

# Travel Tips: 5 Activities for the Most Unusual and Fun Holiday in the UK



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Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, and British Museum are all fascinating places that you definitely should see when you get a chance. However, if you want to make your holiday in the UK truly unforgettable, you'll need to get off the beaten path. And that doesn't mean simply going to explore the gorgeous Devon beaches, though that's a good plan for the next time.

## Here are five unusual things to do on a holiday in the UK:

1. **Spot the puffin:** Puffins are adorable and nothing more

needs be said about these amazing little birds. You can make sure of it yourself by going on the so-called 'UK safari' that will take you puffin spotting. The season for this adventure is the summer as puffins come to the British cliffs in late April-May and remain there until the middle of August. Discover Wildlife lists the hottest puffin spotting places in the UK so you can find which are best for your planned route. But be sure to remain respectful and stay a bit away from the birds. Modern cameras will allow you to document the adventure without disrupting the lives of these tough little creatures that face hardship every day.

**2. Visit all the best pubs:** Any holiday in the UK must have a few pub visits in the itinerary. The British have all the best pubs with delicious food, great beer, better company, and lots of traditions and atmosphere. Every city, town, and village in the UK has at least one special pub with some fascinating stories, so you should be on the lookout for those wherever you go. Some of them are historic places with decades of history, like The Crooked Pub near Birmingham. London has the greatest number of interesting places that are both traditional and modern. To explore the most fascinating of those you should go on a [Camden pub crawl](#). That neighborhood houses some of the best pubs and bars in the UK. It definitely is the most fun to explore if you are looking for a place to party. This is a great experience for students and everyone who is looking for an evening of drinks and meeting new people.

**3. Visit the Mental Health Museum:** Mental Health Museum stands out from your regular museum list for a holiday in the UK. However, it's a good thing because the place is most fascinating and will provide you with many stories to tell. As the matter of mental health garners more attention from in the modern society, it will be fascinating to see how people suffering from depression, delusions, psychoses, and other mental conditions used to be treated years ago. Note that some

of those stories and exhibits are worryingly reminiscent of horror shows. However, seeing this bit of history will help you understand why the stigma of mental illness is so hard to shake even in the progressive world of today.

**4. Stay the night at the zoo:** Visiting the renowned London Zoo doesn't seem like an unusual thing to do. However, did you know that you can actually spend the night there? You can stay at the Gir Lion Lodge and even witness the after-dark feeding. Going through the zoo at night is a totally different experience to a day tour. The memories of this adventure are sure to be some of the brightest from your holiday in the UK.

**5. Take a look at the greatest collection of neon signs:** God's Own Junkyard is an apt name for a place that makes the streets of Las Vegas seem dull. This is a piece of an actual salvage yard littered with handmade neon signs. There's also a café where you can get a much-needed drink after witnessing the kaleidoscope of neon colors.

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## Travel Tips: 5 Best Motorcycle Trips in America





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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



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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

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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. 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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## Travel Trend: Norway



By

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Life is about exploring different lands and cultures. If you are thinking of traveling to a country you haven't visited before, but don't know where to go, give Norway a try. The latest [travel trend](#) has people exploring lands all over

Europe. Although the weather can be on the cooler side, with so many things to do, you won't even notice. Breathing in the fresh air and taking in the sights will have you ready to see just what Norway has to offer.

**With so many fun things to explore in Norway, why not take a trip? Here are a few things to check out on your Norwegian getaway.**

**1. Nature:** Interested in exploring all that Norway has to offer? With so many long roadways and plenty of mountains to hike, experience exploring a whole new land. Traveling through Norway won't be hard since islands are connected by bridges and roads. While the summer months are the warmest, it doesn't get truly hot in Norway, making your adventures comfortable.

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**2. History:** Want to learn about Norway? The country is filled with different historical sites as well as museums. Explore the famous Viking ship that can be found in Norway's capital of Oslo. Learn about the people and culture of Norway. There are so many things to experience like their food and music. Pick up a few quick lessons on their language, too.

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**3. Good eats:** Norwegians are known for using their own natural ingredients to cook. Using what is native to their land, it's safe to say their cuisine will be fresh and tasty. Norway, with their specialty in seafood, has been nominated for having one of the best top 50 restaurants in the world.

**What are some places you would like to visit? Share below.**

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# Celebrity Travel: Bring Your Family on a Cruise



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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

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## 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!**

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## Vacation Destination: Plan a Trip to Cuba





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Looking for a hot [vacation destination](#)? Cuba is the perfect place for you to take your beau for a [romantic getaway](#). After many years of United States citizens not being allowed to travel to the small country, it is now open for visitors. We've got some [travel tips](#) for some of the best things for you to do on your vacation to Cuba.

## Check out our travel tips for your perfect vacation to Cuba!

- 1. Wander around Old Havana:** One of the best parts of Cuba is the beautiful, colorful buildings that litter the streets of Havana. In the capital, take a stroll and shop, get a bite to eat and soak in the history the city has to offer.
- 2. See live music:** Cuba is a country full of music. Whether it's listening to music in the street or going a jazz club, you can find great live music to listen to all over Cuba.

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**3. Go to the beach:** Cuba is surrounded by water, so there are plenty of beautiful beachfronts to visit in the country. Go with your beau and spend a romantic day by the shore, soaking up the sun and swimming in the clear blue ocean water.

**4. Ride in a vintage car:** Cuba is famous for its colorful, vintage cars. What's great is it's actually really easy to take a ride in one. Taxis in Cuba are these vintage cars, so take one for a ride around the city and enjoy the old car and some fantastic views.

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**5. Go to a museum:** Cuba has a rich history, so hit up one of the country's many museums. Whether it's the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, the national art museum, or the Museum of the Revolution, you'll be sure to be in awe of the fantastic content you'll discover.

**Have any more tips on what to do in Cuba? Comment below!**

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## **Travel Trend: Shangri-La's Villingili Resort & Spa in the Maldives**





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Want to take a page from most recent *Bachelorette* Becca Kufrin and indulge in a getaway in the Maldives? Now's your chance!

Although vacations are meant for relaxation, we often find ourselves on vacation doing just as much work than if we were home. A new [travel trend](#) is among us, and it's one you won't forget! Shangri-La's Villingili Resort & Spa in the Maldives is offering different kinds of packages and you don't want to miss out. From dolphin watching to a trip to the equator on the resort's very own yacht, there's never a lack of things to enjoy.

If you are going your love, there are plenty of romantic activities to enjoy as well as spa treatments. The "Romance in the Maldives" package offers many amenities and plenty of couple outings. While the trip to the equator sounds fun, if you want to explore, you can also try snorkeling. When you are ready for a nice quiet time, there are plenty of couple spa treatments as well as romantic dinners.

