

weekend ● traveler

Had enough of heading to the mall for your weekend getaway? **We've got the cure. All you need is half a tank of gas, a few hours, a pair of sunglasses, and you're in another world.** by Jennifer Taylor



Royalty Descends Upon Dayton

PHOTO BY MARIO TESTINO

Who couldn't use a good fairy tale now and then? The world had one in 1981, when Diana Spencer wed the Prince of Wales in her breathtaking ivory-taffeta gown and 25-foot train. You can see the actual gown at **"Diana, A Celebration,"** a worldwide exhibit making its final U.S. stop at The **Dayton Art Institute**. View the late princess's life from nearly 150 objects including designer dresses, heirlooms, mementos and childhood home movies. Nearly every-

one knows the beginning of Diana's public life, as well as the tragic end, but this exhibit helps fill in the rest.

If you'd like to explore a bit of Dayton while you're there, head over to the historic Oregon District, an area known for its eclectic dining and nightlife. Café Boulevard serves up European cuisine in a sidewalk-café atmosphere. On May 13, end your evening with a concert by Jupiter String Quartet, a prize-winning group at Dayton Art Institute.

"Diana, A Celebration" runs through June 11. Tickets: adults \$18.50; seniors 60+ \$16.50; students 19+ with ID \$16.50; youth 7-18 \$9.50; children 6 and under free. The Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North. Open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays until 8 p.m.; 800/296-4426, daytonartinstitute.org.

Café Boulevard,
329 E. Fifth St.; 937/824-2722. Reservations recommended.

Jupiter String Quartet
(May 13), Dayton Art Institute, NCR Renaissance Auditorium. 8 p.m. Adults, \$20; students, \$12; 937/434-6902.

Hidden Gems in West Virginia

This Memorial Day weekend, travel to the artistic community of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., for the bi-annual **Berkeley Springs Studio Tour & Art Sale**, which includes 18 studios and 26 exhibiting artists. See artwork from several of the studios, including Hsu Studios, Heath Studio Gallery and Frog Valley Artisans, all of which have been juried in the prestigious Tamarack a nationally-recognized art and retail space. You will experience different types of work on display from fiber art, to textiles, to letterpress printing. An opening reception at the beginning of the weekend kicks off the event in the stunning Berkeley Castle with appetizers and displays of artists' works.



Baskets by James Eaves
Landscape by Kit Patten
Mosaic by Ellen Gould

Berkeley Springs Studio Tour & Art Sale. The opening reception will be held Fri., May 26, 6:30-9 p.m. at Berkeley Castle. Limited parking. Visitors encouraged to take shuttle van from Tari's Café to the Castle, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Studios open May 27-29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The tour is free. For information, call 800/447-3797 or go to berkeley Springsstudiotour.org.

