

# Vacation Destination: Plan a Trip to Cuba



By [Haley Lerner](#)

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



By [Haley Lerner](#)

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 while 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?  
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# Product Review: Summer Vacation Essentials for the Whole Family



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

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](#)

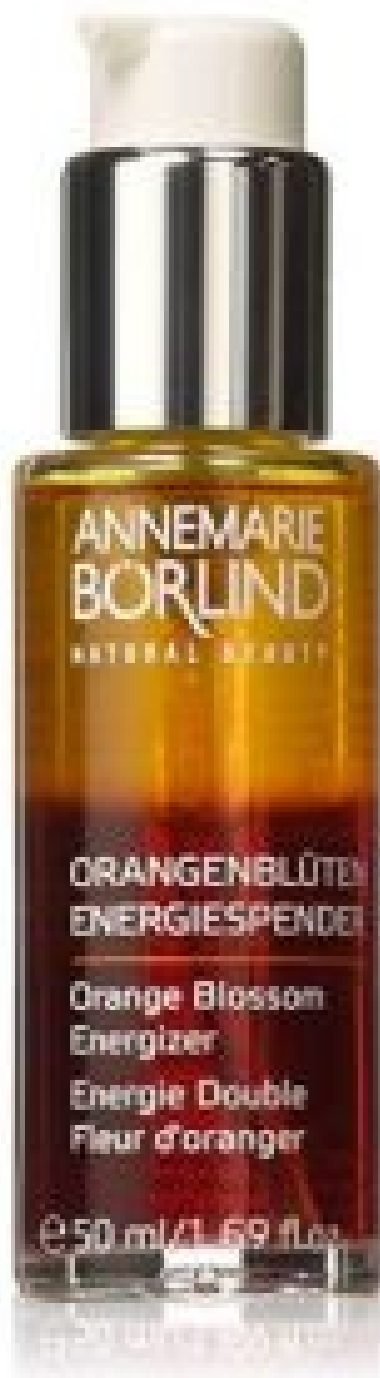


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BuddyPhones PLAY are the perfect travel accessory for your kids. Specially designed headphones with four safety sound levels to minimize hearing loss, parents don't have to worry about their kids during long car rides. The four travel modes fit every 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.

## Product Review: Summer Travel Bags for Stylish Vacations!

[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](#)





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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 choose between Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Lanai, Molokai, and Island of Hawaii. All these 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 Lerner](#)

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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## 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-vacuuuming 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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# 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







By [Carly Horowitz](#)

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



By [Karley Kemble](#)

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.**

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## Celebrity Travel: Top 5

# European Hotspots



By [Jessica Gomez](#)

Oh Europe, how beautiful is thee! Europe is definitely a great place to vacation, and it's one of the areas at the top of the list for celebrity travel. It has a rich history, and it's full of culture. Europe is a large area with countless stunning spots, so limiting them to five is not an easy task. That said, here are five “hot” [vacation destinations](#) in various European countries that your favorite celebs routinely enjoy!

## And the 5 top European hotspots (in

no particular order) for [celebrity vacations](#) go to... \*drum roll, please\*:

**1. Venice, Italy:** This is one of the most romantic places in Europe, and it's very popular with tourists as a result. The beautiful art and architecture here are big reasons for the heavy tourism as well. Take a ride on a gondola (long wooden boats) through the Great Canal, visit the major landmarks, eat the delicious chibo (food) at your pick of numerous cute cafes and elegant restaurants – the list goes on! Johnny Depp, [Brad Pitt](#), and [Kristen Stewart](#) are some of the many celebrities who have been spotted vacationing here! [George Clooney](#) and his wife Ama had their [celebrity wedding](#) here and then came back for their third wedding anniversary, according to [us.hellomagazine.com](#)!

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**2. Ibiza, Spain:** Party central! This island is known for the around-the-clock socializing and astonishing performances. Hit the beaches and the night clubs! Fun awaits you on this paradise island. Some of your night life loving celebs that have had their fair share of good times here are [Justin Bieber](#), [Kim Kardashian](#), Orlando Bloom, and Kate Moss! However, Bieber and Bloom may have had too much fun, as they shared some hostile moments there as well. Four years ago, the two hunks got into an altercation in Ibiza where Bloom allegedly swung at Bieber, according to [People.com](#).

