

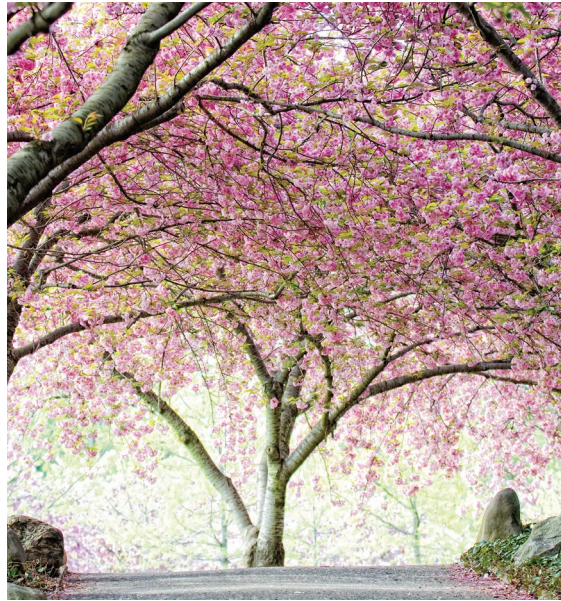
Out & About

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, AND UPLIFTING WAYS TO ENJOY THE SEASON

| ON THE ROAD |

PETAL PARADE

When cherry trees explode into flush but fleeting blossoms, it's time to get out and see them. A double allée of the 'Kanzan' variety and 40 other cultivars captivate crowds at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Sakura Matsuri, or cherry-blossom festival (right). Live music and dance honor the trees' Japanese heritage. Here are three more places to spot them.



📍 WASHINGTON, D.C.

At this year's event, which marks the 107th anniversary of Tokyo gifting our capital more than a thousand Yoshino trees, you can picnic in a grove of the blooms. **March 20 to April 14, nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.**

📍 SAN FRANCISCO

Head to the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival and take a workshop on ikebana flower-arranging, or watch *taiko* drums and martial-arts performances. **April 13 to 21, sfcherryblossom.org.**

📍 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

In 2018, the city met its 10-year goal of planting 1,000 trees downtown and in the suburbs. The fest kicks off with a two-and-a-half-mile walk to take them in. **April 13, nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org.**

| WHY NOT? |

Nurture Nature

Behold something breathtaking *and* help save the planet on an active eco-excursion.

Huntington Beach, California

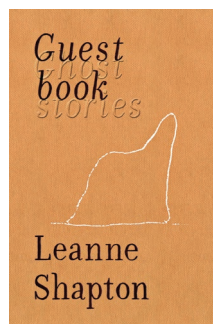
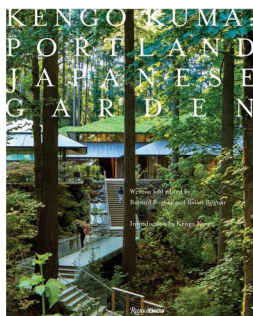
Without intervention, trash in Huntington Harbour drifts right into the ocean. The **Surfrider Foundation** intercepts it on scenic kayak trips that double as cleanup missions. **hsbsurfrider.org**

Colorado

Kid-friendly trips with **Volunteer for Outdoor Colorado** take groups hiking on backcountry trails and camping beneath the stars, between gardening-and-planting sessions in national forests. **voc.org**

Maui, Hawaii

Help clear invasive plant species and get a close-up of Hawaiian history: The **Pacific Whale Foundation** puts volunteers in stunning natural areas that are otherwise closed to the public, like a decades-old archaeological site in the Honokowai Valley. **pacificwhale.org**



| ON OUR BOOKSHELF |

The photos in **Kengo Kuma: Portland Japanese Garden** (Rizzoli Electa) capture 12 famously lush acres in Oregon that look as if they've been airlifted from just outside Kyoto. Multimedia maker Leanne Shapton's **Guestbook: Ghost Stories** (Riverhead) lays out a mesmerizing pastiche of found photos, original art, and dinner-party anecdotes that answer the question "What haunts us?" with evidence so chilling, you'll keep flipping through the fear. If you can't get to the brioche-filled case at L.A.'s hottest pastry hub, grab **Baking at République** (Lorena Jones Books), filled with cofounder Margarita Manzke's inventive spin-offs of French classics. Life with kids comes with décor challenges; **Elements of Family Style** (Touchstone) shares designer and new mom Erin Gates's solutions, like chic Lego storage and sectionals that'll outlast 300 *Lion King* viewings.