





aybe you've laughed at the idea of a "stay-cation" when you've heard mention of the concept in the past, but allow me to present to you a few scenarios as to why a stay-cation just might be the most logical option for getting away...

-As a member of the Sandwich Generation, you might be on-call as a caregiver to an aging or ailing parent. The idea of planning a week-long cruise or a trip over a sea is just not practical at this time.

-You have a house full of busy teens, and all of the expenses that go along with having a house full of busy teens, so a family vacation just isn't in the budget this year.

-You are soon celebrating your 25th anniversary, and you realize it's been 25 years since you and your spouse spent time away alone.

-You never take the time to enjoy the best that Kansas City has to offer because it is, after all, in your own backyard. What's special about *that*?

Now, please allow me to take a few paragraphs to entice you to book a Kansas City staycation before the year is up.

Start with a night—or two if you can swing it, but one will work just fine.

Once you find a weekend that works for you and your sweetie, pick a hotel and the go

to the VisitKC website to see what's going on downtown that evening.

Buy tickets to a show or plan to see an exhibit, and make reservations to dine at a restaurant you've not yet tried. (On this point, I must hold firm. If you dine at your favorite go-to Plaza or Downtown KC restaurant, this isn't going to feel like the vacation I am suggesting.)

And I must highly recommend the Hotel Sorella. It's new, posh, hip and doesn't feel like a dozen other downtown Kansas City hotels. It's a quick walk to all that loveliness the Plaza has to offer, and the rooftop view dining at Rosso is divine! (Generous

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portions, top-notch service, and really great food.) And if awards are something you Google for regularly, you'll quickly learn that Hotel Sorella was named, for the second year in a row, as a top hotel in Kansas City and Missouri by U.S. News and World Report.

If you decide to sneak away during the summer, you will love their rooftop pool. No matter the season, guests enjoy a complementary European breakfast.

Spend the afternoon walking around and window shopping the Plaza and schedule a test-drive at the Plaza's Tesla dealership. Whether you strive to own one of these battery powered cars of the future or not, taking a self-driving car down 71 Highway will definitely give you a great cocktail party conversation for months to come.

Enjoy your stay-cation—I sure did!