**3. The Algarve, Portugal:** Sweet, sweet paradise! Clear waters, green nature, and a strong sun – why are we not there right now? This destination is considered one of the most beautiful in Europe, as it's one of the most developed regions in Portugal. Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton enjoyed their honeymoon there – and we're picturing ours there, too!

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**4. Paris, France:** Known as the City of Lights, Paris is a big tourist spot! The romantic city is home to one of the most famous landmarks in history: the Eiffel Tower. There are various cafes and restaurants at which to eat and enjoy wine, too. And, of course, there are numerous museums, monuments, and cathedrals to see. Robin Thicke has been seen “touring it” up with his girlfriend April Love Geary.

**5. Mykonos, Greece:** Celebrities really do love to come here! Tons have visited: [Leonardo DiCaprio](#), Mariah Carey, [Ariana Grande](#), and Paris Hilton – making this a celebrity hotspot for sure. It’s a nice, relaxing vacation spot away from it all. This Greek island provides delicious Mediterranean cuisine near breathtaking waves. Celebrities like Tom Hanks and [Tom Cruise](#) own houses here!

**What are some places in these celebrity destinations you’ve been to or dream of going to? Comment below!**

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## **Popular Vacation Spots: 7 Places to Make the Most of Holiday Break**







By [Karley Kemble](#)

With many winter holidays around the corner, you're bound to have some time off. Sure, you have your normal holiday traditions, but maybe you feel like changing it up this year. Winter is a wonderful time to [travel](#) because there are so many places decked out for the holidays!

**If you're feeling adventurous and have been bitten by the travel bug, Cupid has some ideas of where you can go to make the most of your holiday season!**

**1. Christmas Town, USA:** The town of McAdenville in North Carolina transforms into a quaint little Christmas mecca during the month of December – straight out of a Hallmark movie! The city itself is decked out with over 50,000 lights, not to mention that basically every house in the city limits

is decorated as well! This is a must-visit.

**2. Vienna, Austria:** Anywhere in Europe is definitely an amazing holiday getaway, let's be real. Vienna is known for its quaint holiday markets, filled with delicious foods and gifts galore! There are tons of lights and displays around the city. Advent concerts are also regular holiday events, so look out for those, too.

**3. New York, New York:** A true and iconic American classic, a visit to New York during the holidays is something everybody should see at least once in their lifetime. The iconic Rockefeller Center tree is truly breathtaking, and most store windows are lavishly decorated for the holidays! Also, if you love ice skating, get over to Bryant Park Winter Village and check out their iconic holiday rink. It's truly something marvelous.

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**4. Boulder, Colorado:** If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, look no further than Boulder. In all honesty, you can go *anywhere* in Colorado during the holidays and it's guaranteed to be beautiful. Plus, Boulder is famed for its lavish resorts and picture-perfect ski slopes – so if that's up your alley, you should book a flight ASAP!

**5. Copenhagen, Denmark:** There are many places to visit in Denmark, but one you absolutely have to check out is Tivoli Gardens. Beautiful throughout other seasons, the gardens transform into a holiday oasis with festive lights and decorations! Another noteworthy location is Kronprinsensgade street – known for its “blanket” of Christmas lights that hang above the buildings.

**6. Nuremberg, Germany:** Get yourself in the holiday spirit with some Nuremberg gingerbread and take a stagecoach tour around town. Germany is a perfect holiday destination that will surely amaze you. Shop around for unique and magnificent

ornaments to bring home for all your loved ones, or stop by the iconic Children's Christmas Market and check out the merry-go-round!

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**7. Disneyland or Disneyworld:** There's something about visiting the Disney Parks during the holiday season that is so timeless. Disney really works their magic and decks out their parks – there is no nook or cranny left undecorated. There are also special seasonal events and shows that are totally worth checking out, and yummy holiday themed concessions. Definitely check out any of the resorts for a happy holiday getaway – after all, these parks are called some of the happiest places on earth for a reason!

