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## ILLINOIS MADE SOLAR ECLIPSE TRIP IDEAS

Southern Illinois is *the* place to witness the total solar eclipse this August. Experience the best of southern Illinois with Illinois Made trip ideas. Taste local flavors. Encounter hidden gems. And discover the real Illinois.

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## MAKANDA

Big things are happening in the tiny town of Makanda. Located near the Shawnee National Forest, this sleepy town of 500 has been designated by NASA as the place to experience the longest duration of the solar eclipse: 2 minutes and 41.6 seconds.

## CARBONDALE

Experience history in action when NASA and Southern Illinois University join forces in Carbondale, Illinois, for an eclipse viewing event to be streamed live around the world.

### 1. SIP BEFORE THE ECLIPSE

Experience the best regional Illinois flavors from these southernmost Illinois wine, cider and beer makers.

#### Alto Vineyards Winery & Tasting Room, Alto Pass

Founded on blind ambition and an expert knowledge of winemaking and cultivation, experience a 30-year legacy of delicious wines from the hills of Southern Illinois.

#### Apple Knocker Hard Cider, Cobden

This craft cider house partners with century-old local orchards to grow the highest quality apples for their ciders.

#### Scratch Brewing Company, Ava

Like a little elderberry or Illinois dandelion in your drink? You're in luck. Located just five miles from the Shawnee National Forest, Scratch Brewing Company focuses on farmhouse beers brewed with home-grown and locally farmed ingredients.

### 2. SAVOR THE SOUTH

Locally-sourced dinner, craft drinks and handmade cheeses? Yes please.

#### St. Nicholas Brewing Co., DuQuoin

One of Illinois' brewpub greats, this historic hotel turned locally-sourced brewery offers weekly beer menus showcasing the flavors of the region. They also really like bikes.

#### Marcoot Jersey Creamery, Greenville

Originally founded in the 1850s, this family-owned dairy farm is known for crafting the highest-quality artisan and farmstead cheeses from their herd of Jersey cows.

#### Firefly Grill, Effingham

With a kitchen designed to experience all the love and hard work that goes into each dish, Firefly Grill offers a unique dining experience, complete with an organic garden that supplies the majority of its dishes.

### 3. BEST OF THE WEST

Grab a post-eclipse drink and some handcrafted souvenirs from these Illinois artisans along the Mighty Mississippi.

#### Old Bakery Beer Company, Alton

This craft brewery started as a bakery way back in the 1800s. Today, the region's only 100% certified organic craft brewery combines tasty seasonal food with local brews and beautiful views of the Mississippi River.

#### Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton

In this classic pottery studio, functional stoneware shares shelf space with decorative clay art that re-imagines pottery with inspired levels of creativity and originality.

#### David Stine Woodworking, Dow

Using construction techniques that rely on his artistry, David Stine creates handmade, customized pieces- from coffee tables and desks to dressers and beds - with every piece of wood sourced directly from the woodland surrounding his property.

