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Frommer's Best Places to Go in 2023

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What's travel without a little turbulence, right? Tourism's big return following the easing of Covid restrictions has been bumpier than we all hoped, thanks to understaffed airports, high gas prices, and other global woes.

But while the skies still haven't entirely cleared, it's not impossible to find silver linings. For one thing, borders have reopened pretty much everywhere. For another, the strong U.S. dollar means American vacationers will find more affordable prices in Europe, Japan, Mexico, India, and beyond.



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Macon, Georgia

The central Georgia city of **Macon** is commemorating its bicentennial in 2023. But one of the top attractions goes back much further than 200 years.

Ocmulgee Mounds, a collection of ancient earthworks, sits on land that was inhabited by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for millennia. The site **could soon be designated** Georgia's first national park.

In more recent centuries, Macon has produced an impressive roster of musical hitmakers who are honored at spots such as the **Otis Redding Museum** and the **Big House Museum** preserving where the Allman Brothers Band lived in the early 1970s. Current artists can contribute to that musical legacy at the city's new **10,000-seat amphitheater**, due to be finished in summer.

Macon's revitalized downtown district buzzes with dozens of restaurants, shops, and new places to stay such as **Hotel Forty Five**, housed in an angular former office building, and the **Woodward Hotel** near the historic Hargray Capitol Theatre. Keep an eye out for movie stars around town—Macon's picturesque streets and Georgia's thriving film industry make this a popular backdrop for on-location shoots. —*Zac Thompson*

Pictured above: downtown Macon during the springtime cherry blossom festival