**While the Maldives may not be top of mind for most people, resorts and spas certainly are! See what experiences Shangri La's Villingili Resort & Spa in the Maldives has in store for you.**

**1. The Romance in the Maldives:** The Romance in the Maldives package includes a five-night stay in a villa with a private pool or over the ocean, perched atop the emerald-green jungle canopy or strung along the turquoise shoreline. This package includes an exclusive stargazing and sea-gazing experience during which guests can take in the stunning and unique scenery of the island. Couples can marvel at the sky with cocktails and canapes from the elevated platform strategically located in a remote location on the golf course, perfect for star spotting. For guests interested in sea-gazing, couples can experience the resort's overwater swing, overlooking the turquoise hues of the lagoon waters.

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**2. The Proposal Experience:** The presidential villa is nestled in its own luxurious environment with a private walkway entrance, a spacious deck with a private infinity pool and direct access to the ocean, a separate living room, yoga pavilion and even its own spa treatment room to let guests relax without leaving the villa. This offer also includes a romantic lunch date about the resort's Horizon yacht at one of the most exclusive locations on Earth, right on the equator. Aboard Shangri-La's luxurious 21-meter-long Horizon yacht, the couple can marvel at acrobatic dolphins leaping out of the water at sunset.

Have you been to the Maldives? What did you enjoy? Share your experiences below.

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## Romantic Getaway: Destinations in South Africa



So, you've been to Bali, loved the Caribbean, and now you're searching for another exotic location to visit with your loved one. Why not tour South Africa? Enjoy breathtaking sunsets across African skies while you sip a crisp chardonnay on the balcony of your luxury hotel.

**There are so many romantic destinations in South Africa, and it's challenging to fit them all in in one trip. Plan your trip over two weeks and visit these fantastic parts of the country.**

### **Champagne Castle – The Drakensberg**

The mountainous region stretches from the lower Free state all the way through to Kwa-Zulu Natal. Luxury hotels litter the mountain peaks offering spectacular views of the mountains. This area of South Africa becomes a magical wonderland in the wintertime, but bring a jacket because it gets chilly.

### **Chapmans Peak – Hout Bay**

Nestled between Noordhoek and Hout Bay, Chapman's peak features a tolled cliff road that stretches between the two towns. The scenery takes your breath away as you drive along the Cliffside and stare down at the water over the Indian Ocean. Relax with your partner and enjoy the perfect place in South Africa to watch an ocean sunset.

### **The Wine Route – Western Cape**

This stretch of lush coastline between Gaansbaai and Knysna is home to a wide variety of indigenous flora and fauna. It's spectacular in the springtime after the first rains soak the earth. This region also hosts some of the world's most beautiful wine farms and luxurious 5-star hotels.

### **Cape Point – Cape Town**

At the tip of the African continent lies Cape Point Nature

Reserve. This natural wonder offers lazy hikes in an Oceanside wilderness and the opportunity to see the wild side of South Africa with your partner. Keep any food out of site, or risk harassment from baboons.

### **The Golden Mile – Durban**

South Africa's beach town and home to sand, surfing, and sunshine. Swim in the warm Indian Ocean and take a surfing lesson with your partner. Durban has a friendly beach vibe and local culture. Enjoy a "bunny chow" with your partner as you watch the waves break on the beachfront.

### **The Magaliesburg – Gauteng**

The hills and valleys of the Magaliesburg are only a short drive from the hustle and bustle of Johannesburg. The region is home to "The Cradle of Humankind," where scientists discovered the oldest human fossils. Enjoy a hike in the hills and have a picnic at Hartebeespoort dam on your way home.

### **The Skeleton Coast – Namibia**

The desolation of the desert dunes along the skeleton coast provides some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Camp in a tent constructed around the skeleton of a beached whale and take a safari along the endless isolated beaches.

### **A Final Travel Tip**

If you visit South Africa in the summer, expect hot days and warm nights throughout the country. Pack plenty of sunscreen and don't forget your visa applications, as well as [comprehensive travel insurance](#).

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# Travel Tips: Indulge in a Romantic Getaway in Tuscany



Looking for somewhere to bring your special someone for a romantic getaway? Look no further than Italy's Tuscan Region, covering the northeastern part of the country. Apart from the history and fine wine, visitors can stay at some of the very [best villas in Tuscany](#) for the ultimate getaway.

**Whether you're looking for a quick vacation or a place to spend your honeymoon, this part of Italy is for you. Keep reading and discover**

# **a travel tips to keep in mind before planning your getaway.**

## **Splurge on Accommodation**

Tuscany is an expensive place to take a holiday. And value for money tends to increase with the more you spend. Rather than try to cut back and save on costs, splash out on something memorable. The cost of a boutique hotel will cost over \$150 per night anyway. Why not double the budget and get a luxurious villa or stay at a classier establishment. Everyone deserves a taste of the fine life every once in a while; Tuscany makes an ideal place to do it.

## **Plan What Time of the Year You Want to Visit**

This tip doesn't apply to everyone. Instead, it helps with those looking to arrange a trip later in the year. Each season comes with its own distinct flavour. Summer usually gets the most tourists to bask in the pleasant temperatures and sunny days. Both spring and autumn feature magic of blooming flowers and the leaves changing colour. Christmas usually turns into a winter wonderland. Planning a trip to coincide with the seasons will enhance the type of experience you have. Can anything be more romantic than a glass of wine on your balcony overlooking a blanket of orange and yellow leaves?

## **Get a Set of Wheels**

This suggestion applies to almost every tourist to Tuscany. If you have a car, it gives you the flexibility to explore the best of the region. From the historical old towns to castles and vineyards, the region is best explored by car. Get online and research the quaint towns and villages and surprise your special someone with a serendipitous day trip. After leaving the city, expect almost deserted country lanes and undulating hills. Check out San Gimignano and Siena in Tuscany too.



## **Save the Road Trip for Next Time**

Ideally, if you want to have a more romantic experience, it might be better to base yourself in one location. While it can be tempting to explore as much of the region as possible, this type of travel isn't consistent with romance. Base yourself in Florence and take day trips to some of the villages and towns as suggested above. Or find a cosy spot to stay the night in one of the charismatic towns. If you do want to drive around and explore Tuscany to the fullest, come back again another time. You should be prioritising on fine-dining and experiences rather than sitting behind the wheel of a car.

## **Not Sure What to Do? Rent a Bike**

If you visit in the summer, one of the best ways to explore Tuscany is on the saddle. Bicycle rentals are available in Florence and other major destinations. You can either explore the city or head out along the country lanes. A favourite activity is cycling to the next town for lunch and returning in the late afternoon. Or buy some lunch from the supermarket and have a picnic next to the vineyards. Either way, cycling offers a different experience and perspective on the Tuscan region which adds to the romance. And to top it off, when you pedal rather than drive, you'll be reducing your carbon footprint.