**Where are your favorite places to go during the holidays for a winter getaway? Share below!**

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## **Vacation Destinations: Top 5 Getaway Spots on the East Coast**







By [Karley Kemble](#)

Everyone deserves a getaway once in a while! Sure, stay-cations are a great way to unwind, but sometimes it's best to leave your little comfort bubble and explore! The East Coast is the ultimate vacation destination, well known for amazing beaches and five-star views. You really can't go wrong with a visit to any of the East Coast states.

**Whether you're due for a quick weekend trip, a longer excursion, or a [romantic getaway](#), consider some of these luxurious East Coast locations:**

### **1. Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts**

Probably the most timeless East Coast destination, Martha's Vineyard is a very popular summer getaway for celebrities and



regular folks alike. There are lots of things to do here: you can kick back on the beach, stroll around the beautiful Mytoi Japanese Garden, or even ride the Flying Horses – the world's oldest carousel. Did we forget to mention that the summer weather is basically perfect? You'll rarely ever see temperatures that top 90 degrees!

## **2. The Hamptons, New York**

Live the Kardashian life you've always dreamed about, and take a trip to The Hamptons! No matter where you stay, you will be absolutely delighted by your surroundings. Stay at a beachfront hotel or the famous Greek Revival Inn and take in the breathtaking views. Check out Jackson Pollock's home studio, eat some lobster rolls, and snap some pics of the Montauk Point Lighthouse you've seen all over Instagram. What are you waiting for? Start planning now!

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## **3. Cape May, New Jersey**

Did you know Cape May is one of the oldest vacation destinations in the U.S.? If that's not enough proof of its excellence, perhaps some of the following details will pique your interest. You will be wowed by the lavish Victorian houses and extensive year-round activities. Do a little wine tasting, treat yourself to a spa day at the many resorts, or even take a cute trolley tour around town (all super fun [date night](#) ideas!). No matter what time of year that you plan your getaway, you'll surely find something to do.

## **4. Newport, Rhode Island**

Not to be confused with its namesake in California, Newport in Rhode Island is a perfect location for an East Coast getaway. Another year-round getaway, Newport is home to the Breakers, one of the most well-known cottages (read: mansions) in the

East U.S.. The best part? It's open for tours, so you can plan all of your future house goals! You'll also want to check out the Ocean Drive boat tours for one-of-a-kind views of the Atlantic coast. Give it a go!

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## 5. Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Chapel Hill has definitely mastered the small-town charm. The ever-famous Franklin Street is well-known for its stores, restaurants, and quaint coffee shops. It'll also be in your best interest to take a trip over to the Coker Arboretum and soak up all of the beautifully maintained gardens. If you're into sports, Chapel Hill is the mecca of all things basketball – they even have a whole museum dedicated to Carolina's team!

**Where are your go-to places on the East Coast? Share your favorites below!**

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# Travel Destinations: Top 5 Vacation Spots to Spend New Years





By [Ashleigh Underwood](#)

Ring in the New Year has is one of the greatest celebrations of the year. Countries around the world participate in events like parades, dancing, fireworks, and street parties. While each travel destination have similar celebratory roots, they all have cultural twists that make them unique. While New Yorkers stand in the street and count down until the ball drops, those in St. Petersburg watch fireworks and send paper lanterns into the sky. Whether you like to party until dawn or enjoy a relaxing night in, there is a vacation destination for you!

**Dying to be somewhere different for the New Year this year? Here a few travel destinations perfect for celebrating this special occasion.**

**1. Valparaiso, Chile:** If your year hasn't been the best, or

you are feeling down and need a little extra luck in your life, Valparaiso is where you need to be. While partaking in traditional activities like large feasts, parties and fireworks, Chileans also celebrate in an unusual way. Each year, the people of Valparaiso, Chile attempt to bring in good luck for the New Year with a few different traditions that are extremely important in their celebrating. Firstly, they eat lentils, and 12 grapes. The lentils are eaten at midnight to ensure success and well being in the coming year. The 12 grapes are symbolic of each strike of the bell at midnight and are meant to fulfill all wishes and projects for the New Year. Their other classic tradition is donning yellow underwear throughout the festivities. The color represents energy and wearing it allows you to attract a happy and hopeful spirit. So, if you are needed some extra luck and good fortune in your life, while also enjoying a classic New Year's Eve, head on over to Chile.

