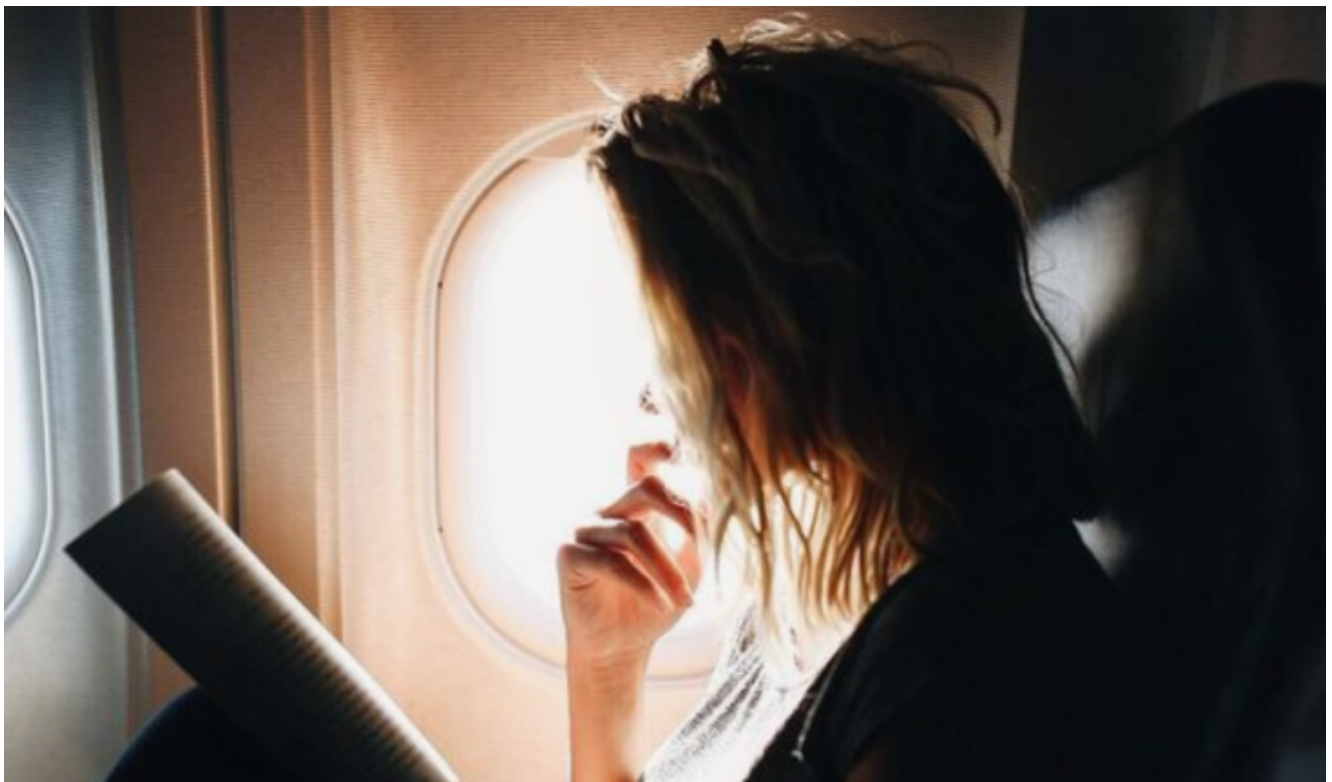


# Travel Tips During the Pandemic: Is Flying on an Airplane Safe?



By Diana Iscenko

The world is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though cases in the United States are still rising in some areas, many states are reopening in phases. The threat of getting sick is still real, so many businesses are open with new social distancing measures in place to prevent the spread of the virus. This combined with the summer weather has caused many people to want to travel again.

So, is it safe to [travel](#) on an airplane right now? The CDC warns against making unnecessary trips anywhere, including on

airplanes. Air travel includes the time spent in security lines and airport terminals, both of which can bring you in close contact with people and frequently touched surfaces. Social distancing can be impossible on crowded flights, so you may be stuck within six feet of someone for hours at a time.

That said, if you need to get into a plane for a necessary trip—or if you're otherwise willing to take the risk—there are ways to travel as safely as possible.

## **Whether you're taking a mandatory trip or hitting a vacation destination, here are three travel tips for flying during the pandemic:**

### **1. Pick Your Airline Carefully**

Many airlines have implemented new safety requirements to lower the risk of staff and passengers being exposed to the virus. These policies vary from company to company, so it's crucial to research your airline's procedures before booking a flight. Most airlines are requiring everyone to wear face masks. Others are flying at half capacity, increasing the frequency of cleaning procedures or conducting temperature checks before allowing anyone on their airplanes. Airlines are being transparent about their requirements so you can fly on an airplane where you feel as safe as possible.

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### **2. Masks and Sanitizers are Your Friends**

You should be wearing a face mask the entire time you're

traveling, regardless of what the airport or airline recommends. It's also important to bring hand sanitizer and wipes to keep your hands clean and to sanitize the surfaces you'll be touching throughout the flight. If possible, skip using the bathroom while flying. You'll expose yourself to more germs walking to the bathroom and touching the surfaces while in there. If the flight has unassigned seats, try to sit by the window so you'll have less contact with those walking down the aisle.

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### **3. Self-Quarantine at Your New Location**

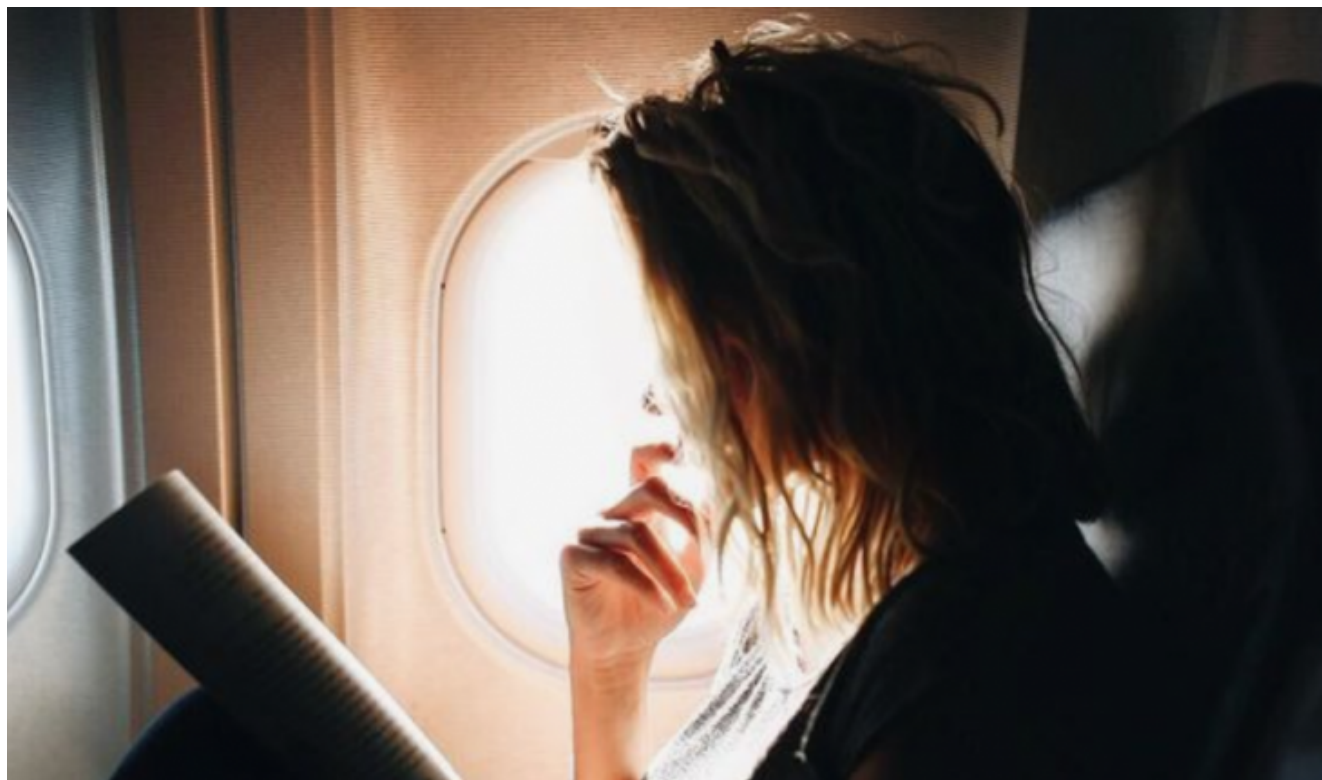
Traveling from city to city and state to state brings you into contact with countless people. You should self-quarantine for two weeks after your arrival if possible to make sure you didn't catch COVID-19 and won't get anyone else sick. This should be easy for those making necessary trips—like moving into a new home in a different city—but it's not great news for those looking to vacation. This is something you have to consider if you want to book a trip. Are you willing to take the necessary health precautions, even if it means sitting in a hotel room for two weeks?

**Would you be comfortable with flying on an airplane right now? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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# **Travel Tips During the**

# Pandemic: Should We Cancel Summer Travel Plans?



By Alycia Williams

Vacations are typically booked a year or more in advance, but no one could have predicted the COVID-19 outbreak. Since new developments in the pandemic are happening every day, it's hard to say whether those travel plans that you booked over a year ago should be cancelled or not. If you need some [travel advice](#) when it comes to traveling during these confusing times, then you're in the right place.

## Check out some travel tips for

# getting out of town during the pandemic.

**1. Clean your hands often:** Although you should be washing your hands often even if your aren't traveling, it's important to constantly wash your hands when you're out and about. Try to get to a sink to wash your hands with soap every hour or two.

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**2. Anticipate your needs:** Bring enough medicine for your whole trip, pack a lot of hand sanitizer, include a cloth face covering for when you are out in public places, pack non-perishable food and bottled water, and whatever else you might need during the trip. This will avoid a panic session while you're away from home and need something that you can't get.

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**3. Follow state and local travel restrictions:** While you are traveling, it is possible a state or local government may put into place travel restrictions, such as stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders, mandated quarantines upon arrival, or even state border closures. Plan to keep checking for updates as you travel.

**4. Use the restroom before the flight:** Try your best not to use any public bathrooms. Use the bathroom before you arrive at the airport and avoid using the bathroom on the flight, if possible. If you must use it, of course sanitize your hands immediately afterward.