## **Make the Most of Tuscan Wine**

When the region produces tens of thousands of bottles of wine each year, it presents the opportunity to become a connoisseur for the day. Head to the supermarket and you'll find familiar names as well as local brands lining the shelves. Grab a bottle and sip a glass or two in the early evening. Or, for a more hands-on experience, you can take a tour to one of the wineries. Options include visiting independently or joining a wine tasting tour. The second is better for obvious reasons. If you're spending two or three days in Florence, getting out

of the city to try some of the local drink is a must. And when you find the bottle you like the most, bring a couple back to replicate the romance back home. The best places to visit from Florence include Biondi Santi, Salcheto and Antinori Chianti Classico.

### **Have an Idea of What You Want to Do**

And finally, don't just turn up in Tuscany and go with the flow. That approach to travel doesn't work on a short getaway. When you consider how big the region is and the diversity of attractions, it's a better idea to plan a rough itinerary. You don't need to go into too much depth, but it pays to have a sense of the types of activities you want to do and when. For example, why not research the restaurants near your accommodation before getting on the plane? Then as soon as you land, you know exactly where to go.

### **Embracing the Romance in Tuscany**

Tuscany is one of the most romantic destinations in Europe. Offering a diverse range of experiences, it's a magnet for couples on short breaks to honeymooners. Follow the suggestions in this article, and you'll be able to have the best holiday imaginable. Remember to book somewhere nice to stay, rent a car (or a bike) and make the most of the region's wine.

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# **Travel Tips: How to Make the Most of Time on Your Vacation**



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Getting ready to jet off to a beautiful island or romantic city? We know how excited you must be for your next amazing vacation. But, have you ever struggled with how to best spend your time will traveling? Luckily, we've got the perfect [travel tips](#) to help you make the most out of time on your [romantic vacation](#).

## Check out our travel tips on how to make the most of your vacation!

**1. Research:** Before going on a vacation, you should make sure you know everything about where you're staying, how you're getting there and what things you plan to do while away. Make sure to do ample research so no detail slips through the cracks.

**2. Make a schedule:** Once you've figured out the details of your trip, make a flexible schedule with all the activities you want to do, places you want to see and restaurants you want to eat at. This way, you can make sure you have time to do everything you want to and make your trip less stressful, as you've got everything organized.

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**3. Bring enough money:** They do say time is money, so to make the most of your trip, it's important you bring enough money to do everything you want to. You don't want to have to miss out on a fun excursion because you don't have the \$20 to pay for it.

**4. Embrace changes:** Even if you plan out a detailed schedule, sometimes plans change while on vacation and that's totally okay. Don't be afraid to embrace any changes that come along, who knows, you might end up on a crazy adventure you never expected.

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**5. Savor the moments:** While on vacation, remember to just enjoy your time. Don't worry about all the work you have to do when you get home or how many days left you have. To make the most of your vacation, remain in the moment and enjoy every second of your trip.

**Have any more tips on how to make the most of your vacation? Comment below!**

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# Product Review: Summer Vacation Essentials for the Whole Family



By

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With gorgeous sunny days and cooling, sea-blown breezes, summer is the perfect time for [travel](#). Whether you're planning your annual family adventure or a [romantic getaway](#), read Cupid's [product review](#) below for your travel must-haves for the perfect, stress-free vacation.

## Product Review: Summer Travel Must-

# Haves for a Stress-Free Vacation for the Whole Family

## 1. [Kwilt Shoebox Mini Photo Aggregator/Personal Cloud, \\$59](#)



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Similar to an external hard drive for your home computer, the Kwilt Shoebox is a storage device for all those family vacation photos you take on your phone. If you lose your phone or just run out of space, you never have to worry about losing artifacts of your memories. Portable and easy to charge, the Kwilt Shoebox has the versatility to attach to a TV or a free mobile app for multiple methods of viewing. With 512 megabytes of storage and the ability to attach to tandem external hard drives, the Shoebox has unlimited space without those extra charges for using the cloud.

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## 2. [BuddyPhones PLAY, \\$49.99](#)



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BuddyPhones PLAY are the perfect travel accessory for your kids. Specially designed headphones with four safety sound levels to minimize hearing loss, parents don't have to worry about their kids during long car rides. The four travel modes fit every need: Toddler Mode, Kids Mode, Travel Mode, and Study Mode. The headband is made to withstand strong little hands so it won't snap when it's bent or pulled on. Made to fit tiny heads, the BuddyPhones PLAY are easy to adjust, with earmuffs made from hypoallergenic material to aid your child in every way. The BuddyCable sharing system allows BuddyPhones to be linked so that all your kids can watch and listen from the same device.

### 3. [Annemarie Borlind Orange Blossom Energizer, \\$38](#)



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It doesn't matter if you're sitting on the beach tanning or getting whipped by the wind on roller coasters, your skin still pays the price. Summer vacations can do some damage, but this orange blossom energizer's formula uses ingredient to bring life back into your skin. The potent antioxidant orange blossom serum mixes with carrot oil, infused with vitamins B5, C, and E to stimulate collagen production. Combine the Orange Blossom Energizer with Annemarie Borlind's other products for a glowing, fresh look.

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#### 4. [Mixology, \\$7](#)





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For your drinking fancies, My Drink Bomb has a delightful drink bomb for every palette. Just like bath bombs, drink bombs fizz into your drink for an extra explosion of flavor. Made from all natural ingredients, organic herbs, and the occasional 24K gold, these bombs are nonalcoholic and great for any person and any age. With low sugar, sugar-free, and gluten-free options, anybody can drop one of these drink bombs into a glass of water, soda, or alcohol for an extra fun punch.

**Have your best summer vacation yet with these travel essentials!**

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## **Product Review: Travel in Style with These Glam Bags!**





By

[Rachel Sparks](#)

Cute and practical is on every traveler's wish list when it comes to bags. These totes will help every world adventurer fight the frazzled looks of long flights by carrying luggage in style. Whether you're going somewhere for a [romantic getaway](#), a family vacation, or a [date night](#) at the beach, these summer travel bags are must-haves.

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[Flightline Travel Tote, \\$45](#)



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The perfect clutch for your travel essentials, the Flightline Travel Tote has thought of your every need. With side pockets especially designed to hold your passport, legal ID's, and phone, you can easily access all of your essential documents while going through security; no extra time digging through your purse needed. A patent-pending o-ring designed zipper creates the unique ability to still open the clutch while it is placed inside a seat back pocket. The tote easily detaches from other Flightline bags to make trips to the bathroom quick, and all bags come with a small strap so that you can hang your tote anywhere. Though sleek in design, the tote is big enough to hold a small tablet, expanding as wide as a thick magazine. You can customize your tote in either classic black or a deep purple, both made of vegan leather.