**2. Reykjavik, Iceland:** This small Icelandic town is sure to blow away your expectations of how a New Year's party should be. The people who live in Reykjavik take their celebrations to a whole new level expanding the event across many cities and goes all night long. Not only can you take part in their insane nightlife, but you can also experience their unique cultural traditions. Each year, the citizens of Iceland participate in community bonfires to burn away the troubles of the past year. Then, they get to enjoy the firework spectacle that spans across their entire coast. After drinking away the night, they continue on the next morning with hangover curing meals. If you're a diehard partier, Iceland is the place for you.

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**3. Bratislava, Slovakia:** In Bratislava, they are all about noise. This city offers a very casual, yet uplifting environment that is mean to keep you in the holiday spirit all



night long. The town hosts thousands of people from all over the world in their streets each New Year, bringing them in with their many concerts. Bratislava is divided into sections, allowing one part for concerts and another for partying. The concert sections has several types of music going all throughout the day, including gypsy, folk, and disco. The other section, meant for partying, allows other to be more social. There is ice skating, restaurants, bars, and a large screen prompter to watch the celebration so you will be sure to see everything. At the start of the New Year, a fantastic fireworks show is displayed over the Danube River and people cheering and spinning their rehtacka. Participate in this tradition, and you are sure to rid yourself of any negative energy and start your New Year fresh.

**4. Bahamas:** While the Bahamas may make you think of a quiet, beach getaway, on New Year's Eve they are anything but. Choose any resort to stay at and they will be sure to offer some type of activity that will make you feel at home. However, if you dare to venture off with the locals, your time will be much more exciting. The people in the Bahamas celebrate the coming year with music, masks, street performers, costumes, and parades. These festivities are part of the Junkanoo Celebration that locals hold very dear to their hearts, as it is a long standing tradition. It begins with a cultural celebration, welcoming people of all ages and genders to participate. This special procession is lead to a final party destination where everyone is welcomed to stay up all night and bask in the glory that is the Bahamian culture.

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**5. Sydney, Australia:** If you are looking to party in a huge way, Sydney is where you need to go. Here, they try and step up their game knowing that so many people will be watching. With more than 1 million people gathered around the waterfront, and a billion watching on T.V, the celebration

lasts all day and goes out with a bang (literally). Throughout the day, there is an air show, a water performance, multiple fireworks shows, and a parade. This destination is perfect for the family, or a party with your friends. So, be one of the first to live it up in the New Year and check out Sydney!

**Where is your favorite place to spend New Year's? Comment below!**

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## **Product Review: Keep Your Kids Happy and Comfortable With These Products**





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By [Ashleigh Underwood](#)

We want what is best for our kids, and that means getting them the best products. When it comes to [fashion](#) and [travel](#) however, it can be tough to choose which items you and your child will love. You want them to be happy with and comfortable in whatever you choose, and you want to make sure the products are top notch.

**Items from Revell, Purl Lamb, and BayB Brand are sure to have you, and your kids, feeling thrilled.**

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A struggle among many parents is finding a way to keep your child occupied during a trip. Without something to distract them, children can get fussy or even wander off. Well, with the model car kits from Revell, that fear is no longer an

issue. With many kits to choose from, your child, aged 5+, can enjoy putting together a car from their favorite movie, *Cars*! These unique cars are built with a kid friendly nut and screw connector system, and create working headlights, action sounds, changeable mouth and eye expressions. Starting at just \$24.99, you can pick up this awesome toy from Target, Meijer, Fred Meyer, Hobby Lobby or Amazon.