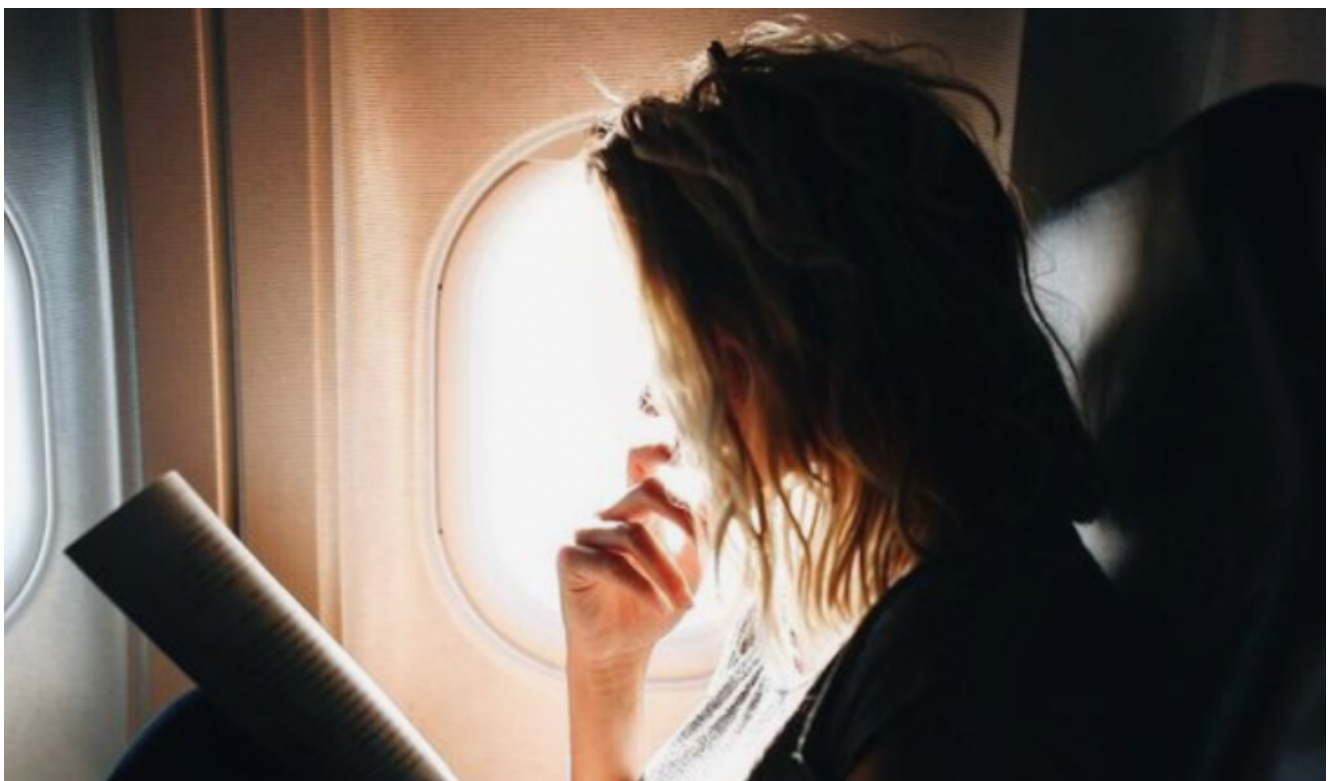
**5. Wipe the seat with **disinfectant wipes**:** At the airport while you're waiting for your flight, wipe down the seat at the gate, and then when you get on the plane, use another wipe to

sterilize the arm rest and the inside pocket of the seat in front of you, along with the seat/headrest and tray.

What are some other tips for traveling during the pandemic? Start a conversation in the comment below!

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## Travel Tips: 5 Gifts To Give Your Partner Before Your Next Vacation



Couples that [travel](#) together stay together! Agreed? Yes, No,



Maybe? Well, I can't agree more. I take frequent trips with my boyfriend and it only makes my bond stronger with him each time we are on the road together. Of course, I am the one who does all the planning, but he is sweet enough to gift me something before every trip.

## **Give your significant other any of these 5 gifts before a vacation for a sweet surprise**

The last time we traveled together, he got me [Salomon tactical boots](#) the night before we were scheduled to take the flight, and I just loved the gift. It's really cool and sweet to give your better-half something before you are ready to leave. It keeps the excitement going! So, I thought of sharing some cool ideas for travel gifts with you. Why not make your partner happy, today!

**1. Travel adapter:** The last thing you want on checking-in in a hotel is to realize you can't charge your phone or device because the room has a different type of plug point. So, why not gift your partner a universal travel adapter that covers every region in the world, and has USB ports too! The best part is – you, too, can use the travel adapter.

**2. Travel pillow:** We all have experienced that pain in the neck from sleeping in uncomfortable positions in the car or on flights. It's inevitable to fall asleep while you are on the road or in the air, and our neck pays for it later. Enter the world of travel pillow! Where you can place it around your neck so that the neck gets support around it, and you won't have to worry about it aching at the beginning of your trip.

**3. Travel kit:** A travel kit lets you stay organized while you are [on a vacation](#). The last thing you would want is to not find your things when you need them the most. After all,

vacationing is all about being away from stress. So, hurry up and order one for your better-half.

**4. Quick-Dry towel:** You have to own it to believe it's magic! A quick dry towel is a blessing when you are on the road. You know how it is to pack a wet towel in your bag. So, ditch those thick towels that take time to dry and make your bag heavy, and give your partner this quick dry towel. He/she is going to thank you a lot.

**5. Passport holder:** Cool passport holders are trending these days. Many couples get a pair of them customized for themselves to flaunt on their vacation. You, too, can buy two passport holders, get them customized, and give one to your better-half. You can write your names or print your favorite picture on them as well.

**Excited much? Well, look up the internet and order one gift right away. Don't wait for your next vacation to buy your partner a travel gift. You can thank me later!**

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## Travel Advice: Best Places to Spend New Years Eve







By [Meghan Khameraj](#)

2020 is right around the corner! Can you believe it? As we say goodbye to this decade, we welcome a new one full of adventures and opportunities. Avoid any holiday stress by using [travel tips](#) to ring in 2020 with a bang by spending New Year's Eve in these fun spots!

## **Excited to ring in the new decade? Cupid has some travel tips to help you start the decade off with a bang:**

The prospect of the new year can be a stressful, especially after all of the chaos that comes with celebrating the earlier holidays in the season. Don't stress though! Cupid has some great [travel advice](#) to help you find a fun place to celebrate the new year and new decade:

- 1. New York City:** If you want to be in the center of the

action, then NYC is the place to be! With its iconic ball drop in Times Square, there is no doubt that New York City is the number one place to spend the holiday. If you aren't a big fan of crowds (the celebration brings millions to the five-block strip), do not fear! The other New York City boroughs such as Queens and Brooklyn offer less intense activities such as a view of the firework show and warehouse parties.

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**2. London:** If you're looking for a big city that is \*slightly\* less hectic than New York, London is your best bet! There are many festive celebrations happening around the city such as watching fireworks from the London Eye or relaxing on a boat cruise down the Thames River. If you're from the USA, you'll get to celebrate the new year a few hours earlier. You can totally brag to your friends that you're technically in the future!

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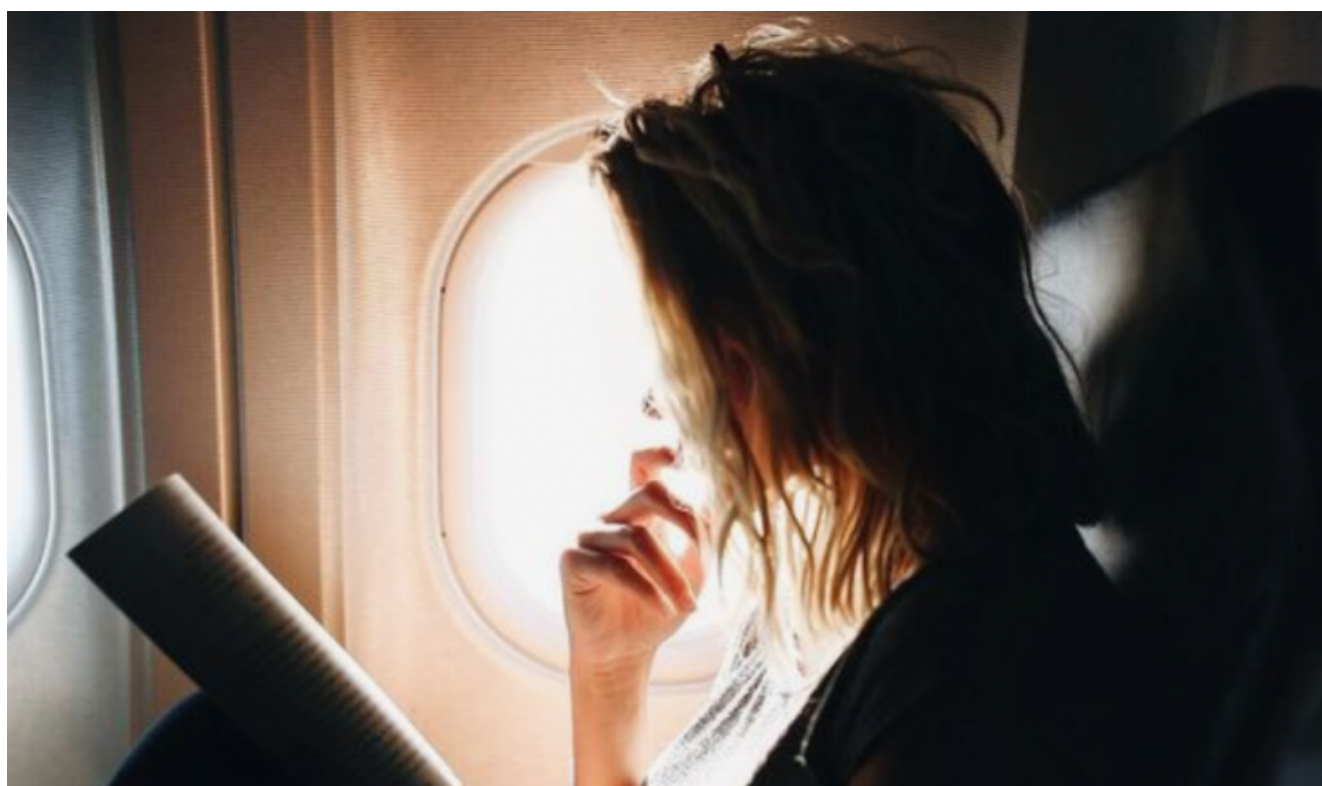
**3. The Poconos:** If big cities aren't your thing, cozying up in a warm cabin might be your ideal way to spend the holiday! You can escape your busy life by renting a cabin or cottage online. There are options for hiking, camping, and much more to help you get in touch with nature for the new decade!

**4. Disney World:** Who said Disney is only for kids? Ring in the new year with magical fireworks and your favorite characters! The park stays open extra late on the holiday so you can get the best experience possible. They have such great dining and drinks that you won't even realize you're in a theme park.

