WEEKENDER

Close Enough

Squeeze every drop out of summer at these regional vacation destinations



Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville is known for its electric streets and infinite food choices. This music hub offers a big city feel right in the good ole' south. Stay in the heart of downtown at the Hilton Nashville Downtown or at America's largest non-casino resort Gaylord Opryland Hotel. When you're taking a break from visiting one of Nashville's historical attractions, visit the Pancake Pantry for their sweet potatoes pancakes or The Pharmacy Burger Parlor and Beer Garden [pictured] for a German wurst burger and an old-school milkshake.

Travel time: three hours visitmusiccity.com





Sea Islands, Ga.

The Sea Islands' marquee resort with the coastal region's namesake features a five-mile long beach, a Beach Club, tennis and squash centers, Yacht Club and Shooting School. For R&R, take a trip to the five-star spa and fitness center or one of Sea Island's dining destinations.

Travel time: four hours

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Marco Island, Fla.

Close to the excitement but far enough to be in complete isolation, Marco Island offers the best of both worlds — a tropical climate and undisturbed seclusion near the Gulf of Mexico. Beyond the beach, adventure into Collier Seminole State Park and enjoy camping, canoeing, boating, fishing and a mile-long nature walk.

Travel time: nine hours

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