[OMG Accessories Duffle, \\$58](#)



OMG Accessories Duffel. Photo courtesy of [omgacceccssories.com](http://omgacceccssories.com)

How better to pack for a girls' weekend or a romantic getaway than in a cute patterned duffel? Available in five bubbly patterns, these bags are a flirty addition to your travel wardrobe. Names like "Denim Foxy Roxy Weekender" and "Frenchie Louie Weekender" can match your mood. All bags are made of vegan leather with a webbed nylon adjustable strap and gold hardware. Measuring 9"x18", it's the ideal size for a couple days away. The patterns are what make the bag unique, and they come with the options of "Rainbow," "Kitty Kat," "Foxy Roxy," "Unicorn Gwen," or French bulldog "Louie."

**Start this travel plans with a little inspiration from these summer travel bags!**

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## **Travel Advice: 10 Insider Tips for the Perfect Saint**

# Barths Getaway



Whether you're planning your first vacation on Saint Barths or returning a second or third time to this idyllic Caribbean island, the eclectic, boutique family-owned [Les Ilets de la Plage](#) has just unveiled their top "10 Insider Tips" for the perfect Saint Barths getaway. Summer is an ideal time to take advantage of island savings and discounts and for those looking for a picturesque [romantic getaway](#) in Saint Barths without breaking the bank, Les Ilets de la Plage is the perfect hideaway for families, couples, friends and the solo traveler.

For those looking for an affordable way to vacation on the beautiful of St Barths, look no further than the intimate, family-owned beach resort of Les Ilets de la Plage. This hidden gem offers 11 private villas with direct access to the white sand beach and azure sea. Secluded yet central, Les

Ilets has been a well-kept secret for years, combining the privacy and serenity of a villa with a hotel concierge service at an affordable price for the perfect [celebrity vacation](#).

**Looking for travel advice to make the most of your vacation in Saint Barths? Laurie Smith, the managing director of Les Ilets de la Plage, has compiled these helpful “10 Insider Tips” for the perfect Saint Barths getaway.**

**1. Why Saint Barths?:** This remote Caribbean island has all the glamour of St. Tropez without all the pretentiousness that accompanies typical celebrity hotspots. It's totally down-to-earth and accessible to anyone who wants a relaxing beach escape. Don't be scared off by all the celebrity sightings—St. Barths is an utterly laid-back, hidden gem of an island, perfect for escaping the hustle and bustle of everyday life (that's probably why the celebrities like it so much!). It's got fabulous beaches, nearly perfect weather, and a steady parade of yachts and sailboats to entertain your eyes as you soak up the sun. Whatever you're looking for in your next beach holiday, you'll find it in St. Barths.

**2. Fly into Saint Maarten for easy transportation to Saint Barths:** Unless you can charter your own plane, there are no direct flights to the island. And if you were to fly into Remy de Haenen airport in St. Jean, be prepared for a bit of a thrill—the tiny runway (just 2,100 feet, the shortest in commercial aviation) is flanked by St. Jean Bay on one end and mountains on the other. You can fly in from San Juan, Antigua, Puerto Rico, and Guadeloupe. You can fly from St. Maarten but

there are fewer flights operating this year due to the hurricane. St. Maarten does have the most options, however. If you pass up the hair-raising flight, you can take a 45-minute ferry ride or any one of a number of private charter boats.

**3. Take advantage of great deals during the summer months:** One of the many surprising facts about St. Barths is that it's actually an amazing year-round destination. High season runs from December through April—and if you're planning to visit during peak months, you'll need to plan months and months in advance, and it will cost you twice as much as the off-season. The summer months, on the other hand, are quieter, less crowded, but still utterly beguiling—and you can get a deal on a villa with much less notice. If you're into last-minute getaways, you'll love summer in St. Barths.

**4. All of the beaches are public, free and rarely crowded:** While it's true you'll find the occasional Caribbean resort-style, hotel-studded beach on St. Barths, most of them are secluded, remote, and frequented by locals. And all of them have that gorgeous, powdery white sand that feels so wonderful between your toes. (Except Shell Beach... the clue is in the name!) The most popular beach is St. Jean Beach, conveniently located near waterfront restaurants and shops—and perfect for snorkeling. Flamands Beach is the place to surf and bodyboard, while Grand Cul-de-Sac has calm, shallow water, a win for families with small children.

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**5. Low-key lunches are a true highlight of Saint Barths:** One of the highlights of a St. Barths holiday is spending long, lazy, rosé-fueled lunches with your feet in the sand. Shellona on Shell Beach has a rustic deserted-island ambiance and comfy loungers clustered beneath palapas—a wonderful way to while away an afternoon. La Langouste on Flamands Beach has lovely lobster (as you'd guess from the name)—choose your own from the tank and it's delivered perfectly grilled to your

beachside table. It's located in the pool courtyard of Hôtel Baie des Anges—cool off with a dip between courses!

**6. No need for fancy dress clothes:** Despite its posh reputation, you really don't need to dress up when you visit most of the island's 80-odd restaurants. Leave your ties and jackets at home—casual resort wear is the norm in St. Barths. Of course, if you really want to dress to the nines, put on your swankiest kicks and head to Bonito St. Barth, the Latin-French fusion restaurant where the beautiful people go. The restaurant at Villa Marie has a distinctly romantic vibe, the perfect place to celebrate a special occasion.

**7. There's no public transportation, so a rental car is a must:** Taxis are easy to come by, but they can be expensive. Fares jump after 8 pm and you need to arrange taxis in advance if you need a ride after midnight. For most people, a rental car is essential, then you can come and go as you please. It is much better value to hire a rental car and it's easy to arrange one for yourself. If your concierge handles it for you, the agency can deliver it to your door—it really couldn't be simpler.

**8. Travel medical insurance is a good idea:** Modern health care is available on St. Barths, but the hospital is small and only offers basic care and limited emergency services. If you need medical care during your stay, you'll need to be evacuated to another island better equipped to handle emergencies—and that can cost tens of thousands of dollars. You'll likely never need travel medical insurance, but if you do, you'll be very glad you have it.

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**9. Les Ilets de la Plage is a great choice for travelers who seek privacy, but also want the amenities of a resort hotel:** There are plenty of posh hotels on the island, but if



you chose St. Barths to escape to a bit of privacy and seclusion, you can't beat a private villa. Les Ilets has beach side and garden villas that offer the utmost in privacy with luxe accommodations and all the amenities you'd expect from a hotel. Our attractive one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas are perfect for a romantic couples' retreat, a girls' getaway, or a relaxing family holiday. In addition to gorgeous private beach access, there's a private pool with cabanas and sun deck. We also have full concierge services—fresh croissants delivered to your door each morning, lunch and dinner reservations, grocery shopping, even childcare is easily arranged for you. It's really the best of both worlds.