**Where do you plan on ringing in the new decade? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Travel Tips: 6 Best Spots for Fall Foliage



By [Emily Green](#)

We are officially in the thick of the fall season, and what could be better than taking in nature and the beautiful fall foliage all around? While not every place around the globe has the best fall foliage, there are so many places where you and your friends or significant other can spend some time and check out nature and all it has to offer. Check out some of these [vacation destinations](#) that will be sure to keep you in the fall mood:

# If you're looking for great places for fall foliage, look no further! Check out these [travel tips](#) on where to find the best fall foliage this season:

Taking a trip to see some fall foliage is the perfect weekend getaway with friends or loved ones! Whether in the mountains or in the suburbs, nothing can beat those beautiful fall colors. Check out some of Cupid's favorite spots for fall foliage:

**1. New York City:** Despite the fact that the city goes on for miles, the sky high views the city provides gives us beautiful views of the nature in the city, Long Island and the Hudson Valley. Views from the Empire State Building will give you picturesque scenes that you will want to remember for a lifetime.

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**2. The Catskill Mountains:** If you're looking to hike through beautiful fall scenery, the Catskill Mountains is the place for you. With numerous trails, some leading to high cascading waterfalls, you'll be able to see amazing views of the Hudson Valley all around you, no matter where you go.

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**3. Albany, New York:** Upstate New York is full of beautiful scenery, many instances of which can be found in Albany. The Empire State Plaza in Albany is a perfect place to find great views of the Helderbergs and Catskills, with views from the observation deck at the 42-story Corning Tower. The views will

be sure to take your breath away, and leave you wanting to come back for more!

**4. The Adirondacks:** Full of many forests with beautiful hiking trails, the Adirondacks is a wonderful place to take beautiful fall photos with your friends or significant other. Whether there for just a day or a weekend trip, there are numerous places to enjoy picturesque fall foliage you cannot find anywhere else.

**5. Bear Mountain, New York:** This state park has some of the most beautiful fall foliage that's within a close distance to the city. Driving through the park, one can find the beautiful red tipped trees that will be sure to relax you and get ready for the rest of the fall season.

**6. Planting Fields Arboretum:** If you're looking for a great day trip to see fall foliage, the Planting Fields Arboretum in Nassau County, New York is the perfect place. A 400-acre state historical park with rolling hills, amazing gardens, nature walks and much more, the Planting Fields Arboretum is a great place to get into the fall season.

**What are some other great places to find fall foliage? Let us know in the comments below!**

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**Travel Tips: The World's Most Festive Locations to Celebrate Christmas**



By [Ahjané Forbes](#)

Christmas is right around the corner, and it can be stressful planning a trip for this holiday. Here are some options for the prefect [vacation destination](#).

**If you're on the nice list, you deserve a treat this holiday. Here are some travel tips for places you should visit to spread some holiday joy:**

**1. Leavenworth, Washington:** If you want to imagine you live in the snow globe of your childhood, then Washington is the place to be. This is a great area to visit with some friends. The



state has mountains that get covered in snow every year. The streets are lit with lights, and the community is very festive with Christmas caroling and other activities. You can also go to in the local gazebo, indulge in some sledding, and go on sleigh rides.

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**2. Santa Claus, Indiana:** "America's Christmas Hometown" is a great destination for the kids. You can go to Santa's house and enjoy the fun. Reindeer, chestnuts, and Santa's post office are all available on this trip. Your child can send a letter to Mr. Claus, and they will get an answer back!

**3. New York, New York:** The city that never sleeps has a lot of activities for couples. From Christmas to New Year's Eve, you and your partner can enjoy this holiday. There are tree lighting ceremonies, carriage rides through Central Park, and of course, the Macy's Day Parade. Many couples like to stay in the Big Apple until New Year's Eve to ring in the new year with a kiss.

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**4. Montego Bay, Jamaica:** This parish is easy to get to because it has an airport. Although there will not be a reindeer in sight, you and your friends will be able to have lots of fun. You can swim with dolphins or sting rays, go snorkeling, play dominoes, swim in the pool, or golf, while also visiting nearby parishes. The country has beautiful beaches and delicious food. Tourists often like to go to Dunn's River where they are able to climb up the natural waterfall. Many of the resorts offer packages for groups that include many day trips.

**5. Nassau, Bahamas:** Santa might not be on this tropical island, but the kids won't mind. The white sand beaches will distract them when they're making sand castles and swimming in

the clear blue water. If you feel that your child may lose some classroom engagement while they're on the trip; Nassau has some activities that will keep them up to speed. Pirates of Nassau is a museum that displays the life of the most notorious pirates. The museum has activities for both genders and tells you the history of a famous pirate named Blackbeard.

**6. Kauai, Hawaii:** You both can get your alone time for an affordable price during the holiday. Although the island is known for its volcanoes and culture, there are some great spots where you and your partner can get cozy. Hanalei Bay is a great place to enjoy each other's company. You can go paddle boarding or for a swim in the sea. The nearby resort offers surfboarding lessons, food tours and sightseeing. There's also a hike trail that will test your ability to work together.

**Where do you want to go to this Christmas? Let us know in the comments below!**

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## **Travel Trend: Celebrate Halloween With a Special Trip**





By [Emily Green](#)

Halloween is a time for kids to indulge in sugar cravings, and for adults to sit back and relax, while still getting into the spooky spirit. If you don't have little ones to bring trick or treating this year, or don't feel like sitting at home to hand out candy to your neighbors, why not plan a trip and celebrate Halloween in style? Whether it's with your significant other or with a group of friends, these [vacation destinations](#) will be sure to get you in the Halloween spirit.

**Going on a trip to celebrate Halloween is a great up and coming travel trend. What are some great vacation destinations for this Halloween?**

Halloween doesn't have to be a holiday where you just sit at home. You deserve to head out on the town and have some fun!

Check out some of Cupid's favorite spots to celebrate Halloween:

**1. New Orleans, Louisiana:** From numerous haunted hotels to the "Krewe of Boo" parade, New Orleans is a city that will scare your socks off! Children can play spooky games at the museums, you can rock out at the annual Halloween Spooktacular family concert, or even take a ghost tour! The possibilities are endless in this delightfully spooky town.

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**2. Seattle, Washington:** This city has their own unique spin on Halloween – "Hilloween." This is where Capitol Hill houses an indoor carnival full of rides, games, haunted houses and so much more! Everyone will be able to find something at "Hilloween," no matter at what age.

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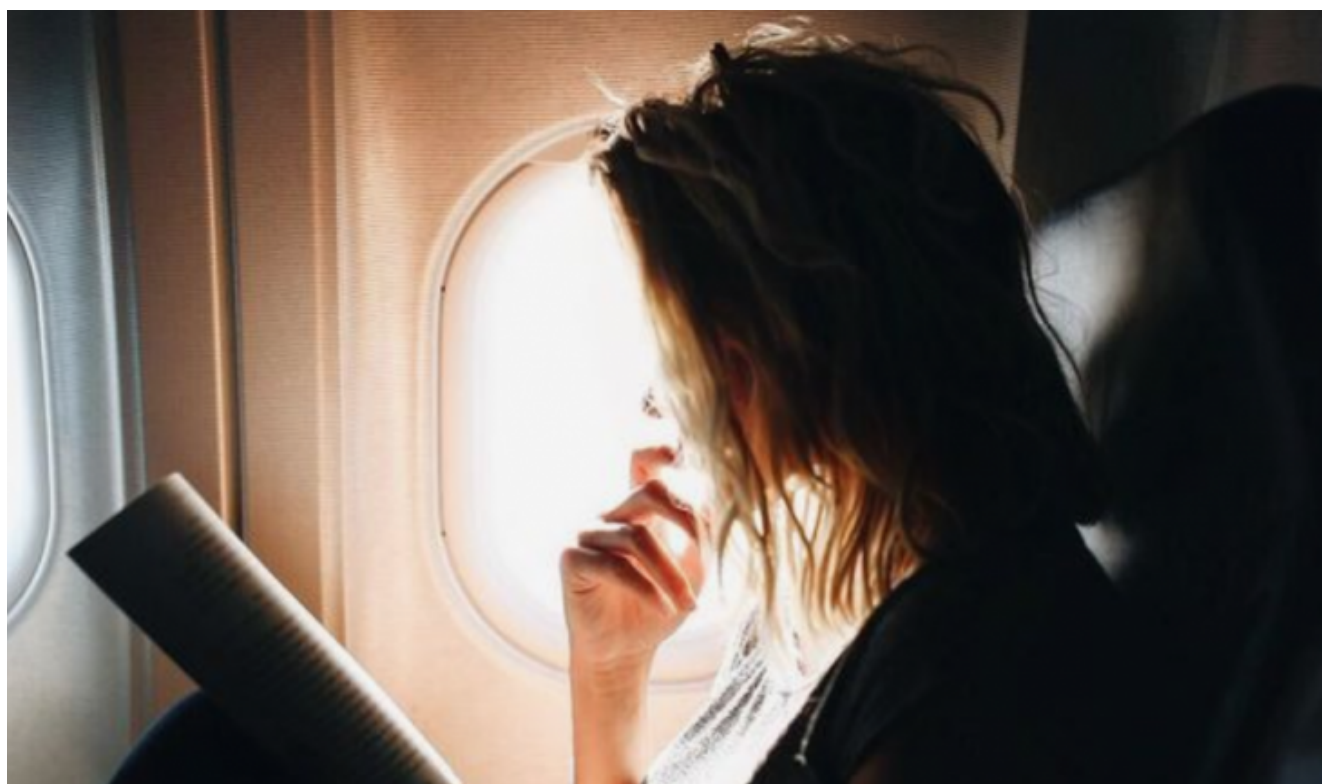
**3. Salem, Massachusetts:** The well-known setting of the historic Salem Witch Trials, this town has spookiness embedded into their history. While helping the townspeople and tourists understand the history of the Salem Witch Trials, the town also hosts an annual Halloween festival with many kid-friendly events like trick or treating and ghost tours.

**4. Williamsburg, Virginia:** Williamsburg takes part in the spooky festivities by hosting "A Haunting on DoG Street." A variety of ghost tours take place throughout Colonial Williamsburg, highlighting the history of the town while putting a haunting twist on the tale. Ghost tours not your thing? Don't worry! Busch Gardens' Howl-O-Scream event is right down the street and is full of fun rides, zombies, ghouls and other creatures that will be sure to give you a fright!

**What are some other great vacation destinations to celebrate Halloween? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Travel Trend: 6 Wellness Vacations You Need to Take Right Now



By Emily Green

Wellness vacations are a growing trend that is popping up all around the world. These [vacation destinations](#) tend to range from tropical, to exotic, to simply traveling to a new city. No matter the destination, these wellness vacations are sure to help improve your health, body and mind.

# Wellness vacations are a growing trend all around the world. What are six wellness vacations you should take right now?

If you've been feeling tired or run down, a wellness vacation is the perfect thing in which to indulge. A wellness vacation will help improve your overall health, no matter the issue. Here are Cupid's top six wellness vacations you should take right now:

**1. Mii amo, Sedona, Arizona:** In the beautiful mountains of Sedona, Arizona, Mii amo is an adobe and stone sanctuary within Enchantment Resort. Whether staying for three, four, or seven nights, you can indulge yourself with learning about chakras, sound healing, and much more around the beautiful red rocks of Sedona.

