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The 50 Best Spring Weekend Getaways: Mini Vacation Destinations Worth Exploring

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20. Memphis, TN

Why the South: This Southern city—where the blues music scene got its start and BBQ still reigns supreme—turns 200 this year, and there's a ton going on to celebrate, like the [Rajun Cajun Crawfish Festival](#), [Harbor Town Crawfish Festival](#), and [Bacon & Bourbon Festival](#); as well as the [Beale Street Music Festival](#) and the annual Memphis in May celebration.

Where to stay: Along the banks of the Mississippi River sits Big Cypress Lodge, a hotel tucked inside a 32-story pyramid (yes, seriously). The 103 rooms and suites resemble vintage duck cabins, treehouses, and even fly-fishing lodges, and overlook the vast Cypress Swamp. Take the the country's tallest freestanding elevator to the top of the Pyramid for a view of the river and city skyline.