**10: There is life away from the beach.** No one would blame you if you never wanted to leave your comfortable spot next to the sea, soaking up sun, sippy fruity island drinks, and enjoying the incredible views. But if you do want a bit of activity and adventure to round out your day, there's plenty to do in St. Barths. The waters off St. Barths are ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving, and there are great spots for kitesurfing, bodyboarding, and all sorts of watersports. And if you like fishing, the Atlantic waters are filled with mahi mahi, bonito, wahoo, and marlin. Looking for a little retail therapy or some pampering? This is an island that draws the rich and famous—the shopping and spa services are world class.

**About *Les Ilets de la Plage*:** Les Ilets de la Plage is a quiet, understated resort with 11 villas that are simple, but elegantly decorated and very comfortable. All villas have full kitchen facilities, air conditioning in the bedrooms, satellite TV, Wi-Fi throughout, a daily maid service and a daily delivery of fresh breads and pastries right to the door. It's the best of both worlds – the privacy of your own villa with hotel services, concierge and facilities on hand. The beach cabana by the central pool has complimentary coffee and tea available all morning. Guests love the little bit of community that the pool area offers, and guests often gather

to sunbathe, chat, and even enjoy a cocktail or two in the evenings. Les Ilets is great for families too as some villas have multiple bedrooms and different configurations. The area itself is very quiet and while children will love the beach, there's also a huge variety of activities the resort offers. For more information, visit [www.lesilets.com](http://www.lesilets.com) or email [info@lesilets.com](mailto:info@lesilets.com).

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## Romantic Getaway: Travel in The Deep Blue Sea



By

[Jessica Gomez](#)

Sometimes the sea calls out to us, and who better to enjoy the

deep waters with than your other half? Activities like scuba diving and snorkeling are popular because, well, who doesn't love deep water exploration? It can be intimidating, but the experience is absolutely astonishing. So, put these activities on your bucket list and get ready to read about several places where you can enjoy the hidden wonders of the deep waters.

**Plan a [romantic getaway](#) to any of these five places and make sure to schedule a snorkeling or scuba diving appointment:**

Before we get into it, some of you may be asking what the difference is between snorkeling and scuba diving. They are both incredible water activities, but the difference is that during one you go deeper, and it's a far more intense and beautiful experience. When you go snorkeling, you wear a snorkel, a mask and a tube, and swim near the surface of the water so you can breathe. During scuba diving, you are in full deep swimming gear, a diving suit and an oxygen tank. Now, let's get to the places around the world, with the best deep underwater views, where you can partake in some summer fun:

**1. [Hawaii](#):** You can chose between Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Lanai, Molokai, and Island of Hawaii. All theses places are the ones to go to for some underwater fun. Swim with the dolphins, enjoy the reefs – take it all in. This is just another reason to go to Hawaii. \*Starts packing bags\*

**2. [The Maldives](#):** Being one of the most beautiful places in the world, there sure is a lot to be seen in its waters. When scuba diving, you'll feel like your swimming in a huge aquarium. The water is home to a multitude of beautiful species, including 700 different kinds of fish! You can definitely learn a thing or two about sea life here.

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3. **[Australia](#)**: Did you know Australia has the largest coral reef ecosystem in the world? Australia's Great Barrier Reef is made up of 2,900 individual reefs that stretch across the shoreline. You'll be able to dive and witness the amazing sea life and all the coral you could wish for. Time to see all the color and beauty an underwater adventure has to provide.

4. **[Dominican Republic](#)**: This may be surprising for some because the island is so small, but Silver Bank is one of the few places in the world where we can swim along side humpback whales! So cool. Dominican Republic is already known as paradise, what with the rivers and all the clear water the Caribbean has to offer. So here is an additional reason to visit the island.

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5. **[Ecuador](#)**: This is the one on the list that is the most different. Why, you ask? Because it isn't surrounded by coral and all the tropical fish you can imagine. This is where you go to check out marine life. You will see all kinds of animals, from sea lions and sharks to dolphins and penguins. Fun and educational – interact with the beautiful creatures from the sea and enjoy paradise.

**Which place do you want to travel to? Comment below!**

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## **Travel Tips: How To Make Your Own 4th of July Adventure**



By [Haley](#)

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Barbeques, red, white and blue, and fireworks on a beautiful beach. We know, you've been dreaming about the perfect Fourth of July getaway. For your patriotic trip, it's definitely best to stay in the United States so you can witness celebrations of the holiday. So, don't worry, we have the perfect getaway ideas that will make you feel like you're on a [celebrity vacation](#) this Independence Day.

**Check out these [travel destinations](#) that will make your 4th of July spectacular!**

**1. New York City, NY:** While a trip to the Big Apple might not be like the typical dream beach vacation, it sure is a great place to be on America's birthday. Go to Manhattan to catch

the extravagant Macy's 4th of July Firework show over the East River. Try booking a cruise to watch the fireworks explode in front of the Statue of Liberty and the city skyline.

**2. Key West, FL:** Now here's that dream beach getaway you were hoping for! Key West is a beautiful place with fabulous resorts and water activities like snorkeling, fishing, and kayaking. Plus, July 1-4 is the annual Key Lime Festival with activities such as pie eating contests, rum sampling and fireworks.

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**3. New Orleans, LA:** Go to the Big Easy for an awesome Independence Day trip. Catch a view of the city's Go 4th on the River fireworks show that features dueling barges on the Mississippi River. Take a cruise on the Creole Queen, Steamboat Natchez or another riverboat for an awesome view of the fireworks. Spend the rest of the weekend eating and dancing away!

**4. Washington, D.C.:** Where else is better to celebrate the birth of the United States than the country's capital? Spend your trip visiting monuments and scoping out the White House. Set up a picnic at National Mall and enjoy fireworks at night with your family.

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**5. Boston, MA:** Boston is a city full of Revolutionary War history and heritage. Check out Boston Harborfest in Faneuil Hall Marketplace, and take advantage of war reenactments, cruises, speeches, music and walking tours. You can visit Paul Revere's house and other historical war sites. The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular is an amazing show which includes real cannon fire!

**Know any other great 4th of July destinations? Comment below!**

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# Vacation Destinations: Top 5 Must-See Places in Europe



By

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From sandy beaches to ancient ruins, there are so many [vacation destinations](#) to visit. Always remember, there are a million reasons why you shouldn't do something, but there are even more reasons why you should. Europe is filled with beautiful vacation spots. With different countries and cultures, you will come back with memories well worth the trips.

Whether you are going as a [romantic getaway](#) or just visiting some of Europe's [popular vacation spots](#), here are Cupid's Top 5 Must-See Places in Europe.



**1. Rome:** Talk about history! Visiting Rome will have you thinking you are back in history class. Putting aside the freshly made pasta, there are so many amazing sites to see. From Vatican City, the home of the Catholic Church, to the ancient ruins, such as the Colosseum, you will be in awe. Rome is not only full of art, history and food, but it also has the romantic atmosphere to match. With everything you will get out of the trip, this is worth every penny.