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**2. Six Senses Duxton, Singapore:** Six senses is a wellness resort that has locations in almost every part of the world. The Duxon location is a 49 room hotel that is full of colonial era European, Chinese and Malay influences. This resort offers an on-staff traditional Chinese doctor, who is be available for health tips, readings, and dispensing medicinal herbs.

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**3. Carillon Miami Wellness Resort, Miami Beach:** Even though Miami is typically a spot for partying, Miami Beach is home to great wellness resorts. The Carillon Miami Wellness Resort is in a secluded spot on the North Beach where guests can choose from more than 200 weekly wellness classes, a copious amount of cardio equipment, and several pools, all attended by numerous staff members including nutritionists and



acupuncturists.

**4. The American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin:** What is interesting about The American Club is that it was originally built for Kohler factory workers, but was transformed into a wellness resort in the 1980s. People who choose to stay at the resort can enjoy legendary water-inspired offerings, like the signature lavender rain therapy, which exfoliates and moisturizes the body.

**5. Amanyara, Turks & Caicos:** Surrounded by parkland on all sides, surfing, snorkeling and wildlife eco-hikes are common activities for those who stay at Amanyara. Within the resort, there are plenty of activities meant for families like facials, shiatsus, and many more spa treatments.

**6. Rosewood Phuket, Thailand:** Made up of 71 open villas and pavilions, this wellness resort is unlike any other. Guests can sign up for two-week wellness programs, from high-intensity boot camps to inner peace workshops.

**What are some other wellness vacations we should take? Let us know in the comments below!**

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## Travel Tips: Backpacking in Beautiful Vacation Spots





By [Katie Sotack](#)

Need a mental health break? Backpacking through the wilderness, Europe, or even a campsite nearby is an affordable way to explore outside of your usual day hiking. *Greenbelly* suggests it's best to decrease your pack's weight before [traveling](#). If you've decided to hike out with your living space, food, drink, and survival gear on your back, (check [GearWeAre](#) for more), make it ultralight.

**Reward your thirst for adventure and your wallet by backpacking at the next beautiful vacation spot with our [travel tips](#) for lightweight, low stakes gear carting.**

As far as low-cost ways to travel go, backpacking is brilliant and versatile. The packer can commit to a quest by themselves,

take arms with a group of travelers, or go off on a [romantic getaway](#) with their lover, a tent, and the stars above to a beautiful vacation spot. Whatever way the packer decides to travel the number one rule is pack light.

**1. Weigh out your gear:** By weighing each item before it goes in the pack you'll be able to see if said item is worth its weight. Some things will naturally be heavier, but don't throw them away for that reason alone. Your jug of water? That'll take a toll on your shoulders, but you'd be worse off dehydrating out on the trail.

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**2. Sharing is caring:** After weighing and packing each item, weight all the trip's backpacks. If yours is too heavy, for example, but someone else is willing to carry more, give it to them. Another tip for sharing essentials is that there doesn't need to be two of everything. Coordinate with your team to know who's bringing what. This will save the group from carrying more pocket knives than necessary. It may sound like a small, nearly weightless decision, but when you're walking all day with a ton on your back, you'll be grateful for the lessened weight.

**3. Synthetic materials:** When backpacking, both cotton and denim are a no go. Not only do they weigh more than synthetic materials, but they also retain water. Cotton absorbs water from the environment and your skin so those white socks will be soaking wet for a while once you accidentally step into the trail's puddle. Alternatively, synthetic materials that can be found in certain workout brands keep away sweat to keep you cool and dry.

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**4. Say goodbye to technology:** It might be hard to step away from the internet, but disconnecting from the world wide web

too many benefits to count. While the phone detox might take a day or two, the weight you'll save is worth it. Phones, GPS-s, iPods, and tablets require chargers and cases, all of which will add up. Putting down the tech, for now, will help you build your relationship with your travel companions, too!

**5. Factor in the weight of your bag:** We're talking about what you'll be carry *in* the bag, but the actual pack is just as important. This is the area to splurge. Buy a bag that's lightweight and has hip and shoulder straps. Speak to the workers at your local camping store, but be aware that backpacking bares weight on your hips. To alleviate pressure your pack should fit securely around your hips and arms with and without the weight in.

**Where would you backpack? Share in the comments below!**

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## Travel Tips: Health Benefits of Luxury Travel





By [Katie Sotack](#)

Can luxury travel be self-care? In 2017, *CNN* published the article “Travel Makes Us Happy”, but as it turns out, the ignition of our senses by new experiences makes us happy. Recent wellness [luxury travel](#) has entered the market as a [health trend](#) for those who want to increase their sense of well-being. These [luxury vacations](#) aim to go beyond experiential travel, instead of immersing the traveler in the transformational experience of travel and leading to personal fulfillment.

**Here are some [travel tips](#) to ensure the longevity of your growth from luxury travel.**

With our culture moving toward environmentally positive retreats and service trips as ways to seek personal enlightenment, is there still room for luxury vacations to bring us happiness? Fear not, there’s still plenty of reason

to enjoy the spa and beaches at a five-star hotel. Here are the perks to wellness traveling.

**1. Adventure:** Self-actualization sits on top of our hierarchy of psychological needs. The idea is that when we reach our true potential we leave our ego in the dust. This allows us to live more mindful lives. Luxury wellness vacations may ask you to emerge yourself in theater, hiking, or gaming in order to ignite emotions. This results in a personal transformation towards self-actualization.

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**2. Storytelling:** For all our bibliophiles out there, luxury travel rips a page right out of your book (but not literally). Wellness locations immerse the traveler in epic storytelling. Like a chapter in a book, the adversity brought on to reach the end goal will inspire personal development.

**3. Activity:** The reason behind branding these retreats as stories where you're the protagonist is our culture's craving for choice. In the old days, vacationers desired itineraries and classes aiming to guide their journey. Now, we've moved onto mixtures of fitness, nature, cultural immersion, and health foods. These options in activities allow a sense of purposefulness and a full experience within your vacation destination.

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**4. Digital detox:** Many luxury wellness vacations will not allow electronics into their vicinity. The idea of giving up our phones for a week produces sweat beads of anxiety on our upper lips as we realize this vacation isn't for Instagram. However, the long term benefits of disconnecting far outweigh the day of mild discomfort. Embark on your spa adventure with total serenity, knowing no one can disturb you.

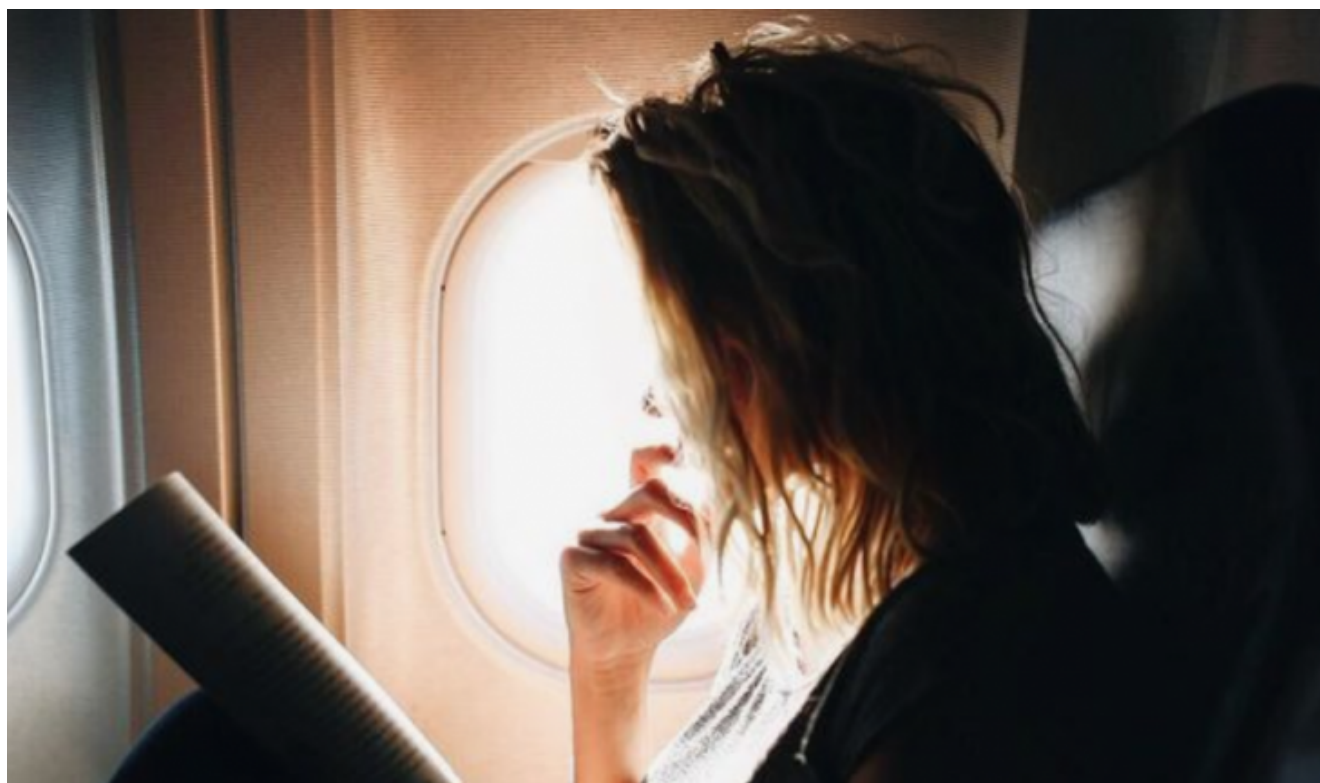


**5. Women only:** If you are a woman warrior looking to relax and grow in an area uninhabited by men look no further. Certain luxury wellness vacations cater exclusively to female empowerment. With physically, mentally, and spiritually guided activities for growth, these sessions focus on moving past trauma (like divorce, assault, etc.) and inspiring growth.

**Where is your ideal luxury vacation location? Share in the comments below!**

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## Travel Trend: Micro-cations



By [Emily Green](#)

Everyone needs a break from their day to day life, and a

vacation is a perfect way to do so! Some people, especially millennials, can't afford to take a week or two off work or to shirk other commitments for the [luxury vacation](#) have been dreaming about. In an attempt to get a break, micro-cations—a vacation no longer than four nights—have become the most popular [travel trend](#) to get out of the office to any [beautiful vacation spots](#) of your choice.

## **Micro-cations seem to be a popular and easy travel trend among millennials. What are some benefits to taking a micro-cation rather than a vacation?**

We've gathered a list of reasons why you might want to plan a micro-cation instead of a vacation. Check out these [travel tips](#) if a mini getaway seems doable (and affordable!)

**1. You get some time away:** No matter how long you go on a trip, you still get a break from any stress, work, or drama. Soak up every ounce of your trip and enjoy every minute of it! Try new things, go on new adventures, and you'll come back with stories that you'll be telling for years to come.

