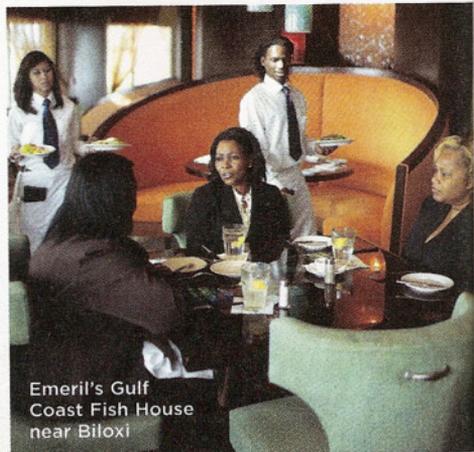


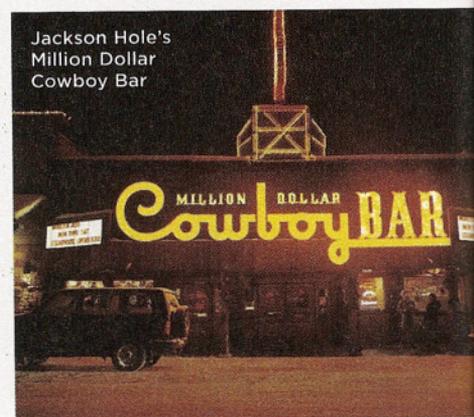
# 50 Quick Trips

When you really need a long weekend away, you don't want to waste a lot of time getting there. Here's a great escape in every state.

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Emeril's Gulf Coast Fish House near Biloxi



Jackson Hole's Million Dollar Cowboy Bar

The Cape Fear River boardwalk in Wilmington



R.T. Facts's antique store near Litchfield



San Antonio's  
River Walk

#### NEBRASKA

**Grand Island** Known for the sandhill cranes that pass through the Platte River Valley every spring, Grand Island is also a destination for tourists—only they come for the historic district's boutiques and to reenact pioneering days at the Stuhr living-history museum ([stuhrmuseum.org](http://stuhrmuseum.org)). 🚗 The two-room Kirschke House kept its 1902 stained-glass details and installed a hot tub in the brick washhouse ([kirschkehouse.com](http://kirschkehouse.com), from \$85).

#### NEVADA

**Laughlin** Think Vegas casinos, restaurants, and shops—without the hassle and high prices—then add in the Colorado River. For the best views of the riverside casinos, especially the Colorado Belle, which was built to resemble a paddle-wheel boat, ride on a Laughlin River Tours steamboat ([laughlinrivertours.com](http://laughlinrivertours.com)). 🚗 Opened less than two years ago, Aquarius Casino Resort is the newest, sleekest resort in town ([theaquarius.com](http://theaquarius.com), from \$40).

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

**North Conway** New Hampshire's White Mountains have stunning peaks and an array of waterfalls. For dinner, head to the 1785 Inn restaurant in North Conway ([the1785inn.com](http://the1785inn.com)). Zeb's General Store sells treats such as chocolate "moose droppings" ([zebs.com](http://zebs.com)). 🚗 The pool at Stonehurst Manor overlooks the mountains, and trails weave through the 33 acres ([stonehurstmanor.com](http://stonehurstmanor.com), from \$136).

#### NEW JERSEY

**Cape May** Cape May has long been a seaside resort, but instead of roller coasters, there are horse-drawn carriages and sidewalks lit with gas lamps. 🚗 Afternoon tea and breakfast are included with a night's stay at Victorian Lace Inn ([victorianlaceinn.com](http://victorianlaceinn.com), from \$125).

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