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**2. Paris:** With its reputation of romance, Paris is another great place for a romantic getaway. With landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and the love locks on the Pont des Arts bridge, this city is a place where you can be relaxed and move at your own pace. You also can't forget about the love of fashion that Paris is known for, as well as their exquisite restaurants.

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**3. Athens:** If you are interested in history, Athens may be the trip for you! After visiting the ancient ruins, you can visit a few of the 10 Wonders of the World. There are plenty of day trips or excursions, like to the Temple of Poseidon or to other neighboring cities. Don't worry; after your history lessons, there are many places you can go to relax. Greece has many beaches as well as a big party scene and nightlife

activity. To fuel up, don't forget to check out the amazing food. With plenty of cafes and restaurants, there is no way you will go hungry.



**4. Dublin:** Imagine waking up the breathtaking atmosphere of Ireland. With vivid green acres of grass, fresh air and clear blue skies how could you not enjoy yourself? There are all types of things to learn in Ireland. After visiting the Malahide Castle and Gardens, why not stop at the Guinness Storehouse! Dublin also has their own National Wax Museum as well as and Aquatic Centre. Interested in the nightlife? Well, don't worry. The a country known for their love of beer, there are plenty of bars and clubs. There can't be a dull day in Dublin.



**5. Dubrovnik:** Sometimes you want to switch it up and go somewhere different and unique. Dubrovnik is a country-like town in Croatia. While this town is outside the capital, there

are still so many things to enjoy. With plenty of water activities offered, like kayaking and scuba diving, enjoying a nice hot day on the beach won't be an issue. Plus, there are a few museums and historical sites to visit. While it's always nice to learn something new, there are also so many bars and lounges to choose from when the sun goes down. Explore and enjoy beautiful Croatia, and you never know, this could be one of your favorites.

**What are some other must-see places in Europe? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Travel Destinations: Top 5 Castles To Visit In America**





By

[Jessica Gomez](#)

Who doesn't love real-life castles? Most of us grew up reading and dreaming about them, what with fairy tales and all. Usually, the second we think "castle," we picture those in Europe. However, there are some closer to home within the United States! What's even better is that they're super nice and open to the public. Consider making some of these castles part of your upcoming [vacation destinations](#).

**Here are five castles to include on your list of travel destinations, in no particular order, and all in different states:**

1. [Belvedere Castle](#): This castle is located in an unexpected place – New York City. Yes, you read that right! Location is partially what makes this castle so alluring. In 1865, this Gothic structure was built in Central Park. The castle is now a visitor center and is open to the public for free.

**2. Castle in the Clouds aka Lucknow Estate:** This small and modest, yet beautiful castle is located in Moultonborough, New Hampshire high on a mountain. It is open daily, and you take a trolley up the mountain to get to it. If you love nature, then be sure to visit, as it is meant to achieve harmony with the pleasantries around it. Castle in the Clouds has unique innovations inside like jigsaw floors, a self-cleaning oven, and a central-vacuuming system.

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**3. Hearst Castle:** This castle is located in California and is a national historic landmark. The mansion is located in Simeon and was built by architect Julia Morgan to serve as a private residence for William Randolph, a newspaper mogul. Unfortunately, Randolph died before it was finished. Now, it serves as a museum to the public, displaying collections of art and antiques.

**4. Biltmore Estate:** This castle has 250 rooms and overlooks the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is located in Asheville, North Carolina and was built in 1898. It took six years to build and was designed by architects Richard Morris Hunt and Frederick Law Olmsted. Today, this estate covers about 8,000 acres, standing on both sides of the French Broad River.

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**5. Bishop's Palace aka Gresham Castle:** This Victorian castle is located in Galveston, Texas. The national historic landmark is listed as one of the most significant Victorian residences. It was finished in 1892, and was built by lawyer and railroad entrepreneur Colonel Walter Gresham and architect Nicholas Clayton.

**Which of these castles are you excited to go to, or have you already visited? Comment below!**

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# Best East Coast Beaches for Summer 2018



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The summer months are upon us, and that means it's beach time! Whether you live on the East Coast and are looking to try out some fabulous beaches near you or you are planning to travel to the East Coast, we have narrowed down the best beaches that you should visit.

## Ponder taking a swim at one of

# these [beautiful vacation spots](#) this summer!

**1. The Hamptons, NY:** Multiple towns make up the Hamptons on Long Island. To name a few, there is Westhampton Beach, East Hampton, Southhampton, Montauk, and Sag Harbor. You may have heard of the Hamptons from multiple celebrities taking vacations there. Not only is it a great vacation spot with shopping opportunities and yummy restaurants, but the beaches are amazing as well. The best beaches to visit in the Hamptons are Cupsogue Beach at the end of Dune Road, Rogers Beach in Westhampton Beach, Tiana Beach in East Quogue, Road F Beach in Southhampton, and Wilborg Beach in East Hampton. You can venture to the Hamptons for just one beach day or find a place to stay for a few days. The Hampton beaches make for the perfect destination to venture to with your honey for a [romantic getaway](#) or with your family.

**2. Cape May, NJ:** The vibe of Cape May is so nautical and historical and makes for such an enjoyable overall experience. You can visit Higbee Beach, Poverty Beach, or Sunset Beach. You would definitely enjoy visiting Cape May with your partner because you will both be able to enjoy the historical aspects of it, more so than children would. Spend the day at the beach and then have a wonderful [date night](#) at one of the cool restaurants nearby! Be sure to visit a winery while you are there as well.

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**3. Block Island, RI:** Block Island is such an amazing destination because similarly to the spots mentioned above, there is so much to do in addition to the spectacular beaches that are available. Check out Cow Cove near Settlers' rock, Baby Beach, Surf Beach, Mansion Beach, and definitely swing by

the Mohegan Bluffs. Block Island presents 17 miles of beaches so there are a lot to choose from. Block Island also has some historical aspects to it. If you don't wish to spend the entire day at the beach in the sand, half way through the day look into renting bikes and bike across the beautiful island.

**4. Martha's Vineyard, MA:** Martha's Vineyard offers beaches like Lucy Vincent Beach, Menemsha Hills, Lighthouse Beach, Bend in the Road Beach, and many more. The only way to get here is either by boat or air so that makes the destination even more special. There are many lighthouses, beaches, and farmlands. It is located south of Cape Cod. Be sure to indulge in some seafood while you are visiting.

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**5. Kiawah Island, SC:** If you are looking to venture to yet another island but more down south this time, definitely dip your toes in the water at Kiawah Island. The beach stretches for 10 miles and it is pristinely clean. Also, if you like to golf, spend two days here: one at the beach and one taking advantage of the wonderful golfing that this island has to offer.

