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ROAD RALLY 2017: RIVER-TO-RIVER IN INDIANA

Our first-ever Road Rally goes from the Ohio River to the St Marys River through the heart of Indiana.

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If you start naming great stories, you'll quickly be talking about road trips. Chaucer. Kerouac. Eat, Pray, Love. The Griswold family. You can't beat a heroic journey focused on a distant goal and seasoned with a few obstacles and quirky travel companions.

Our staff started jonesing for all of that during a planning meeting a few months ago. So on the spot, we declared a plan for the first-ever Midwest Living Road Rally. We got busy choosing the perfect dashboard bobblehead and arguing over playlists.

Then we started wondering where to actually do this. What if—to add a little drama—someone else got to decide? The word went out: We're packed up and ready to go. Who has a good route?

It wasn't long before the Visit Indiana team won us over with a convincing case for showing off a few corners of Hoosierland that we may have missed. So we made them an official partner and set the date for May's Visit Indiana week. And in the tradition of all true heroes embarking on a quest, we filled the cooler with ice and headed for a town called Jeffersonville.

GRAIN TO GLASS



Nobody does roots like **Huber's Orchard, Winery and Vineyards**. Seven generations in, the family still works its homestead near Starlight, reimagining the business as times demand. Today, the farm draws 600,000 visitors each year for U-pick produce, wine tastings and events. Plus, it offers a line of spirits from its Starlight Distillery. On tours, Ted Huber provides a fast course in the details of grain, charred oak barrels and the distillery's steampunk valves and pipes. In Aging Barn No. 1, he pops a bourbon barrel's plug and draws a sample. The Hubers pride themselves on what they call "grain to glass," which means keeping every step of production on their property.

"Whether it's corn in the field or bourbon in the barrel, it's bourbon to us," Ted says.

