



## Random Finds: Back in the USA

### Description

***As we take road or business trips in the US, we always seek local and authentic places to drink and dine. We have discovered some impressive finds in our travels and will share them with you. Our order has no rhyme and reason, just random cool places we discovered.***

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Our favorite place to travel is overseas, as our blog shows. That said, we travel quite a bit in our homeland. Ryan has traveled for work and in the army, and Joelle travels with some volunteer work she does. Of course, we travel to visit family and friends regularly, Joelle the most often. In 2020 we took a road trip to New England to work on the blog since Covid kept us from traveling overseas.

Ryan attended an army school before Covid and spent his free time visiting several Kentucky Whiskey distilleries. Therefore, he has some fun places he plans to be writing about. Joelle has been to all fifty states, mostly on business and for speaking engagements over the years. She was always amazed at all the beautiful surprises this country offers in the most unexpected places.

We seek authentic and genuine local places with unique and memorable travel experiences. We will share the ones we enjoyed the most, those funky memorable ones you come to love and tell stories about.

### **What can you expect from Random Finds?**

When traveling, food and drink are very much part of the cultural experience, especially in Europe and the US. There are some incredible unique foods and traditions throughout the US. We firmly believe you should seek local food and drink even on business trips. Hey, you worked all day; the evening is made for fun.

We are wine connoisseurs and love visiting wineries in the US's best and not-so-good regions. We plan to write posts on our favorite wineries, the more fascinating ones that made our visit extra special. For example, Joelle had a business trip near Napa Valley, California, right before Covid. Once the workday was done, there were some fantastic meals and drinks with her colleagues every night! Many tasting rooms stay open quite late there.

We have visited distilleries in the US and overseas. As noted, Ryan enjoyed lots of whisky tasting in Kentucky during his business trip there! He brought along some of his classmates and made it fun for everyone.

But wine and whisky are not our only interests.

We seek local craft brews, especially in the family of dark beers, in any place, whether together or separately. Joelle loves to bring two gifts home to her husband; hot sauces and local specialty beer.

As we find these incredibly unique gems, we will bring them to you here on our Random Finds page.

As always, if you have exceptionally great places you discover as you wander this country, let us know, and if we are in the area, we will check them out. Maybe, as a result, they will appear on our Random Finds page!!