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If you're looking to dress your child in the comfiest, yet most stylish outfit you have ever seen, then look no further. Purl Lamb's newest collaboration with artist Matthew Langille is sure to have your child feeling as cozy as can be. With choices ranging from jumpers, to hoodies, and sweats, this collection offers many different unique designs including a crazy lamb print! The collection offers sizes 0-24, so you can keep your kids looking stylish and feeling fresh as they grow for a very long time.





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What do you think of these adorable products? Comment below!

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## **Vacation Destinations: Perfect Places to Relax**





By [Ashleigh Underwood](#)

With the craziness that is life, everyone needs a relaxing getaway. You spend your time working day in and day out at home, at the office, and even your social life can feel taxing. Why not treat yourself and take a week off? Take a trip to clear your head, and you will come back to reality happier and ready for whatever comes your way. These vacation destinations are the perfect places to relax and de-stress. You are guaranteed to have the time of your life and leave every worry behind.

**If you're ready to get away and have the most relaxing time of your life, check out these perfect vacation destinations:**

**1. Nantucket:** Located off Cape Cod, this tiny island is the prime place for a week away. The island is surrounded by

natural beauty, and gorgeous town fronts, perfect for spending a quiet time by yourself. The cobblestone streets are great for biking around town and taking stunning pictures during the day and afterwards you can head to the beach and soak up the sun. At night, their restaurants are the place to be. With many options to choose from, you are bound to have an exciting time.

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**2. Newport:** If you love sailing, this destination is the spot for you! With a harbor filled with yachts, and an annual regatta, boat lovers from all around flock to this Rhode Island getaway. Being that this town is surrounded by water, seafood is their specialty. Get yourself a bowl of clam chowder and spend the day taking in the gorgeous views of Newport.

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**3. Martha's Vineyard:** A popular island off Cape Cod, is a celebrity destination like no other. If you idea of relaxation is star searching for hours, Martha's Vineyard is a must. Celebrities like [Reese Witherspoon](#), Barack Obama, Bill Murray and Jake Gyllenhaal spend their vacation days unwinding on the beach and quaint towns. Another highlight to the Vineyard, is that the atmosphere is very laid back. While it does have a large population of celebrities, there is no need to dress yourself up. So pack your comfiest sandals and your best celebrity spy gear, and head on over to the Vineyard!

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**4. Greenville:** Greenville, South Carolina—yeah, that Greenville. As there are many cities called Greenville, this one city aims to stand out. With the town constantly growing,



there is never a shortage of things to do. Bring the whole family and check out the Children's Museum and the Museum of Art. Or, tap in to your adventurous side and explore the many hiking trails they have available. Regardless of what you choose to do, Greenville will not disappoint.

**5. Williamsburg:** If you prefer history and rich culture over a tropical retreat, Williamsburg should be on the top of your list. This town is a monument to our founding fathers and an old English colony that will leave you speechless. While wandering the streets of downtown Colonial Williamsburg you'll be completely immersed in the past. With old style buildings, monuments and even men dressed as if they were from that time, you will be convinced you took a time machine.

**What are some of your top relaxation destinations? Comment below!**

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## **Vacation Destinations: 5 Places to Visit on the West Coast**





By [Melissa Lee](#)

The West Coast is filled with tons of tourist attractions and sightseeing activities, not to mention some of the most gorgeous scenery in the entire country. When trying to plan your next vacation, why don't you take a trip over to western side of America, where you can road trip the entire coast in 21 hours? Take a break from leaving the country, expensive resorts, and beach getaways and head below to read about the best places to visit on the West Coast.

## Check out these beautiful vacation destinations, all located on the West Coast of America!

**1. Big Sur:** Not only is this destination absolutely to-die for, but the journey to get there is an adventure in its own. The drive to Big Sur has been named as one of the best drives in the country, complete with zig-zags that overlook the Pacific Ocean before finally reaching the remote views. With

treehouses available to rent, hiking trails, and redwoods, what more could you want?

**2. Crater Lake:** Dubbed as the deepest lake in America, Crater Lake is also credited as one of the prettiest sights in the country. Open year-round, this South-Central Oregon spot offers a multitude of nature-based activities that are perfect for the outdoors lovers. Hiking, camping, and cliff-jumping are only a few of the highlights that Crater Lake is known for.

