



Brookgreen Gardens

THIS JUST IN

Open-Air Museums

Miss the cultural outings and art exhibitions that premiere in the fall season? Try an open-air museum. Plentiful around the U.S., these are perfect outdoor excursions for breezy autumn days. Ranging from sculpture gardens to street art, here are five to check out:

- **Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art** (Nashville, Tennessee; cheekwood.org), the former estate of Leslie and Mabel Cheek, features 55 acres of sculpture trails and a Japanese botanical garden. During the COVID crisis, the indoor museum and estate are closed.
- **The Neon Museum** (Las Vegas; neonmuseum.org) flashes iconic illuminated signage of old casinos and venues from along the Strip.
- **Brookgreen Gardens** (Murrels Inlet, South Carolina; brookgreen.org) boasts one of the country's largest collections of American figurative sculpture, plus tranquil gardens and a zoo of native lowcountry wildlife.
- **Wynwood Walls** (Miami, Florida; thewynwoodwalls.com) was designed to revitalize a dilapidated warehouse district. The site today has showcased the works of 50 international street artists on 80,000 square feet of outdoor wall space and adjoining gardens.
- The 105-acre **Laumeier Sculpture Park** (St. Louis; laumeiersculpturepark.org) exhibits more than 70 large-scale works within natural surroundings on designated one-way trails.

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PRACTICAL MATTERS

TRAVEL PILLOWS

While hotels and vacation rentals change sheets for each new guest, pillows are rarely swapped out. Lugging one along used to be a cumbersome undertaking, until we



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found **ThermaRest's Compressible Travel Pillow**. Available in a variety of sizes and colors, its plushness comes from super-soft foam filling that expands from compressed to a cushy 4 inches thick. Best, it's machine washable (from \$25; thermarest.com).