The cool thing about these east coast beaches is that each of them present a different atmosphere. Venture to see which one is the best for you and try to travel to even more that are not mentioned. There is so much to explore!

**Do you know of some other amazing east coast beaches? Comment below!**

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# Not Feeling Up for Beaches? 5 Other Great Things to Do in Rio



Millions of tourists come to Rio de Janeiro every year, and the majority of them seek the glorious sandy beaches of this city. However, what's to be done when the weather turns foul or you aren't in the mood for going to the beach? Luckily, as this city is a place of wonders, you'll find many great things to do in Rio that will fit anyone's taste.

## 5 Great Things to Do in Rio That Aren't Visiting Beaches

**1. Visiting Theatro Municipal:** Theatro Municipal is the grand

theater of Rio de Janeiro. It's a building of spectacular beauty modeled after the Palais Garnier in Paris. This building is one of the must-see places in Rio, and not only from outside. The insides are as spectacular and guides will tell you dozens of fascinating stories that took place inside these gilded halls. Depending on how much time you have, you can go on a short guided tour during the day or a fantastic theater, ballet, or opera performance at night.

**2. Strolling through the Sitio Burle Marx:** Sitio Burle Marx is the residence of Roberto Burle Marx, one of the most notable of Brasilia's sons. This landscape architect is a legend in his field, which you'll be able to see for yourself when exploring his estate. Despite the rather small size, this is one of the most beautiful gardens you'll find in the whole of Rio. Unlike his colleagues, Burle Marx wasn't captivated with the idea of making European-style gardens. Instead he focused on bringing out the beauty of local Brazilian plants. He is renowned as one of the main forces behind the conservation effort in the Amazon forests.

**3. Go on a guided walking tour:** One of the best things you can do to enjoy your trip to the fullest is to go on a [free walking tour in Rio](#). Exploring the city on your own won't be as enjoyable or educational as doing it with a knowledgeable guide. These professionals will help you discover the most notable attractions and share some peculiarities of the local culture. They will also ensure you stay safe and don't get lost while exploring Rio on foot.

**4. Visit Ilha de Paqueta:** Ilha de Paqueta is a small island located about an hour-long ferry ride from the city proper. Visiting it is one of the greatest things to do in Rio as this place will give you a chance to see a different face of Brazil. Unlike the hustle and bustle on the city, this island is quiet and has a wonderfully relaxing atmosphere. Using auto-transport on the island is forbidden, so the freshness of the air is nothing short of magical. Paqueta is a place where

you can see some gorgeous colonial buildings, try fantastic food, and witness the beauty of nature. It's not only Brazilian wildlife you'll be able to find here. The island is also one of the few places on Earth where you can see baobabs.

**5. Explore Parque de Catacomb:** If you want to take a stroll through a rainforest and enjoy some spectacular views, Parque de Catacumba is the place to go. This park is neither the biggest nor the most interesting one in Rio. But it definitely stands out due to its natural simplicity. The wildlife part of it has seen little interference from men, and the view from the Mirante do Sacopa lookout is one of the most incredible sights you'll see in Brazil. The park has plenty of activities to offer including rappelling, rock-climbing, a canopy walk and a zipline. Once you go down to the lake Lagoa, you'll be able to enjoy multiple treats from the local small kiosks. Overall, this park is for the days when you want to enjoy nature without the abundance of other tourists.

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## Impromptu Romantic Getaways For NYC Love Birds





By

[Jessica Gomez](#)

Sometimes we just need to get out of town with our other half, and pronto! Vacations take planning, but do all of them require tons of it? The answer is no. New York City is centrally located to many great romantic getaways that aren't very far away, have beautiful views, and will keep you in a love bubble during your stay.

**Here are five beautiful vacation spots awaiting you love birds, and they're just a romantic drive away:**

[Cove Haven in Lakeville, PA:](#) This is a very romantic getaway for you and your partner to consider. It may even be one of the best couple vacation spots near you. There are various suites to choose from, all varying in size and amenities. Many have their own Jacuzzi, and some even have a pool in the room! The theme is love, so you'll see lots of red and hearts. Surround yourself with nature as well, as there's a beautiful view to take in with your other half. You also have the option

for an all-inclusive stay if you'd like. Cove Haven is about a two and a half hour drive from New York City.

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**[Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY:](#)** About a two hour drive away from New York City, this place is a nice getaway for couples who wish to be in a castle and like to be nestled in a historic atmosphere. The resort is a national historic landmark, dating back to 1869. It is surrounded by 40,000 acres of pristine forest and has an award-winning spa! The food is also locally sourced. Get cozy with your lover by a fireplace, or by the lake and mountains.

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**[Castle Hill Inn in Newport, RI:](#)** This is a nice getaway since it's by the water – there's a beach and a marina. In some rooms you can get a Jacuzzi, fireplace, kitchen, and a deck with a water view. This is also a historic place, but it has been upgraded to meet our modern needs. It is about a three and a half hour ride from New York City.

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**[Mount Merino Manor Bed & Breakfast in Hudson, NY:](#)** About a two and a half hour drive from NYC, this nice country retreat with luxurious rooms is ready for you. Embrace your surroundings; you'll love the mountain views and fresh air. There are many rooms to choose from. Choose rooms with either a queen or king sized bed and with walk-in spa showers or antique soaking tubs. This place will have you and your partner feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. Let yourselves get wrapped up in the warmth of love and carried away over the hills.

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[Fifteen Beacon Hotel in Boston, MA:](#) Stay at this luxurious hotel in the heart of downtown Boston! Each room provides a free bottle of champagne – yum! Indulge in elegance and glamour while you stay here. Plus, the hotel is environmentally conscious due to their green policies and use of eco-friendly products. They put a lot of attention to detail into what they offer as well, so you can get the most of out of your stay.

Which one of these places are you New Yorkers dying to go to? Comment below!

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## Travel Tips: How to Prep for Travel During Allergy Season





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Allergy season is upon us! If you suffer from allergies, you know the struggle of leaving your house and having to worry about your throat beginning to itch, your eyes rapidly watering, and your nose dripping with each step you take. No one wants their vacation time to be halted just because of allergies. Luckily, we have power over allergies and are going to combat them! You don't have to reschedule your [romantic getaway](#) just because allergies are in the air.

## **Don't let allergies terminate your trip! Here are some travel tips during allergy season:**

**1. Refill any prescription medications:** If you take medication for your allergies, make sure you are stocked up for your trip- as you may not be able to retrieve them during [travel](#). Pick up any over-the-counter medications you may need before hand. Additionally, be sure to keep these medications in a bag that you will have handy during your travels. Don't pack them

away in your suitcase that will be stored away on the plane. Make sure you have easy access so that when you need it, you can get it.