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**2. You miss less while you're away:** By only taking a trip for a couple of days, you are guaranteed to miss less from any work or responsibilities you might have than if you went on a trip that lasted a week or longer. If you're dedicated to your work but know you need a break, a micro-cation is the perfect way to give yourself that break and get back to work in record time.

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**3. Saves money:** You might be worried about affording a vacation within the means of your budget. A micro-cation is the perfect way to give yourself your dream vacation in small doses. You can still get that luxurious vacation you've always wanted for a cheaper price by shortening your trip by a few days.

**4. Take a load off from responsibility:** Asking your workplace to take off for only two days instead of a week is more appealing to your employers. They know you are needed at your job but can understand that you need a PTO every now and then. You'll be able to get that much-needed vacation and get back to your regular day to day life after you're refreshed in no time.

**Does taking a micro-cation sound appealing to your travel needs? Let us know in the comments below!**

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## **Travel Tips: Vacation Destinations for a Girls' Getaway**





By [Katie Sotack](#)

Life's been hectic lately. The muscles in your shoulder are so knotted you can't lift your arm over your head. Your brain's always on overdrive in an effort to match your racing heart. Your body sending you a message. The rhythm of routine responsibility is too overwhelming and there's no better way to unwind than travel with a good [vacation destination](#). It's time for a getaway with your gal pals at a [popular vacation spot](#)!

**Get ready for the fun, relaxing getaway you've been craving. Here's how to find a vacation destination that's right for your girl group.**

Grab your bikini and suntan lotion! These are [travel tips](#) for the hot spots during a fun-fueled vacation.

**1. San Diego, CA:** Rated among the top ten fittest cities in

the world, San Diego is perfect for the exercise-loving girl gang. The beautiful weather and coastal beaches are perfect for hiking, biking, and swimming. While you're there consider taking a group surfing lesson and returning home with a new skill.

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**2. Fort Lauderdale, FL:** If your style is more along the lines of bad and boujee head out to Fort Lauderdale. Take after Elizabeth Taylor's [celebrity vacation](#) where there are endless opportunities to relax in this a glamorous getaway. The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment district will keep you busy for days with a metropolitan and cultural vibe.

**3. Martha's Vineyard, MA:** Try beaches as a classy affair. Seen as the prime vacation destination in *Gilmore Girls*, Martha's Vineyard is famous for an upper-class getaway with beautiful beaches aligned with houses to rent for a weekend. Bring your wallet though, because the shops and top-notch restaurants cannot be missed.

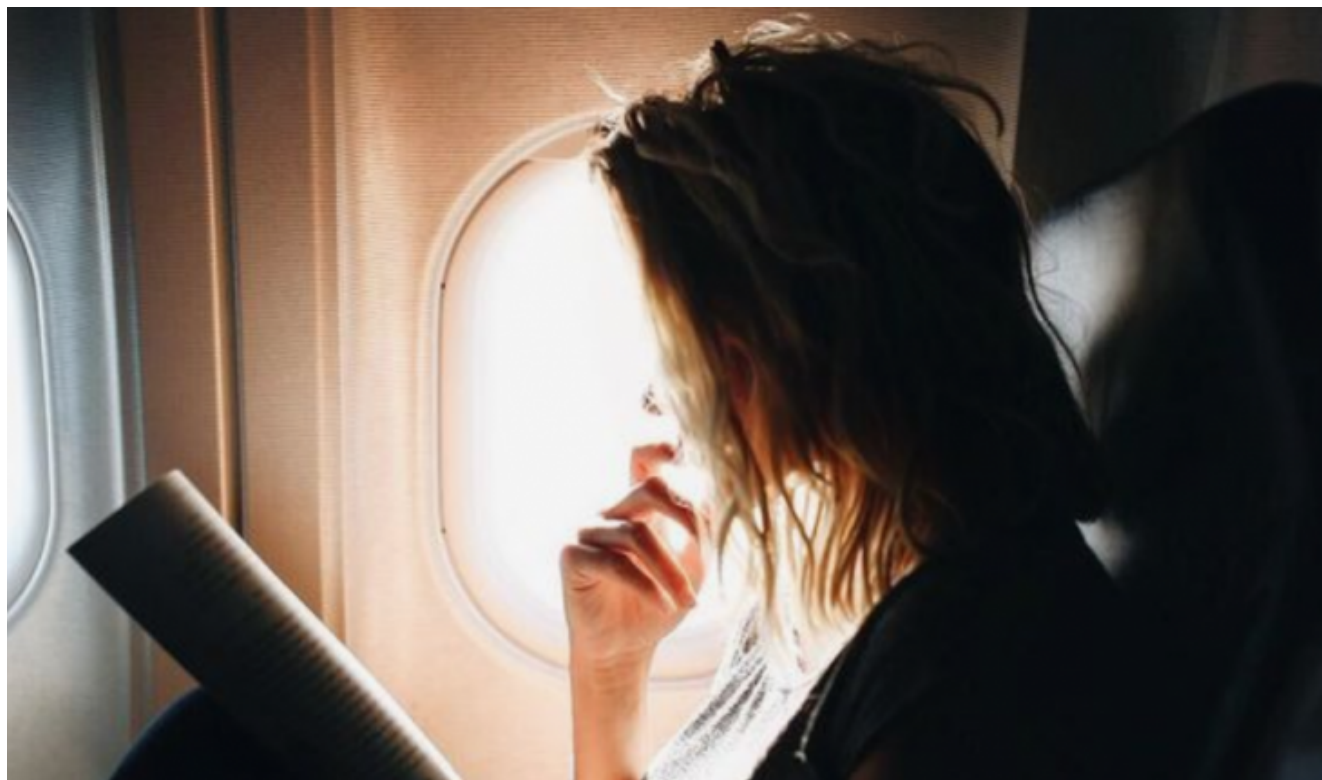
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**4. New Orleans, LA:** Take a tip from Tiffany Haddish and friends from the movie *Girls Trip*. After a screening of this film take your crew on the dream nightlife getaway that is New Orleans. End your nights at early morning with the region's famous Cajun cuisine.

**Where are you going with your girlfriends? Share in the comments below!**

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# Vacation Destinations: Forget Land & Say 'Hello' to Water



By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Looking for your next exciting [vacation destination](#)? Consider leaving land behind and taking to the water on a cruise. One of the best things about a cruise is that you often don't have to decide on just one location. Many boats travel to numerous locations and they include drinks, food, and entertainment for your pleasure all on board.

## Not sure where your next vacation



# destination should be? Perhaps it's time to consider a cruise.

Cruises offer many options and the best part is that many of them operate year-round. After all, it's still hot in the Bahamas in December. Cupid's has some inspiration for your next cruise:

**1. Fun for any sized group:** Whether you're traveling with a group of friends and family or taking a solo vacation, a cruise has plenty of fun options for everyone. Many cruises have games and entertainment, such as shows, right on board. You will find family-friendly entertainment in addition to adults-only, like casinos and comedy nights. All of this can be found on the ship before the myriad of adventures begin at each port!

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**2. So many options:** You might find yourself thinking you don't want to just visit an island in the Bahamas. That's not a problem. Cruises travel all around the world to places like Alaska, Switzerland, the Caribbean, and the Netherlands. Some cruises even visit more than one of these great locations all on one vacation, so your options are nearly limitless.

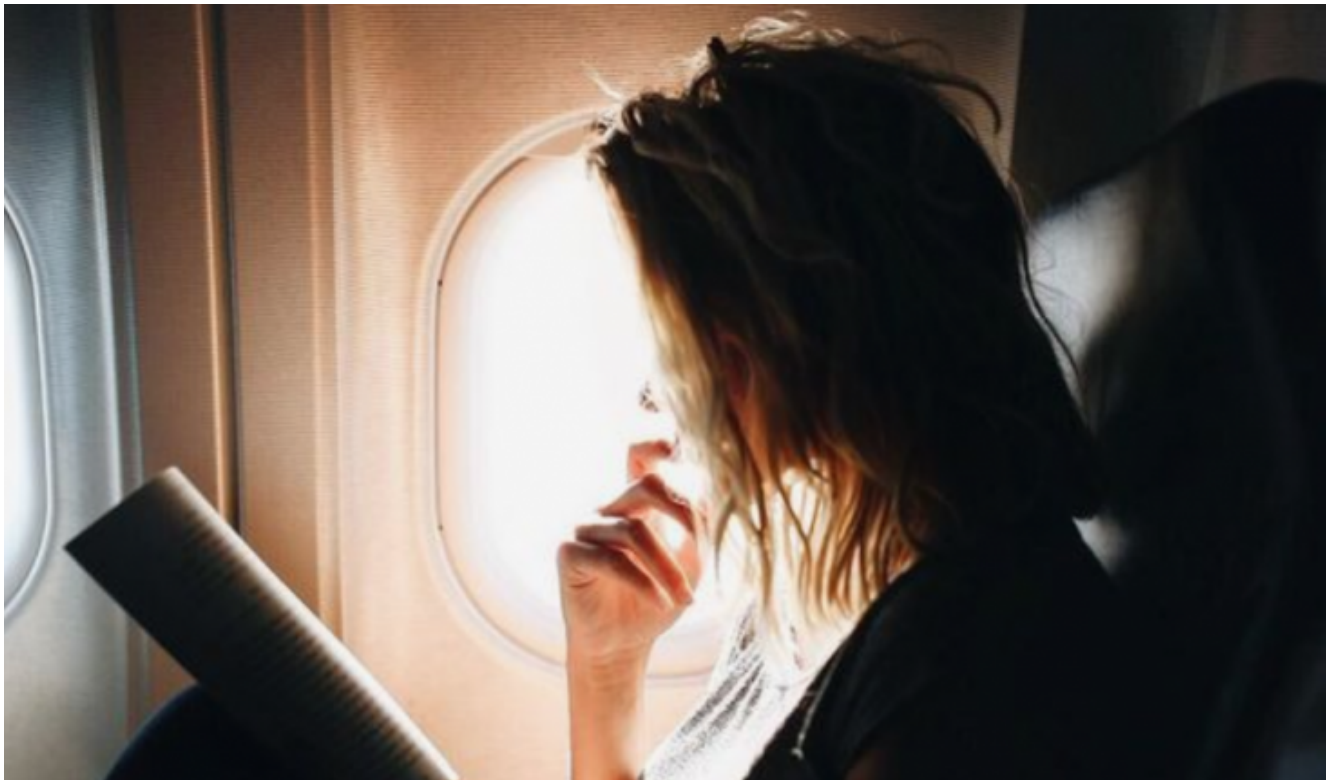
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**3. Your vacation, your choice:** Whether your vacation is for three days or two weeks, cruises have options that will fit within your timeline and budget. You have less than a full week's vacation time at work, no problem. Take a three-day cruise to the Bahamas. Planning to take off work for two weeks? Great! You can travel to Alaska or Greece. Cruises offer vacations to fit many different time constraints and budgets, so you are bound to find a trip that works for you.