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**3. Friday Harbor:** If nature isn't your thing, try heading out to the Friday Harbor located in Washington. Hop on a cruise at the harbor, where you'll head to one of the world's premier yachting destinations, the San Juan Islands. Bicycles and go-karts are available to rent, along with delicious food and even whale watching!

**4. Joshua Tree:** Infamously known as one of the most magical places on the West Coast, Joshua Tree is a desert with an "anything goes" attitude. Although the air is dry and the temperature steadily rises throughout the day, this spot is a fantastic camping spot. Bars and restaurants are scattered along the desert, giving it the true western vibe its known for.

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**5. Palm Springs:** This destination may sound familiar to you since, that's right, it's home to the Coachella music festival. When the crazy festival isn't going on, Palm Springs is a relaxing place for a weekend getaway. Complete with gorgeous scenery, this is the perfect place to head to if you're looking to take some time for yourself and enjoy a luxurious vacation.



Where are your favorite places to go to on the West Coast?  
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## 5 Must-Visit Locations for Book Loving Couples



By [Marissa Donovan](#)

Reading can be an activity enjoyed by you and your partner. Although the hobby might not be every couple's cup of tea, it's something some bookworm partners truly bond over. There are many locations to visit for couples who love to read! From hotels to museums to bars, check out these hot spots across



the United States!

## **Travel away to these book lover locations with your partner!**

**1. Portsmouth Book & Bar in Portsmouth, New Hampshire:** This New England nook gives a cozy feeling to book lovers who love to eat. Watch live performances or get beer on tap with a fresh sandwich. You can also buy books right off the shelves. You will feel at home at this New Hampshire hot spot.



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**2. Chumley's in New York, New York:** This historic New York location was the stomping grounds for authors such as Ernest Hemingway, F Scott Fitzgerald, and Zelda Fitzgerald. Many famous authors have photos hanging on the walls of this location. The delicious restaurant serves many [food](#) dishes worth ordering and might be a great spot for your next [date night](#).



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**3. The Beat Museum in San Francisco, California:** Learn more about the minds behind the Beat Generation in this museum made for fans of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, and other authors. Book loving couple will enjoy the North Beach walking and museum tour the location has to offer their visitors.



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**4. The Library Hotel in New York, New York:** Bookworms can rest easy in this creative New York hotel. The hotel has many

shelves full of books to browse before walking the city streets. Book reservations for a honeymoon or anniversary date that you will not forget!



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**5. Carousel Piano Bar & Lounge in New Orleans, Louisiana:** This is one of the coolest bars you will ever visit in your life if you and your book loving partner stop at this famous Louisiana hot spot. Many famous authors such as Tennessee Williams and Truman Capote have had drinks at this location. Besides having famous guests, the bar is literally styled like a carousel that you can drink at!



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Will you be visiting one of these locations soon? Let us know in the comments!

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# Product Review: Travel and Dress Your Kids Easily This Summer With These Products



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During the summer, it can be difficult to dress your kids in light weight clothing while still maintaining a fashionable look. Once you manage to find a great outfit to take your kids out in, getting them to your desired destination can be just as challenging. While it is amazing having your kids home from school during summer it can also prove to be difficult juggling everything. Two of the more challenging aspects is everyday [fashion](#) decisions and easy [travel](#) to and from different locations.

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This summer is about to get a lot easier for you and your kids!

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## Top 5 Celebrity Honeymoon Destinations





By [Melissa Lee](#)

Are you and your significant other on the market for a honeymoon destination? It can get exhausting when trying to find the perfect romantic vacation spot, especially if you're attempting to think outside the box and go somewhere new. Celebrities are always jet-setting to the most luxurious and gorgeous getaway destinations, so regardless of what you're looking for, at least one of these spots is guaranteed to strike a chord with you and your partner!

