THE INTROVERT'S GUIDE TO

Indianapolis

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HEY, I'M JESSA

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The only thing I love more than handing the keys to my clients on the home they've worked so hard for is convincing everyone Indianapolis is the BEST, especially if you're an introvert like me! This guide is everything I would talk to you about over coffee if you were like, "You say I can still enjoy Indy even if I don't like crowds or small talk. Prove it."

Enjoy! Jessa

FOR WHEN YOU NEED SOME FRESH AIR

Parks, trails, and outdoor escapes

HOLLIDAY PARK

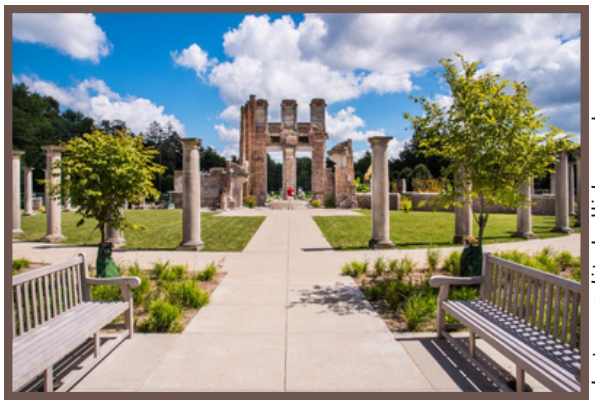


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Wooded trails, nature, and a little bit of history. Plus, access to the park and nature center are free.

FT. HARRISON STATE PARK

Boasting one of the biggest sledding hills in Indy, this former military facility has outdoor activities year-round.



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DOWNTOWN CANAL WALK



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Green space and water in the heart of the city and cultural attractions along the way.

FOR WHEN YOU NEED A QUIET CORNER

coffee shops, bookstores, and places to browse









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- EPIC COFFEE - one of my personal favorite small, locally owned coffee shops in Carmel
- GOLDEN HOUR BOOKS - events for writing, journaling, stationery, and of course reading and just enjoying your time solo
- BOOKS & BREWS - purchase a pint and a paperback all in the same place.
- THE WHISPERING SHELF - their tag line: “Find a book. Stay a while.”

FOR WHEN YOU NEED GOOD FOOD WITHOUT THE FUSS

casual dining and local bites

THE GARAGE FOOD HALL

This is a place you won't stand out solo, plenty of options, plenty of seating, and plenty of people watching. Visit often to enjoy seasonal menus and new offerings.



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MUG 'N BUN

A Speedway icon for 50 years, this is an introvert's dream. Pull up, roll your window down, and order your food! What better way to enjoy Speed City than having a meal in your car?

YATS

Originating in Broad Ripple, this local cajun creole chain has locations all around Indy. The way they operate: "No waiters, no tablecloths. Simple and easy, just the way we like it."



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FOR WHEN YOU NEED A HIDDEN GEM

A GOOD SWEAT



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FOUNDATIONS STUDIO

In the heart of Nora & North Indy and owned by the same people who teach the classes. They offer solo, small groups, real attention, and a mix of classical and contemporary Pilates.

A CUSTOM EXPERIENCE



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UNPLUG SOY CANDLES

Owned by wife and husband duo, Jennifer & Joe, Unplug offers personal candle pouring experiences, pop-up shopping with local vendors, and a variety of beautiful gifts and trinkets for the home.

YEAR-ROUND PRODUCE & MORE



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SOBRO FARMERS MARKET

The largest farmers market in Indiana is open year-round and offers the freshest, tastiest food of the season. There is also always live music, breakfast food & drinks, and seating if you need a break from shopping!

FOR WHEN YOU NEED TO JUST STAY IN

For the nights when staying in sounds better than going out, here's a little Indiana-inspired watchlist. Get cozy, press play, and enjoy a familiar—or maybe new—side of the place you call home.

ACTUALLY INDY

The Fault in Our Stars (Disney+)

Good Bones (HBO Max)

The Upshaws (Netflix)

Going All the Way (Prime Video)



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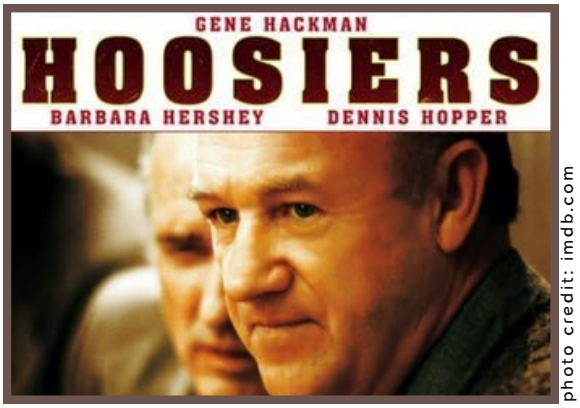


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PEAK INDIANA

Hoosiers (Prime Video)

Breaking Away

Rudy (Starz)