What cruises interest you for your vacation this year? Let us know your thoughts in the comments below!

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## Travel Tips: Travel Solo



By [Lauren Burczyk](#)

Traveling alone can be a totally different experience than traveling with a companion. Whether you're traveling for business, haven't found that special someone, or simply need some time to yourself, this [travel trend](#) can make for an awesome excursion. When you travel alone, you travel on your own terms, which can make for a really unique experience. If you ever have the opportunity to go off and explore on your

own, we highly recommend it. Take our [travel advice](#) – travel solo and love every part of your adventure!

## Here are some [travel tips](#) for traveling solo:

**1. Decide on your destination:** You might have a dream destination in mind, or you may need some help deciding on where you're going to take your first solo trip. Consider a destination where you can do many day excursions without having to frequently change hotel accommodations

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**2. Book solo-friendly hotel accommodations:** There are several accommodations that suit unaccompanied travelers. Try booking a hostel, homestay, B&B, or small inn, so you have the chance to meet other independent travelers.

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**3. Consider packing light:** Since you'll be completely on your own, it's best to take only what you'll need to survive while you're traveling. You need to make sure you can handle all of your luggage by yourself. If you have a hard time deciding what to bring and feel the need to take your entire wardrobe with you, make sure to check out some [luggage brands](#) that are durable and light to make life easier when you travel.

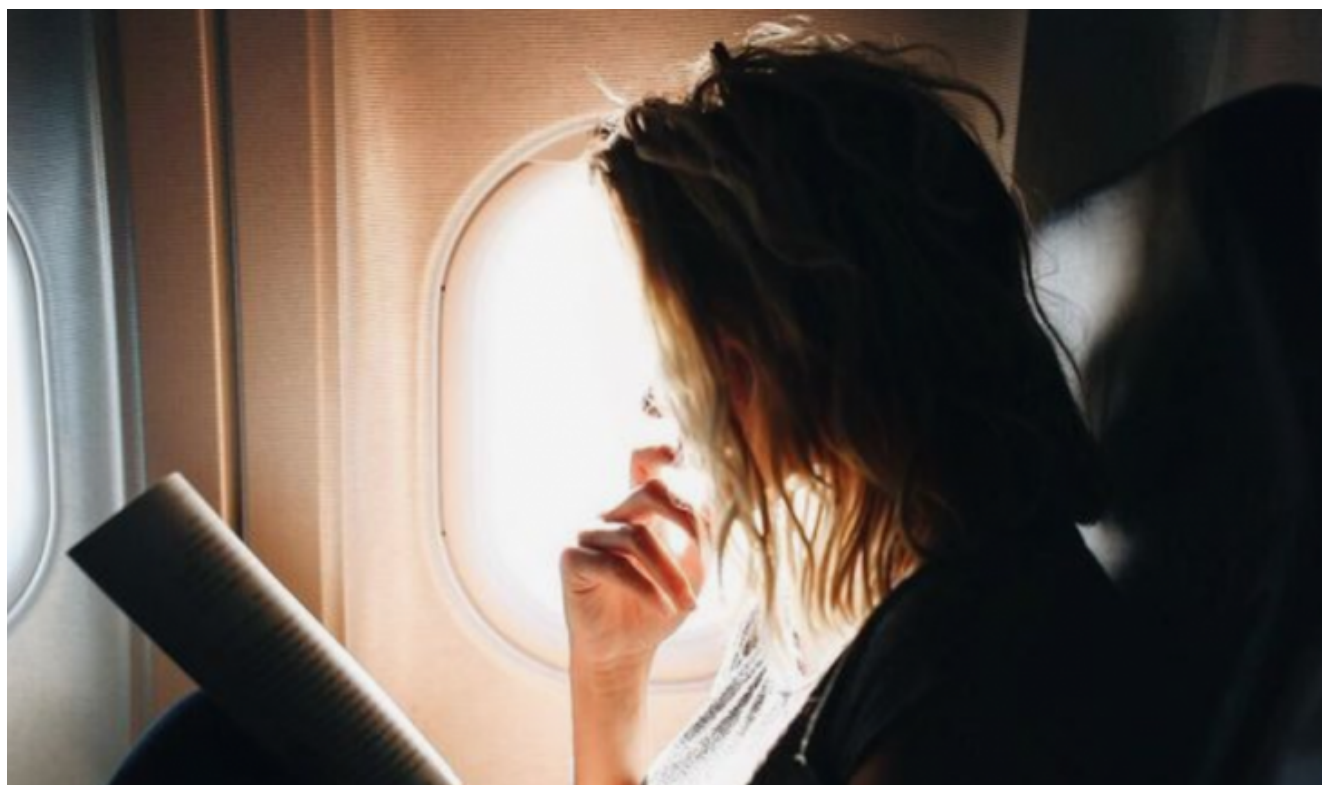
**4. Stay somewhere with free Wi-Fi:** You'll want to make sure that you can stay in touch with family and friends while you're away. Try finding accommodations that offer free Wi-Fi service so you won't lose touch with people you care about during your travels.

**5. Relax during mealtime:** While you're dining out, take this time to reflect on your journey. Use this time to plan out the next part of your trip, identify anything you've missed, and decide if there's anything you'd like to revisit.

Can you think of any other tips for traveling solo? Comment below.

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## Travel Tips: Top 5 Things to Do in the Sunshine State



By [Mara Miller](#)

We've got some [travel tips](#)! Are you thinking about a road trip

to the Sunshine State? We've entered the Spring, but in a lot of areas of the country, it hasn't quite warmed up yet. Florida is the answer! Or if you're planning a family summer vacation, you might want to add one of these places to your must-visit list.

## **Travel Tips: Florida is a big state and has a lot of fun amusement parks, museums, and resorts, so we've picked the top five things to do in the Sunshine State:**

**1. Harry Potter World:** Need we say more to fellow Potterheads? Embrace your inner wizard at Universal Studios Orlando. Dine at The Leaky Cauldron, get your own wand, and let yourself be chased by the dragon in the bottom of Gringotts. You can even taste butterbeer!

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**2. The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum:** Are you a fan of literature? Located in Key West, the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum is a great place to visit for your trip to The Sunshine State. Ernest and his wife, Pauline, moved to Florida from France in April of 1928. It was in Key West that he wrote *A Farewell to Arms* in three weeks. While you're there, give love to some of the cats that still live on the property. That's right, there are about forty kitties at this museum. They're descendants of Ernest and Pauline's two six-toed cats.

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**3. The National Aviation Museum:** Located in Pensacola, this museum is dedicated to protecting aircraft from the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and The United States Coast Guard.

It holds a collection of more than 150 aircraft such as the Que Sera Sera and Curtiss NC-4. Most of the aircraft is on loan to the museum from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Here you can learn about the birth of naval aviation and it's role in aerospace research. It's sure to be fun, and you get to look at some really old planes!

**4. Legoland Florida:** Designed for kids 12 and under, take your kids for a fun day of activities in Legoland if you're on a family trip. Kids can learn how the lego bricks are made and let their creativity go crazy at this resort. There is a water park and kids can get breakfast with their favorite Lego character. You and your family are sure to have a creative, fun-filled day. (Just be sure to guard your feet if you get them a box of Legos to play with in the shop!)

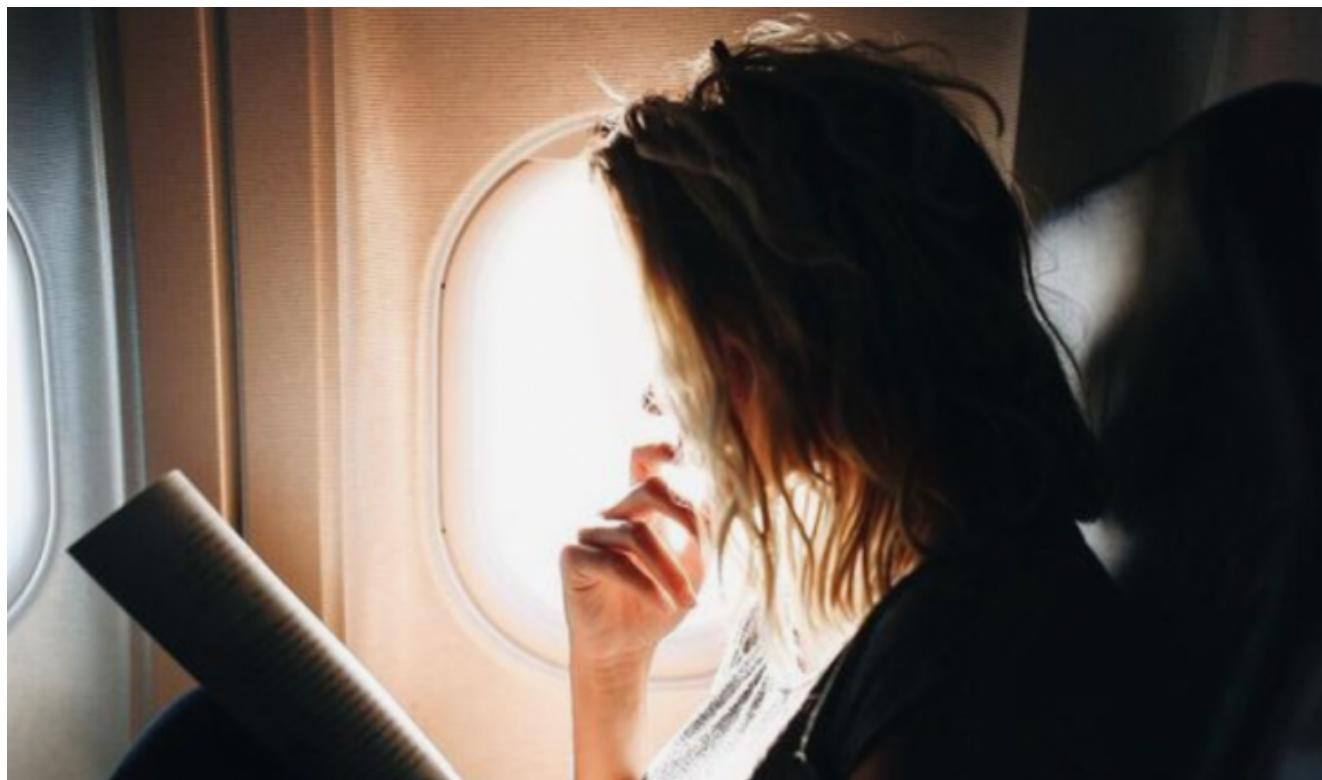
**5. Walt Disney World:** How can we NOT mention Disney World? Head to this famous theme park with your kids. You don't even need to be a parent to have a reason to want to go to Disneyland, either. If you and your honey are fans, this is the perfect place for a romantic getaway too. But more specifically, you should visit the Magic Kingdom park, where Cinderella's infamous castle resides. Or, if you're feeling brave, hug a Stormtrooper and meet Chewbacca in the Star Wars Launch Bay!

