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36 Hours In 150 Places, from Taschen and the New York Times

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Good news for travel-story hoarders: You can finally get rid of the yellowing old stack of 36 Hours stories you've clipped from the *New York Times* Travel section over the years. The Grey Lady and Taschen have joined forces to publish the [The New York Times 36 Hours: 150 Weekends in the USA & Canada](#), just in time for holiday gift giving. A hefty yet elegant collection of some of the paper's 36 Hours columns, its form is like that

of a research book—dictionary-sized, with colored side tabs directing you to its regional sections (The Northeast, The South, The Midwest, The Southwest, The West), various indexes (“Active Outdoors,” “Nature’s Grandeur,” “History”), and four colored ribbons within its pages for place saving. But its function is two-fold: planning tool *and* beautifully photographed coffee-table book. It’s edited by former *Times* travel editor Barbara Ireland, and has nearly 100 contributors (including [David Carr](#), [Sam](#) 36 Hours column debuted in 2002 and became an “immediate hit,” Ireland writes in her foreword. “Whether it is serving as a guide for actual exploring or as a vision to dream on, 36 Hours differs from much traditional travel writing in this vital respect: rather than recounting a trip the writer took, it offers up a trip the reader can take.” Among the 150 destinations given the classic “36 Hours in...” treatment are places like New York City, Raleigh-Durham, New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Santa Monica, Seattle, Vancouver, Montreal, Austin and Chicago; resort spots including Provincetown, Martha’s Vineyard, Key West, Whistler and Napa Valley; and more honed-in landings such as Cuban Miami, Chicago by Water and the Mission, San Francisco. Next up from Taschen and *The New York Times*? The 36 Hours Europe book, currently being edited. [The New York Times 36 Hours: 150 Weekends in the USA & Canada \(Taschen, \\$39.99\).](#)