**2. Get immunizations:** When you are planning to travel, you should check with your doctor if they recommend getting any vaccinations before departing to that specific region. Also, consult with them about any travel restrictions they may foresee regarding traveling during allergy season.

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**3. Pack wipes and tissues:** The necessities! Be sure to pack a bunch of disinfectant wipes and facial tissues for your travels. You don't want to be stuck with a runny nose on the train with no tissues available. You also want to be able to wipe down any surfaces that you may be near for a long period of time with a disinfectant wipe just to be safe.

**4. Drink a lot of water:** With all of the excitement of traveling, the idea of continuously hydrating may slip your mind. Pack water bottles or purchase some any change you get. Staying hydrated is very important during allergy season and just in general!

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**5. Check the pollen report:** Be aware of the area you are traveling to and stay up to date on the weather and pollen report of that area. Additionally, if you are embarking on a road trip, try to refrain from driving with your windows open. Pack saline nasal spray too! That stuff does wonders.

**6. Stay clean:** Wash your hands, body, and hair any chance you can get while traveling in order to wash away any pollen that could get stuck on you. Stay safe and healthy this allergy season!



How do you combat allergies? Comment below!

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# Hiking & Camping Travel Destinations that Make for a Great Date Idea



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Albert Einstein once said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." Participating in activities out in nature improves your overall well-being and mental state. Nothing compares to the deep breaths of fresh air when you are hiking through the mountains or camping in

the woods. Hiking and camping are both amazing mind and body workouts. Why not add your heart into the mix as well? Plan a splendid date nature and your partner. Cupid has narrowed down the seven best hiking and camping [travel destinations](#) that make for a great date idea!

**These seven hiking and camping travel destinations in the United States are perfect for a [romantic getaway](#) and make for great date ideas!**

**1. Mohonk Preserve (New York):** The Mohonk Preserve is a great place to hike because they have multiple trail options ranging from easy to difficult. Cupid's personal favorite is the Lemon Squeeze Hike, although it takes a good amount of physical fitness to complete. But then again, it could be a "mind over matter" task. This place is perfect for a romantic getaway, because there is a beautiful resort right on the preserve called the Mohonk Mountain House. Plan a weekend and stay at the beautiful Mohonk Mountain House in the Hudson Valley with your partner! You can spend your days hiking, doing water sports in the lake, and just enjoying nature.

**2. Glacier National Park (Montana):** This is a fabulous place for both hiking and camping. You can secure a campsite in advance at any of these locations: Fish Creek Reservations, St. Mary Reservations, Apgar Group Site Reservations, or Many Glacier. This destination will really help you and your partner get in touch with nature as you may come across some bears! Be on the lookout, and enjoy all of the wonderful things that nature has to offer.

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**3. Grand Canyon (Arizona):** If you have not traveled to the Grand Canyon yet, it is definitely worth it. Travel with your partner to admire the beauty of the red rock together. The best time to hike along the Grand Canyon is around sunrise or sunset. The history of the Grand Canyon is very interesting as well! Feed both your mind and body with knowledge and exercise as you and your boo take the trip..

**4. Arches National Park (Utah):** Arches National Park exhibits beautiful naturally formed sandstone arches that are great to take pictures with your partner for an Instagram opportunity! This is a very cool hiking spot. You can camp there as well, although camping space is limited. Remember to bring a backpack filled with water and snacks for the hike!

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**5. Olympic National Park (Washington):** Have you ever put up a suspended tree tent? It's a tent that is almost like a hammock because it is positioned in the air tied to two trees. Olympic is the perfect place to do so and check it off your bucket list! This area offers more than just typical hiking; it has three completely different ecosystems, including a rainforest! Amazing.

**6. Badlands National Park (South Dakota):** This landscape offers dramatic scenery of rock formations. You and your partner can come across fossils as you hike through the variety of trails – Door Trail, Saddle Pass Trail, Castle Trail, Cliff Shelf Trail, Fossil Exhibit Trail, and more!

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**7. Hot Springs National Park (Arkansas):** Camping doesn't always necessarily have to be combined with hiking. This camping experience offers a natural spa treatment for you and your partner. The waterfront atmosphere makes for a romantic

natural experience! Anywhere you decide to travel will be amazing as you are experiencing nature with someone who means a lot to you, and not much can top that!

Which hiking or camping destination do you want to travel to for a date? Comment below!

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## Vacation Destinations: Where to See the Most Beautiful Springs in the U.S.



By

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If you're in need of a vacation, but want to go somewhere

different, consider the wonders of hot springs! Hot springs are an awesome getaway because of their natural beauty and absolute luxury. Basically the best bathtubs out there, they are great for relaxing your muscles, upping your circulation, and clearing your mind. There are many different springs all over the country, so there are plenty of options for you! Grab your girlfriends or your partner, or just go by yourself! You deserve a [luxury vacation](#) and pampered getaway!

## **Pack your bags, babe! These hot springs make the most perfect [vacation destinations!](#)**

**1. Lava Hot Springs, Idaho:** You can visit Lava Hot Springs almost any time of year, as it is open 364 days out of the year. The water of Lava Hot Springs is usually between 102° to 112°, perfect for any visit. The natural mineral water will restore your soul and make you feel rejuvenated! While you visit, take a look at the Sunken Gardens for a more dry vacation and admire the beautiful gardens and rock formations.

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**2. Hot Springs State Park, Wyoming:** Hot Springs State Park is an all-in-one vacation destination! Obviously, the main attraction are the Hot Springs themselves. The water's kept at a comfortable 104° year-round, and over 8,000 gallons a day circulate the refreshing and beautiful basins. Other noteworthy must-sees include their Swinging Bridge, Rainbow Terrace formations (a result from hot springs water, algae and plankton) and their plentiful Bison Herds!

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**3. Franklin Hot Springs, California:** California's Central Coast is the best-kept secret! Just a little bit north from the L.A. area, you'll find tons of natural beauty. Cue Franklin Hot Springs. The price point is very affordable and you can enjoy all the on-site amenities, such as fishing and boating. There are a few other hot springs in the area, so hit them all when you go for a visit!

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**4. Fanning Springs State Park, Florida:** This spring promises clear, cool water to all those who visit! Take a dip in the springs, or snorkel and swim if that's more your style. Whatever the case, cabins are available to rent on-site, so you can stay as long as you'd like. Looks like it's time to cash in those vacation days!

**5. Blackstone Hot Springs, New Mexico:** New Mexico may not be the first vacation destination that pops into your head, but you won't be sorry if you visit Blackstone Hot Springs. Blackstone offers luxury lodging: newly remodeled for the ultimate pampering experience! Whether you enjoy basking in the sun or hiding in the shade, there are plenty of ways to sit back and relax. They take guests and walk-ins, so it's perfect for any travel plans.

**Have a favorite hot spring? Share it with us! We'd love to hear about it.**