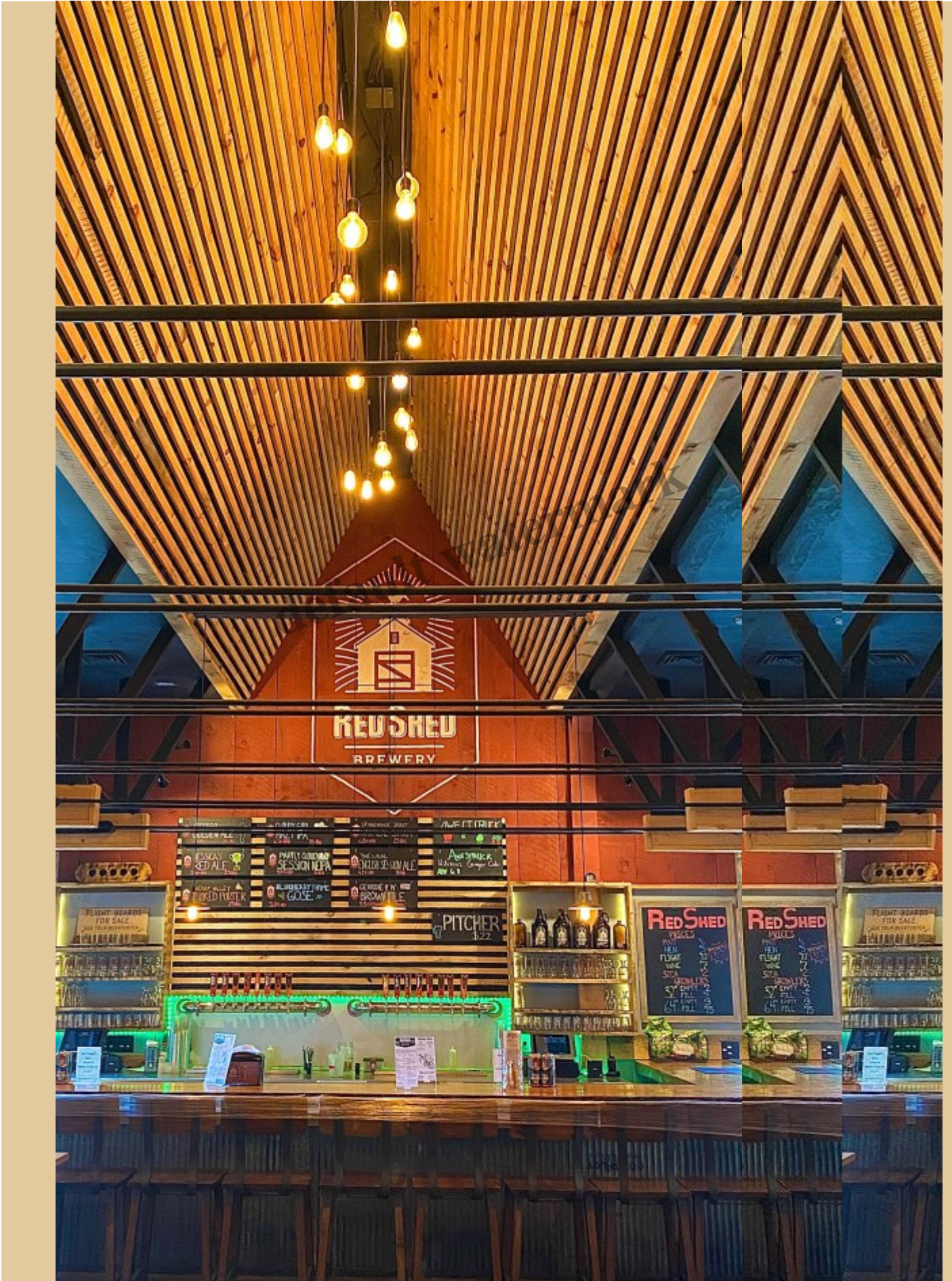
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## Red Shed Brewery and Taproom Cooperstown, NY

As we travel through our great homeland, we encounter some fantastic gems. We came across the tremendous Red Shed Brewery and Taproom in Cooperstown, NY. Handmade fresh craft beer made with local ingredients, pride, and passion.

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## Frederick, Maryland: Where Craft Breweries and American History Make for the Perfect Getaway

As we travel through our great homeland, we encounter some fantastic gems. We came across the tremendous breweries in Frederick, Maryland. Handmade fresh craft beer made with pride, and passion.

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To empower you as a consumer, we suggest you read our [blog post](#) on the importance of travel insurance and how to get the best coverage from top-rated companies for an affordable price.

### [MedjetAssist](#)

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They are the premier global air medical transport. One caveat to travel insurance is that medical evacuation usually gets you to the closest facility to care for you. Medjet gets you back to the U.S. to the hospital of your choice once you are stable enough to fly. They cover COVID-related transport as well.

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We always check Expedia and Booking.com to verify prices. At times, one is sold out of rooms while another at the same place has rooms. We also often find some European hotels, especially smaller ones, on Booking.com but not on Expedia. It could be they are a Europe-based company. Try both before booking accommodations.

## [Vacation Rental By Owner \(VRBO\)](#)

### **Are you traveling with a family or having an extended stay at your destination?**

With over 2 million bookable vacation rentals, [VRBO](#) connects homeowners with families and vacationers looking for something more than a hotel for their trip. The [VRBO](#) community offers families or groups various rental property types such as condos, cabins, lake rentals, beach houses, etc.

[VRBO](#) is now under the Expedia group's ownership, which many were worried about, but it hasn't panned out to be a concern. It is a massive network with access to all lodging forms should issues arise. Joelle has used VRBO for many years with her family and has had no problems with it.

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