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THE NEW **CRUISING**

*An A-to-Z guide to setting sail,
from amazing ships to exotic ports*



MEMBER SAVINGS

Discounts on Medicine,
Glasses & More

LOCAL TRIPS

Outdoor Getaways
to Welcome Spring

HOME INSURANCE

Hidden Dangers in
Your Backyard

Get Up and Go!

Ways to enjoy Georgia this season.



3 OF THE BEST ...

Community Quirks

PERRY The 10th annual **Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale**, March 14-15, runs for 200 miles along U.S. Highway 341, southeast to Brunswick. Along the way, residents are happy to talk about their hometowns as they thin out their belongings. peachestothebeaches.com

DARIEN The city's biggest industry, shrimping, enters the spotlight during the **Blessing of the Fleet**, April 13. The parade of shrimp trawlers culminates with boats receiving glad tidings for the coming year. blessingofthefleet.com

ASHBURN Biting insects are not actually welcome at the annual **Fire Ant Festival** (below), March 28-29. The festival features crafts, music, contests and cookoffs with light-hearted touches. fireantfestival.com



DON'T MISS ...

From Rolls-Royce to MG, the United Kingdom has its share of iconic automobiles. The **Great British Car Fayre** brings them together March 29 in Alpharetta. A highlight: the original Lotus Esprit from *The Spy Who Loved Me*, as driven by James Bond (Roger Moore, right). awesomealpharetta.com



WE LOVE ...

Barbecue

THOMASTON Dozens of competitive cooking teams apply creative touches to their succulent offerings during **Smoke on the Water**, April 4-5. sotwfestival.com

CORNELIA Sample ribs, pulled pork, beef brisket and chicken at the **Apple Blossom BBQ Festival**, April 18-19, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society. explorecornelia.com

BARNESVILLE It drew the attention of TV's **BBQ Pitmasters** last year, but the **BBQ & Blues Festival**, April 24-26, still has a small-town feel, thanks to its car shows and more. barnesville.org

FESTIVAL FOCUS ...

Welcome the arrival of spring at the Conyers **Cherry Blossom Festival**, March 22-23. This celebration of the pink bloom fosters cultural awareness with international food, music, crafts and more. conyerscherryblossomfest.com

ON COURSE ...

In addition to its renowned concert series, the **Savannah Music Festival**, March 20-April 5, features workshops and seminars for rising performers in the jazz, classical and acoustic genres. savannahmusicfestival.org



MADE IN GEORGIA

Rocking chairs

As his barrel business began to fail in 1875, James Remley Brumby started looking for a new way to work with wood. With a \$25 hand lathe, Brumby turned his Marietta company into a producer of a furniture icon—the rocking chair. Today, rockers from **The Brumby Chair Co.** are collectibles, found in parlors and on front porches across the country (including the White House at one time). Factory tours are available, and chairs can be custom-ordered. brumbyrocker.com



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PHILIP HALL/PHOTOFEST; PHILIP HALL/PHOTOFEST; GREG HALL/PHOTOFEST; KEVIN MAZUR/GETTY IMAGES; THE BRUMBY CHAIR CO.; DEBRA S. LINDEN/GETTY IMAGES