that truly speak to me,” says Virginia Crum, owner of Chartreuse & Co., located approximately five miles from downtown Frederick.

This sprawling, 6-acre farm includes six vintage buildings, filled to the brim with distinctive collections amassed by over 30 energetic designers who scour the earth for every manner of antique.

The Main Barn houses 30 decorators who’ve each carved out their own spot. The Pavilion is where you’ll find industrial and quirky vintage items, while the Corn Crib offers more refined pieces from Germany and Eastern Europe.

In the Bank Barn, eager foragers will find an eclectic mix of rougher and vintage antiques.

Finally, the Farmhouse is where Mad Men fans will track down the much-coveted mid-century modern.

Chartreuse and Co. – started by Crum as occasional tag sales after she moved to her grandparents farm in 2001 and gradually expanded to the fixture it is today – also offers guests gourmet, freshly-made food, and locally grown plants and herbs.

Crum also curates new items, primarily finishing touches like lamps, pillows or seasonal items, and she never selects anything — new or old — that she wouldn’t put in her own home.

On Market Days, held in May and September, and the Annual Yard Sale, held in June, Chartreuse and Co. customers will find tents set up across the property, creating a flea market vibe with people strolling the tents and enjoying the outdoors. Though the crowds number in the thousands, there is plenty of parking

ABOVE: CHARTREUSE & CO., FREDRICK, MD; LEFT TOP: CHARTREUSE & CO., FREDRICK, MD; LEFT BOTTOM: SALVAGED FURNITURE PARLOUR, LEWES DEL.; OPPOSITE: REDEUX MARKETPLACE, YORK PA.

and plenty of treasures to be found.

DELAWARE

Salvaged Furniture Parlour

17370 Coastal Hwy., Lewes, Del.

Salvaged Furniture Parlour in Lewes, Del., takes a different approach to vintage finds, offering them a fresh coat of paint and a new lease on life.

“Salvaged is a vintage boutique that is hip, chic and unique. We specialize in transforming and upcycling vintage furniture for a one-of-a-kind upscale look,” says Brynn Byerly, owner of Salvaged.

With a range of items from vintage home decor, country furniture, mid-century and – naturally – coastal and beach decor, Byerly and her business partner Michelle Hepting, have repurposed many unusual finds into functional and decorative pieces. “Some of our favorite purchases include ship hatch doors from Baltimore that we turned into desks, vintage work benches from the DuPont Factory, that we turned into islands, and marquee letters from the local movie theatre in Rehoboth,” says Byerly.

Committed to giving customers a different experience each time they walk in the door, Byerly and Hepting rearrange the store once a week and take pride in finding new and interesting pieces for display.

They are also the sole proprietor in Delaware of Chalk Paint® Decorative Paint by Annie



Sloan, and they offer monthly workshops on how to use this paint to turn your own shabby finds into chic household items.

Located just 15 minutes from Rehoboth, this sweet store is a great stop for any Delaware beach getaway.

NEW JERSEY

The People's Store

28 N. Union St., Lambertville, N.J.

Located in Lambertville, N.J., one of the most idyllic and visited towns in the Garden State, and just 140 miles from Baltimore, The

People's Store has been a community fixture since 1839. Converted from home furnishings to antiques around 60 years ago, it now offers four floors of dealer-curated antiques of every variety.

“Our dealers seek out the most unusual antiques, which brings excitement and fun to the center. Besides the high quality of fine antiques, some of the most sought out after items [are more] unusual. The big sellers the past few years would be anything funky, mid-century, painted, primitive and industrial,” says James Castelli, general manager of The People's Store.

The over 50 dealers sharing space in this esteemed haunt, merchandise or stage their unique wares so that shoppers can imagine how they will look in a home. So sought after are booths in The People's Store, that there is a waiting list for dealers to get in on the action.

The vast and varied selection is such that set designers from New York and Philadelphia regularly shop the booths.

On the third floor of The People's Store, there are artist studios. “The working Artist Studios in the store have huge windows and high ceilings. Two well-known local artists, Eleanor Voorhees and Kelly Sullivan bring much energy and excitement to the store with their wonderful paintings,” says Castelli.

Lambertville itself is filled to the brim with artists, writers and aficionados of the quiet, cul-

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tured life. There are many art galleries, bed and breakfasts, wonderful restaurants and a walkable bridge to New Hope, Pa., another quirky and inviting town.

PENNSYLVANIA

Stone House Antiques Center

3292 Durham Road, Mechanicsville, Pa.

Located in Mechanicsville, Pa., just 20 minutes away from The People's Store, is its smaller twin, Stone House Antiques Center. This historic building dates back to 1814 and is also known as the Thomas Walton House.

Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, this gracious home houses 25 antique dealers on two floors. Among the newest dealers are Style House Antiques, which specializes in cool designer pieces, Jamee Wang Fine Asian Antiques and Gordon McNeil, which brings industrial, folk art and unique textiles to Stone House.