INDIANA, ACCORDING TO HOLLYWOOD

A Christmas Story

Stranger Things (Netflix)

Parks & Recreation (Peacock)

The Middle (Peacock)



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FOR WHEN YOU'RE READY TO EXPLORE

a bucket list

- [ ] Visit the iconic Robert Indiana LOVE sculpture at Newfields
- [ ] Perfect the art of making a good cup of tea
- [ ] Explore a nearby town like you're a tourist visiting for the first time (maybe you are!)
- [ ] Attend a Fever Game
- [ ] Decorate your home for an unusual holiday (everyone decorates for the usuals, but what about Arbor Day?)
- [ ] Attend a concert at David's Vineyard
- [ ] Visit a museum: The Eiteljorg, The Indiana State Museum, or the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library
- [ ] Get yourself a hot glazed donut from Long's Bakery
- [ ] Pork Tenderloin is an iconic Indiana dish - track down the best version
- [ ] Pick a trail and go somewhere new without getting in your car
- [ ] Spend an afternoon doing exactly what you want

FOR WHEN YOU'RE READY TO PUT DOWN ROOTS

BROAD RIPPLE: FOR WHEN YOU WANT TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL

The Monon Trail, Holliday Park, the White River, and some of the best local dining in the city, all accessible, none of it requiring you to be "on." You can have a full Saturday here without talking to a single person. That's the sweet spot.



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NORA: FOR WHEN YOU WANT THE VIBE WITHOUT THE FOOT TRAFFIC

All the northside access with a quieter, more settled feel. The birthplace of the same Monon Trail, same local dining, but with room to breathe. Less scene, more neighborhood.

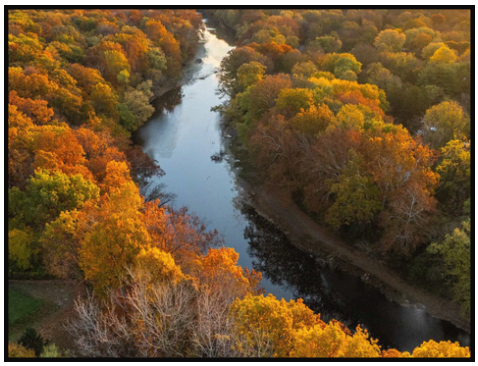


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FORT BEN, LAWRENCE: INDY'S BEST KEPT SECRET

A state park inside city limits. Real history, real diversity, real nature. I grew up here and it's still one of the most underrated places in Indianapolis. For the introvert who wants space without leaving the city, Fort Ben delivers.



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SUNBLEST, FISHERS: WHERE INTROVERTS ACTUALLY STAY

I moved to Fishers with my family in Middle School and live here now, in Sunblest, recognized as the first neighborhood in the city. Home to it’s own Nickel Plate Trail and the kind of streets where neighbors know each other but respect each other's space. Fishers is consistently named one of the best cities to live in the country, and I'd agree.



photo credit: Fishers Parks Department

FOR WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE WHO GETS IT



YAPPING AND SMALL TALK

I'm not going to small talk you to death. Yes, I want to get to know you. So, I'll ask about pets, your family, your hobbies...but all of that is to help me understand your interests and needs when it comes to a home. So don't stress about keeping the convo going when we get together. Leave it to me!



WHERE AND HOW WE MEET

My goal is to make sure it is as easy as possible to connect with me, especially for our first convo. If that means you log on to Zoom while you finish getting ready to go to work, let's do it! If you want to show off your favorite coffee shop, I'm in! Your comfort and ease are my top priority.



NEED SOME TIME?

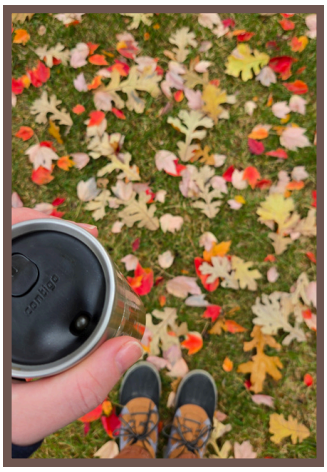
Sometimes, buying and selling homes can come with a lot of pressure and deadlines. Personally, I know I need time and space to consider all the factors when I'm making a BIG decision. I want you to have that, too. I won't rush you unless the situation calls for speed. I'll also make sure you have the tools and information to make the best decision.

Before you go...

ABOUT ME



I'm Jessa, your go-to real estate girl in Indianapolis.



I love selling houses, but I also love all things fall and a hot cup of coffee in the morning (yes, even in the summer)!

My ideal weekend includes snuggles with my dog, Nellie, playing games on my Nintendo Switch, and spending time outside in nature.



A hill I'll die on: social media is meant to be SOCIAL, not salesy, so I share a lot of behind the scenes on IG @jessatrealty.





I'm obsessed with Indianapolis and all things home and local. I grew up here!

If you see me around town, please say hey! Unless you don't want to, of course, because, you know, #introvertlife.