**Florida has a LOT of places to explore since it's such a large state. What are some places to visit that are on your top 5 to visit in The Sunshine State? Let us know in the comments below!**

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# Product Review: Travel Essentials



By Bre Gajewski

The winter is one of the busiest times of the year for travel. Whether you are driving across the country to visit your family or jetting off for a little warm getaway, you will definitely benefit from these products!

**Product Review:** These products are great for winter travel!

[JumpSmart from Limitless Innovations](#), \$120



### JumpSmart from Limitless Innovations

What could be worse than breaking down in the middle of nowhere on a long, holiday road trip? Breaking down and not being able to jump start your car! This is why you need the JumpSmart from Limitless Innovations.

This device can jump-start 4 and 6 cylinder engines up to four liters. It even has a flashlight function in case you break down in the car. Non only does it act as a power source for your car, you can also use it to charge any of your devices with a USB port, which will definitely come in handy on those long car rides.

[Skinnies Sungel SPF 30](#), \$33



### Skinnies Sungel SPF 30

If you are escaping to warmer weather, or even if you are just going to be spending a lot of time outside, you definitely need sunscreen. If you are from a colder climate and haven't been outside much the past few months, your skin is not at all prepared for UV Rays. You need a strong and reliable SPF to protect you.

We love the Skinnies Sungel in SPF 30. This sun gel is totally revolutionary. It is not made with water like a typical sunscreen so it is better for the Earth and you only need a small amount to last you all day long!

[Pure Biology's Total Eye – Complete Anti-Aging Eye Cream](#), \$18



## Pure Biology's Total Eye Complete Anti-Aging Eye Cream

Traveling is exhausting and can wreak havoc on your skin. No matter what form of transportation you are using, you are trapped in a confined space with lots of people and recycled oxygen, talk about an aging experience! On top of that, how often do you get somewhere and actually have time to take a nap, rest and rejuvenate before doing anything? Never? So then you end up looking even more tired!

This is why you need Pure Biology's Complete Anti-Aging Eye Cream. This product provides both immediate and long-lasting benefits. "Fision Instant immediately begins to improve the appearance of the under eye area while Baobab Tien promotes long-term benefits and encourages healthier-looking under eye skin." You can purchase this on Amazon Prime for just under \$18 and have it on your doorstep before Christmas!

[EarPlanes](#), Adult & Child, \$9 each



## EarPlanes

EarPlanes are the product you didn't realize you were missing out on until you try them! One of the most frustrating thing about plane rides is that horrible ear discomfort you get from the altitude change and cabin pressure. This product takes all of that irritating pain away and prevents your ears from popping! They even help to reduce loud noises too (I'm looking at you screaming baby).

Make sure to check out the Cupid's Pulse [product review](#) page for more recommendations!

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# Travel Destinations: 5 Secret

# Spots to Visit in Paris



By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

Paris is full of beautiful mainstream attractions and destinations you see in many itineraries and blog posts, but that shouldn't be the only part of Paris you see. Paris is full of hidden secrets hidden in plain sight known to the locals and the bravest and most inquisitive foreigners. Cupid has five secret spots to consider making part of your [travel destination](#) in Paris!

**Here are five secret spots to include on your travel destination**



# in visit in Paris:

**1. Rue Cremieux:** This is one of the happiest streets in Paris. Rue Cremieux is a small pedestrian street lined on both sides with beautiful rainbow colored houses. Come here on a sunny day, and capture the beautifully lit houses. It's definitely one of the best kept secrets in Paris.

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**2. The Balcony of the Musée D'orsay:** The Musée d'Orsay is one of the best museums in all of Paris, covering the Impressionist and Post-Impressionist eras. Come here on an early morning or evening and take a step outside onto the terrace to catch an amazing view of the Seine and of Montmartre.

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**3. Rue Mouffetard:** This is one of the best market streets in Paris, which gives off a medieval look and feel with its cobblestone lane that winds its way up Place de la Contrescarpe. You'll find a few farmers markets, fruit and vegetable shops and a few restaurants.

**4. The Terrace at the Printemps department store:** Le Printemps is one of the most iconic Parisian department stores since 1865, which is no secret. But, only a few shippers know that the store has a terrace that gives you a panoramic view of Paris. Go to the top floor via elevator or escalator to Café Déli-Cieux, and step outside. Make sure you have your camera.

**5. Parc Des Buttes-Chaumont- Northeastern Paris:** If you fancy a walk or picnic with your family, Parc Des Buttes is one of the best parks in Paris. The park is located in Northeastern Paris, and the main feature is their towering rock rising from a central lake.

Where are some secret spots to visit in Paris? Share your thoughts below.

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# Travel Tips: How to Find the Perfect Hostel



By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

Staying in hostels is one of the hottest [traveling trends](#) right now. Hostels are more about making a connection with the people you meet than the actual place. They are one of the best ways to save money. But, finding a good hostel isn't always easy. It's also really easy to get sucked into the

first reasonable accommodation that appears, which can be risky. Cupid has some [travel tips](#) on how to find the perfect hostel.

## Travel Tips: Find Out How to Find the Perfect Hostel!

**1. Do your research:** Before you go, you will want to research the discount lodging card options for your destinations. One of the most common discount cards is the (IH)card International Hostelling, acceptable at any YHA hostel worldwide. There are many countries where hostels are at the top of the market, such as New Zealand and Australia. By checking the cards and packages offered, you may save a lot on your lodging.

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**2. Check your accommodations:** When you're staying at a hostel, you have to remember it isn't like a hotel, meaning the things that you would normally get aren't necessarily available. Also, hostels are usually shared rooms with others, which means you may have to share unless you specifically booked a single room. You will want to ask yourself, what are your must-haves? What are you willing to give up? Do you require lockers that you can rent, free internet, washer and dryer, irons, etc?

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**3. Set your budget:** There are a lot of hostel websites that have a filter feature that allows you to filter hostels based on your budget. Remember expensive hostels aren't necessarily a good thing and vice versa with cheap ones. Prices can differ from city to city. So be wise with your choice in a hostel.

**4. Read the fine print:** Before booking your hostel, make sure you read everything available. Certain hostels have curfews and check-in and check out policies. Make sure you know exactly what you're paying for so that you can get your money's worth.

**5. Make your reservation:** When you book your hostel, go to the direct website first because some airport sites have booking fees attached when buying your ticket. Check out websites such as Hostelworld or Hostelbookers. Staying at a hostel is always an interesting experience. Even if you only try it once, it's worth it!

What are some tips on how to find the perfect hostel? Share your thoughts below.

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# Travel Tips: How to Plan Your First Getaway Together as a Couple





By [Courtney Shapiro](#)

Taking a trip together as a couple is a big step forward in your relationship. There are several aspects that need to be planned out before going on vacation. Check out our [travel advice](#) for you and your partner's first trip together.

## Here are a few travel tips to plan your first getaway as a couple:

**1. Come up with a budget or payment plan:** Obviously any vacation you and your partner take is going to cost money. Figure out how much you want to spend, and how the two of you are going to take care of your travel expenses.

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**2. Decide what you both want to see:** Your idea of a vacation might be different from your partner's. Pick a place that interests both of you, and figure out what you can see while you're there so each of you can be satisfied.

**3. Figure out what type of trip you're planning:** Are you planning a tropical getaway, a strenuous exploration, or something in the middle? Discuss what the best option would be for you as a couple, and decide the best way to spend your time together.

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**4. Do something special for the two of you:** No matter where you end up on vacation, you should plan something that will be memorable for your future. The whole vacation could be special to you and your partner since it is just the two of you, but maybe you could take it to the next level and give yourselves a special night out.

**5. Try something new:** Going to a new place with your partner could be the perfect time to try something different. Be adventurous together and eat a new food, or share an experience that you probably would not have normally done.

**What are some your travel tips for a couple's first getaway? Comment below.**

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## Travel Tips: How to Live Like a Local







By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

Most travelers spend their time ticking off every bar and restaurant, going on tours, and going to the best clubs; there's nothing wrong with that! But, there is another way. We hear it all the time in the [travel advice](#): live like a local. It's great advice, but if it's your first time traveling or you're in an unfamiliar city, it's easier said than done. Acting like a local in a new city means behaving like you would if you were at home. If you want to make your trip unforgettable, you'll need to think like a local.

## Here are a few travel tips to live like a local:

- 1. Ditch the travel guide:** Travel guide are wonderful, but they don't tell you about all of the hidden gems within a city. Change it up and go to a random restaurant you walk by, or take the train and get off at a random stop and see where it leads you.

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**2. Forget the hotel:** Locals don't sleep in hotels, so why should you? Try renting a home from services such as AirBNB, or try out a hostel.

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**3. Learn the lingo:** Communication is always key. Interacting with the local people in an unknown country relies on one thing and that's you. If you are proactive traveler and ignore your linguistic failings, you will always meet a variety of interesting people. Also, the more time you spend time with the locals, the more fluent you become in their language.

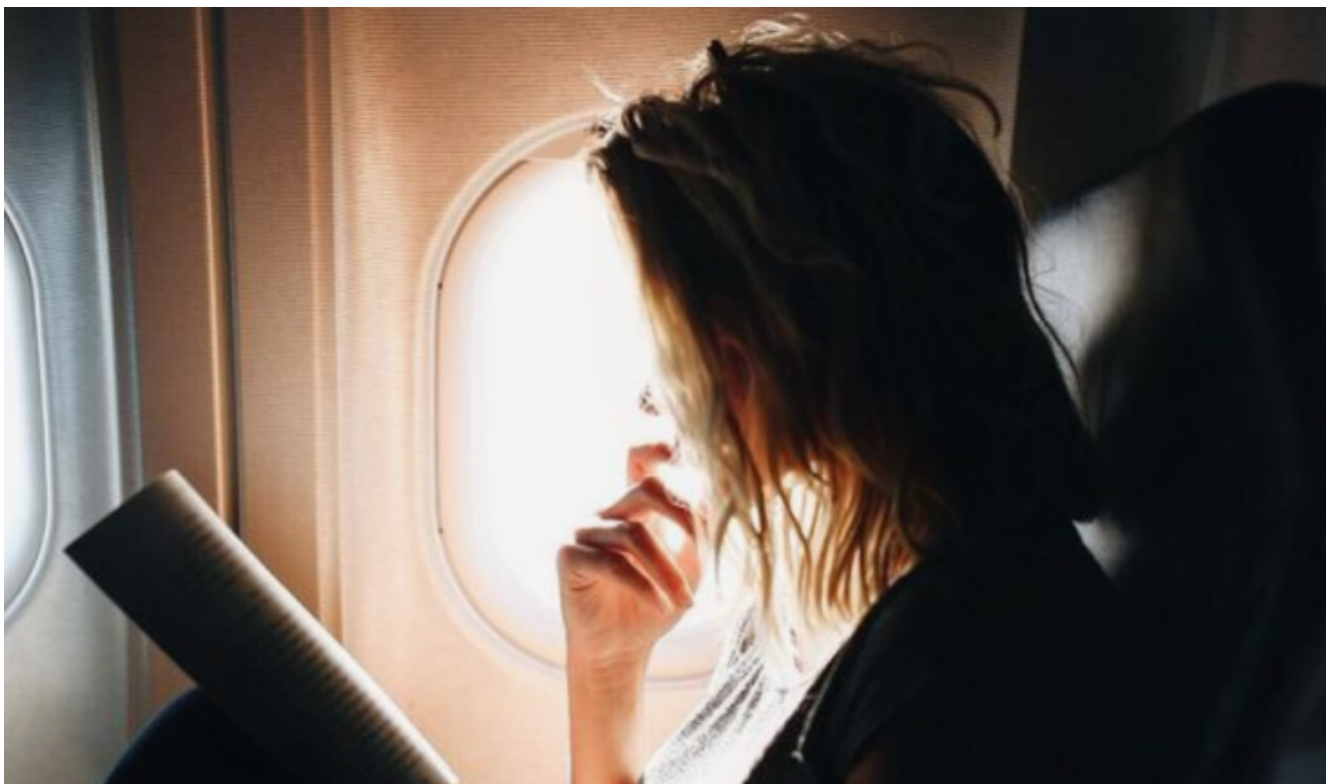
**4. Embrace every offer and talk to everyone:** Traveling you meet people keen to show you their city. (However, be cautious.) Such invitations often lead to the most wonderful travelling experiences. Deviating from the usual tourist hub may lead you to interesting local joints. Remember to chat to everyone, because it's a great way of practicing the language and a way to help them learn English.

