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## Cool Times, Warm Weekends

(NAPSA)—A recent survey found 65 percent of Americans spend the weekend working, running errands or watching TV. For those looking for a little more, there are ways to get off the couch and see America.



**Pack your bags to more than 1,000 “drive to” weekends available online.**

For instance, Hampton Inn hotels has a “weekends-only” planning calendar with more than 1,000 activities for those who want a quick escape. Festivals and activities are sorted by month, region and special interest—from watermelon seed spitting contests to hot air balloon races.

The site also offers online bookers the opportunity to “pack” a virtual suitcase of fun vacation items and win them with a dream weekend getaway. Prizes include a portable DVD player, digital camcorder, portable video game system with game pack, GPS/mapping system, luggage set, deluxe golf bag, mountain bike, and the weekend getaway of your choice.

The calendar is free to use at [www.hamptoninnweekends.com](http://www.hamptoninnweekends.com).