This duo of antiquing nirvana will be joined by a third endeavor in the spring, with the opening of the New Hope Antique Center near New Hope and Peddler's Village.

Redeux Marketplace

113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.

Another intriguing pair is the Redeux Marketplace and 56 Urban Provisions. Located in York, Pa., 50 miles from Baltimore, these stores, referred to as brother and sister by manager Allison Given, provide a little bit of everything for shoppers looking for antiques, funky fashion and made in the USA craftsmanship. It's a hipster paradise.

"The 'sister' is Redeux, a large marketplace of vintage, handmade and repurposed goods from about 30 different sellers with everything from mid-century modern furniture and Pyrex, to handmade jewelry. The 'brother' is 56 Urban Provisions, which is a hybrid retail space. It's half modern day general store – small batch food items and household products from York and around the country – things like bourbon marshmallows, nut butters, crazy pickles and coffee and pastries. The second half has handmade goods, such as locally screen printed tee shirts, handmade pottery and jewelry," says Given.

The stores also sell their own line of branded goods, Oliver & Co, which include t-shirts, totes and soy candles.

The thread running through this distinctive retail space is a healthy combination of vintage and repurposed items, alongside American and locally made items. All the vendors are selected with these ideas in mind, serving as 'incubators' for the local retail scene. Many vendors were previously only selling online or to friends, so selling with Redeux and 56 Urban Provisions was the natural next step.

As a part of the burgeoning Royal Square District in York, Redeux hopes to continue growing into other business ventures. •

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Italian Restaurant serves a pappardelle that melts in the mouth, and Giovanni's gnocchi is the perfect combination of taste and texture. Café Matisse located in historic downtown Nassau, has a garden setting and fine Italian cooking for the perfect romantic dinner.

Keep an eye on festivals that feature arts and crafts as well as Caribbean and Calypso music. The Bahamas Tourism Center is a vital resource, www.bahamas.com, for local events. Another source for colorful local goods and souvenirs are straw markets. For high-end shopping, Crystal Court next to Atlantis Resort carries all the luxury brand names in accessories, perfume and clothing. In Freeport, Port Lucaya offers a selection of straw markets, designer labels, bars and restaurants. John Bull, a luxury retail store throughout the islands, features fine jewelry and fragrances from designer labels.

Staying indoors is difficult when the islands provide an endless playground of white sand beaches with warm, aqua waters in which to frolic. In the Grand Bahamas, Lucayan National Park is a haven of natural wonders in the form of caves, forest and wetlands and the pristine Gold Rock Beach. For a quaint beach to swim and watch the sunset, try Xanadu Beach in Freeport. The best snorkeling happens at Paradise Cove where a modest fee gets you equipment and a quick lesson before you venture into coral reefs and swim with rainbow of tropical fish. Cabbage Beach on Paradise Island provides a picturesque white sand beach. In Nassau, Junkanoo Beach and Cable Beach tend to be popular and crowded. For more of a local flavor, Caves Beach is less inhabited and offers everything from caves, historic sites and snorkeling.

If you prefer to create your own Bahamian adventure, looking online for the best deals on flights and hotels is good place to start. Trip Advisor is a great source for the best places to eat and stay in the Bahamas. Another option is to find a local travel agency for the ideal vacation that suits your every need. Katz notes, "Southwest offers nonstop service from Baltimore to Nassau making it very convenient for folks in the Baltimore Washington area. Due to the choice of resorts at different price levels, we are able to offer packages at all price levels. My agency offers packages with various lengths of stays to all of the above destinations." Find out more at <http://mount-washingtontravel.com>.

The plethora of all-inclusive resorts provides an endless source of possible choices. For family vacationers, the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island includes its own water park based on the theme of the lost city with luxury amenities and endless entertainment options.

Devyn Barker, public relations representative for Sandals Resort, shares, "A stay at Sandals Resorts includes luxurious accommodations, unlimited Gourmet Discovery Dining,



NASSAU, THE CAPITAL AND LARGEST CITY IN THE BAHAMAS DOMINATING THE ENTIRE ISLAND AND ITS SATELLITE, PARADISE ISLAND, PHOTO BY JANNIS WERNER.

premium wines and top-shelf drinks, watersports, land sports, daily entertainment, transportation, taxes and gratuities. The benefit of vacationing at an all-inclusive is that guests never have to lift a finger ... they can just simply enjoy their vacation stress-free." Many resorts are centered around specific types of vacationers. Barker says, "Sandals Resorts offers two people in love with the most roman-

tic, Luxury-Included vacation experience in the Caribbean, Signature Love Nest suites with high class service, health spas and gourmet restaurants."

Whether you want to create your own vacation or invest in a package deal, remember to bring your passport, sunscreen and be prepared to lose yourself and in the splendor of the Bahamas. •

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