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PHOTOGRAPHER

Discovering Denver, PG. 36

I live in Denver. If I were not a photographer I would be a professional drummer. **My best travel tip is** Create time in your schedule to explore without an agenda.

Best spot for lunch in Denver Vert Kitchen—the pork shoulder sandwich is amazing. **Don't leave Denver without**

Visiting one of the many breweries to get a glimpse into the making of beer and a taste of the local brews.



ASSIGNMENT HIGHLIGHT

"I loved meeting the featured brewers and chefs. It was inspiring to be exposed to their own creative process."



MANDY SAVOIE
WRITER

Three Days in Boston, PG. 21

I live in Moncton. Best way to get around Boston On foot because there's something to look at every step of the way. **Assignment highlight** Visiting the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Her impressive art collection is displayed in her home in the exact idiosyncratic way she left it when she died in 1924. It's part time capsule, part art museum.



MHAIRRI WOODHALL
WRITER

On the Ground in Gilbert, Ariz. PG. 25

I live in Calgary. My best travel tip is Ask the locals—restaurant servers, bartenders, hotel bell staff and Uber drivers—they always have the inside scoop. **Favourite thing about Gilbert** The eclectic array of dining opportunities. **Don't leave Gilbert without** A visit to Rocket Fizz for salt water taffy.



NATASHA MEKHAIL
WRITER

Florida Match-Up, PG. 31

I live in Zurich, Switzerland. Something few people know about me is I learned to play the koto, an Asian harp, in Japan in exchange for English lessons. **Describe Florida in five words** Surprising, hip, foodie, relaxing, young. **With an unlimited word count I would have written more about** The Redlands, an agritourism destination outside Miami.

GILBERT'S HERITAGE DISTRICT

ARIZONA

Stroll through the Heritage District in downtown Gilbert, located about 30 minutes southeast of Phoenix, and find a mix of historic sights, museums, galleries, independent boutiques and lively, locally inspired eateries.



SWEET TREATS

Rocket Fizz, in Heritage Marketplace, carries a vast array of nostalgic and quirky sweets, memorabilia and small-batch sodas. Candy fans can indulge in 100-plus flavours of salt water taffy and sample unusual taste combinations like peanut butter and jelly pop. (rocketfizz.com)

CREATIVE CUISINE

Located in a beautifully refurbished historic grocery store, **Liberty Market** serves up creative fare made from regionally sourced ingredients. Hearty house favourites include Chef David's Breakfast Sandwich and hand-tossed thin crust pizzas, fire-cooked over Arizona pecan wood. (libertymarket.com)



VISUAL ARTS

Art Intersection features photography from both established and emerging local and international artists. This month, visit the gallery's signature *Light Sensitive* exhibition (Mar. 6 to Apr. 21) to view images created using traditional darkroom and alternative photographic methods. (artintersection.com)

PARK PLAY

Water Tower Plaza, in the heart of the Heritage District, is a vibrant hub for community events like the Gilbert Art Walk (held monthly on the first and third Saturday). Visit the open plaza, with outdoor seating and children's splash pad, to relax, picnic and play.



VINTAGE FINDS

Collectible treasures await at **Flashback Antiques**. Peruse the unique display of vintage decor, furniture, jewelry and children's toys. The shop also stocks handmade candles, lotions and soaps. ([facebook.com/flashbackantiques](https://www.facebook.com/flashbackantiques))

HISTORIC TALES

Housed in the town's original elementary school, circa 1913, **HD South** showcases the area's railroad and agricultural heritage. Browse exhibits depicting early 20th century life for insight into Gilbert's first homesteaders. (hdsouth.org) —Mhairri Woodhall



GETTING THERE

WestJet flies to Phoenix eight times a day from eight Canadian cities and to Mesa three times a week from Calgary and Edmonton.