**5. Just enjoy yourself:** Don't try too hard just focus on enjoying yourself. There are definitely urges to try and blend in and experience the less touristy parts of the city. But it's ok to fall into the occasional tourist trap. Find what works for you, stay on the beaten path or get off. It's up to you, you are a tourist after all. Mix up your trip. Live like a local and a tourist. If you're in Paris for the first time, don't ignore the Eiffel tower because you're too focused on living like a local.

**What are some your travel tips to live like a local? Comment below.**

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# Travel Tips: 5 Best Motorcycle Trips in America



By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

There's nothing like getting on your motorcycle and heading out on the road. Any biker can tell you that the moment a person gets on their bike, their senses are brought to life. Bikers all share the restless, passionate love for the open road. These [travel tips](#) make for a perfect motorcycle trip.

# Check out our travel tips for the top five motorcycle trips a biker should take:

**1. Texas:** Texas has a grouping of great motorcycle roads in the Texas Hill Country nicknamed the Twisted Sisters. The actual names of the roads are Ranch Road 335, 336, and 337. These roads aren't meant for amateur riders, as they take you on a 100-mile loop of Texas ranches, valleys, and hills providing you with a panoramic view of the curve around canyons and rises with few guardrails. Attractions that can be visited along the way include the Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop, the Lone Star Motorcycle Museum, and the Lost Maples State Natural Area.

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**2. Montana:** There is a road that cuts through Montana's Glacier National Park called Going-to-the-Sun. The road stretches 50 miles and lasts roughly two hours without stops. Five of the National Park's campgrounds are located along the road.

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**3. Georgia:** The road known as Skyline Drive attracts over two million visitors every year due to the changing leaves. Black bears, white-tailed deer and wild turkey can be seen along the road. Skyline Drive is 105 miles long and runs north to south as the only public road through Shenandoah Park. The park is left intentionally un-mowed, so wildflowers can grow year-round giving visitors a magical feel.

**4. Big Island (HI):** The Big Island is interwoven by a web of

roads that cuts through a variety of terrains and a lush rain forest. Saddle Road offers a route through the heart of the island; it's full of roller-coaster like twist and turns with smooth roads, making you want to come back for another visit.

**5. Los Angeles (CA):** Near the heart of the city, there are a variety of rural roads. Look no further than the Angeles Crest Highway near Flintridge or the winding canyons in Malibu. Also, try the Hollywood area. It will give you a peak of the coastal front.

**What are some motorcycle destinations you are excited to visit? Comment below.**

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## **Travel Tips: How to Plan a Special Mother-Daughter Vacation**





By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

What's more special and memorable than taking your mom on a special mother-daughter trip? There is something about taking a vacation and experiencing new things that creates a special travel bond between you and your mother. We have the perfect [travel tips](#) so you can plan a special mother-daughter getaway.

## Checkout out travel advice on how to plan a special mother-daughter vacation!

**1. Be realistic:** If you're mother-daughter trip rookies, be realistic in the kind of vacation you plan. If you and your mom aren't the type to drink wine, Napa Valley wouldn't be the place for you. Consider your likes and dislikes, and make a list of destinations that fit into both your desires and budgets.

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**2. Pick a meaningful destination:** Make a list of dream destinations. Make sure it's a destination that is on both of your bucket lists. Perhaps you want to see where your parents got engaged and your mom would love to see it again, too. That's perfect, because there's meaning behind it.

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**3. Research:** Research, research, research! Before you leave, you should know the ins and outs of you're going to do. This means everything from how you're going to get there to where you are staying to (at least loosely) what your plans are while you're there.

**4. Budget:** There are good deals out there! This trip may be special, but you don't want to blow a hole in your wallet. Also, there's no secret that the mother-daughter dynamic may involve an unspoken power struggle. It might be easy and fun to allow your mom to pay for everything at first, but that may come with strings attached. First: There are a lot of websites that have inexpensive plane tickets. Also, there are often times deals that come with buying these tickets in a package, like 20% off your hotel stay. Second: Instead of your mom paying for everything, split the cost. This way you're not bickering on who paid for what and there aren't any unexpected attached strings.

**5. Compromise:** Embrace change, and try something your mom wants to do. A good option is to choose places you both want to visit and then also have places you want to go on your own respectively. It's good to spend time together, but also make sure you take breaks from each other!

**6. Above all have fun:** Take pictures, try new experiences, and eat lots of new foods! Enjoy each others' presence, and just have fun!

**If you have any more tips on how to plan a special mother-**

daughter vacation, comment below!

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# Travel Tips: How to Plan a Debt-Free Vacation



By [Jessica Gomez](#)

Most of us love traveling and have a list of places we wish to go to before we kick the bucket. Making a bucket list with all the places you wish to visit is a great first step. Traveling can be such an amazing experience when you're not stressing out or breaking the bank. Therefore, we all wish to take a vacation that is debt-free, but how? Planning accordingly is

your answer. Below are our [travel tips](#)!

## Here are five steps in the form of travel tips to take toward a debt-free vacay!

**1. Create a budget:** In order to be able to plan a vacation where you spend the least money and avoid debt, you need to know how much you can and are willing to spend. Do a financial assessment. Calculate your total take-home income, how much all your expenses are (including the amount you wish to save for non-travel related reasons), and lastly – how much you have left that you're willing to save without bending backwards.

**2. Plan your vacation as detailed as possible:** It's all about planning, and planning requires tons of research. Look up the place/s you want to visit on your next vacation, and plan what you want to do there. Plan everything from flights and stay, to activities and food. After that, it's time to put a price on everything. Once you know how much the whole vacation will cost, you know whether it is possible for you to afford it or if you have to exclude a thing or two – sometimes more.

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**3. Use apps & sites to find cheap flights:** There are many apps and websites that cut you deals on flights, and hotels also. However, when it comes to your stay, you should decide whether a hotel, an all-inclusive resort, or an apartment/house rental is the best option for you. One option is to check out these [apartments for rent in Tulsa, Oklahoma](#). The good news is that finding cheap travel won't be difficult. Websites like Jetcost.com will compare the flight prices of many websites, showing you the most affordable price for you. Just make sure

to always use a private tab when searching up hotel and flight prices in order to avoid cookies and sudden price fluctuations (the increasing kind aka the unwanted kind).

**4. Save money over time:** After planning and calculating, you should have a lot covered. Now you must plan to save a little each week. Of course this will depend on how soon you plan to take your trip. Planning as soon as possible is essential so that you can save as much money as possible.

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**5. Be open to change:** Sometimes after planning your vacation, things don't go accordingly – and that's okay. Be prepared for change and stay motivated. The more you plan, the easier change can be because you already have the information you need in-hand. Be open to having to change your vacation destination, or having to change the time, or other parts of your trip. As long as you follow the guidelines above, you should be okay when planning any trip.

**Enjoy, we know that vacation is much needed! What destination are you planning on traveling to next?**

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## Celebrity Travel: Bring Your Family on a Cruise





By [Haley Lerner](#)

Finding a good [vacation destination](#) to bring your family on can be pretty tough. If you have a big family, it can be tough finding something that your whole gang can enjoy. Luckily, we've got the perfect [celebrity travel](#) idea for you: a cruise. Bringing your family on a cruise trip is an awesome idea because there are so many activities to keep your whole family busy, in one contained (but huge) space. We've got some [travel tips](#) on why yoFinding a good [vacation destination](#) to bring your family on can be pretty tough. If you have a big family, it can be tough finding something that your whole gang can enjoy. Luckily, we've got the perfect [celebrity travel](#) idea for you: a cruise. Bringing your family on a cruise trip is an awesome idea because there are so many activities to keep your whole family busy, in one contained (but huge) space. We've got some [travel tips](#) on why your next family vacation should be on a cruise.ur next family vacation should be on a cruise.

**Check out our travel tips on why to**

# bring your family on a cruise!

**1. It's easy:** A big reason why going on a family cruise vacation is such a good idea is that it's super easy to plan and do. You pay for everything in one price and don't have to worry about any trip planning or separate bills. Food, drinks, accommodations, entertainment and more are all covered under the same price. You also are getting a good value for your money, especially since many cruises have group discounts when you have more people on your trip.

**2. Fun for everyone:** Cruises are a great family vacation option because there is something for people of all ages to do on them. Almost all cruise ships have kids' facilities that are split by age so all your children can have fun on their own, meet other kids and feel independent. Adults can spend their time hitting up the pool bars and relaxing at the spa. All ages have something to do on the trip and you don't have to worry about struggling to plan an activity that will satisfy everyone.

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**3. Excursions:** One of the best parts of being on a cruise is that you get to travel to beautiful destinations. Several days of your cruise will be spent getting to hop off the ship and explore an island or city. Bring your whole family for sight-seeing and wild adventures like scuba diving and surfing. You can plan your cruise around different destinations you want to hit up. Go for a tropical trip around the Caribbean or a romantic, historic trip around the coast of Europe.

**4. Tons of activities:** Even for the days where you stay on the ship, there are plenty of activities for the whole family to get involved in. Cruises can have pools, waterslides, rock climbing, circus shows and plays, movie theaters and more.



You'll never get bored exploring everything your cruise ship has to offer.

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**5. Great service:** Another great aspect of going on a cruise is that they have incredible service. You'll be sure to get top service with housekeeping, food, entertainment and hospitality staff. Everyone working on cruises are experts in their fields and are there to make your time the best it can be.

**Have any other reasons you should take your family on a cruise vacation? Comment below!**