

Out & About

WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO SEE, AND HOW TO GET A JUMP START ON SPRING

| ON THE ROAD |

ENDLESS LOVE

For number crunchers and pie fanatics, March 14 is a double delight. The date matches the mathematical constant 3.14... (the never-ending pi), and is a brilliant excuse to indulge in puns and pastries. Brooklynites geek out at Four & Twenty Blackbirds (right), with its \$14 three-slice special—get it? Here, a few other infinitely delicious options.



📍 DURHAM, N.C.

Every runner in the Pie Day Pi K race wins a mini pie made by Scratch Bakery in a surprise flavor. Last year: apple or dark-chocolate sea salt. piefantasy.com

📍 MILWAUKEE

Door County cherries do good: Honey-pie Bakeshop donates 3.14 percent of sales from its nation-wide deliveries (aka PieGrams) to Girls Who Code. honeypiecafe.com

📍 SAN FRANCISCO

For Bay Area mathletes, Three Babes Bakeshop sends out almost as many Key lime pies (and other flavors) as they do at Thanksgiving! threebabesbakeshop.com

| WHY NOT? |

Get Snap-Happy

You can probably point and click (and filter and crop) in your sleep. But there's a real art to getting a stunning smartphone shot. Level up on one of these photographer-led tours.

Focus on Food

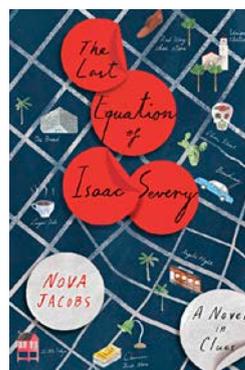
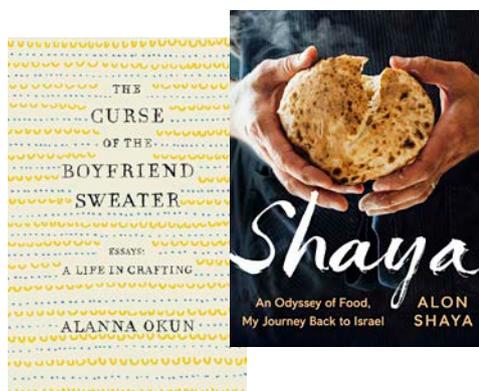
Learn how to light and frame your plate like a pro before you dig into the best eats the Funk Zone district has to offer. **Santa Barbara, California;** eatthisshootthat.com

See Urban Sights

Shoot the Twin Cities' unique architectural elements, such as the St. Paul skyway, on quarterly walks led by local design and photography experts. **St. Paul, Minnesota;** mnpreservation.org

Capture the Desert

Compose a keeper of iconic Camelback Mountain (or the stylish cocktails served afterward) in a class at this newly renovated midcentury resort. **Paradise Valley, Arizona;** mountainshadows.com



| ON OUR BOOKSHELF |

Writer Alanna Okun is totally on board with the belief among knitters that you should never make a sweater for a significant other—unless you want to break up. Crafting is the thread through her wise, wins-you-over book of personal essays, *The Curse of the Boyfriend Sweater* (Flatiron). Chef Alon Shaya put Israeli cuisine on the New Orleans food map; his memoir-like cookbook, *Shaya* (Knopf), offers an aromatic whiff of his most craveable dishes, like whole roasted cauliflower with whipped feta, in recipes and the stories behind them. Slip into a royal reverie with *India Hicks: A Slice of England* (Rizzoli), a volume of lovingly annotated images of historic family estates and gardens, including the country manor Hicks now calls home. The lone literary soul in a *Royal Tenenbaums*-esque clan of geniuses scours L.A. for clues to an urgent problem her grandfather left behind in *The Last Equation of Isaac Severy* (Touchstone), Nova Jacobs's unformulaic romp of a mystery.