## **Frustrated with trying to plan your honeymoon? Don't worry – check out the top five celebrity honeymoon destinations for ideas!**

**1. Amalfi Coast, Italy:** Italy is notorious for its beautiful views, delicious food and overall romantic aura, so it's no wonder why the Amalfi Coast is such a popular honeymoon spot.



Celebrity couple Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth headed here for their post-wedding getaway, where they were seen taking boat rides on the coast, shopping around, and sharing romantic meals together.

**2. Anguilla:** This low-key Caribbean island is a 16-mile long stretch with 33 beaches! Anguilla was the host to honeymooners Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr, where they stayed in a private two-story villa and shared alfresco dinners every night. Though on the more quiet side, Anguilla is known for its art galleries, seafood options, and gorgeous hotels complete with luxurious amenities.

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**3. Costa Rica:** If you and your partner are a more adventurous pair, Costa Rica might be right up your ally. This Central American country is home to hundreds of outdoor activities, some of which include surfing, hiking, and snorkeling. Newlyweds Andy Roddick and Brooklyn Decker headed to Costa Rica on their honeymoon – they were seen zip-lining through one of the many rain forests, laying out on the beach, and enjoying some fine dining.

**4. Los Cabos, Mexico:** This relaxing destination is ideal if you and your sweetheart are looking for a low-key, calming vacation. Los Cabos has hosted couples Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa and LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian. This spot is perfect for renting out private villas and enjoying the beach, along with your partner's company.

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**5. St. Barts:** This Caribbean island is known for being glamorous and chic – plus it has hosted celeb mega-couple Beyonce and Jay Z, so what's not to adore? Complete with luxurious bistros with decadent food, glitzy nightlife and designer boutiques, St. Barts is *the* celeb-approved honeymoon

spot that will surely give you a time to remember. Head here if you're looking to soak up the sun on a private beach, enjoy delicious food, or have a night out with your partner.

What are your favorite honeymoon spots? Leave your thoughts below.

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## Top 5 Celebrity-Approved Couple Vacation Spots



By [Melissa Lee](#)

If you and your significant other are in the market for a

romantic getaway, finding a unique spot to spend your time together may get a little difficult, especially if you're looking for something fun and luxurious. If this scenario sounds familiar, it may not hurt to do some research on celeb-approved couple vacation destinations. Lucky for you, Cupid's already got you covered with a guide to the best celebrity couple spots!

## Look no further if you're on the hunt for celebrity-approved romantic getaways!

**1. Saint Tropez, France:** France is already known for being one of the most romantic destinations thanks to its love-filled environment. Vacationing in Saint Tropez includes gorgeous beaches and amazing landscapes, along with an incredibly fun nightlife. Plus, Saint Tropez has hosted celeb couples like Beyonce and [Jay-Z](#) and David and Victoria Beckham!

**2. Spain:** This European hotspot is sure to be a perfect combination of fun and romance for you and your sweetheart. In fact, on-off couple Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander were recently spotted rekindling their flame in Formentera, Spain. With a popular nightlife, hundreds of shopping spots, delicious food and wine, *and* beautiful sights, Spain is one of the most romantic getaways on the list!

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**3. Mexico:** If you're looking to vacation in a lively city with amazing food and beautiful beaches, Mexico might be the place for you and your significant other. [Carrie Underwood](#) and husband Mike Fisher proved this to be true when they spent their six-year anniversary soaking up rays and strolling on the beach, looking more in love than ever.

**4. The Alps:** Royal couple [Prince William](#) and [Kate Middleton](#) have shown their appreciation for The Alps numerous times throughout their 14-year relationship. The couple have visited on their own for a fun, ski-filled getaway, and was even the place they shared their first kiss together! If you and your sweetheart are interested in cuddling up by the fire after a long day of skiing on the mountains, take a page out of the Royal couple's book and visit The Alps.

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**5. Italy:** This classic celeb spot is perfect for a romantic getaway, and has hosted nearly hundreds of famous couples in the past. With its broad locations, there are several different spots you and your lover can head to. Long time married couple Pierce Brosnan and Keely Smith were recently photographed in Italy taking a stroll on the beach before heading back to their yacht – can you say adorable?

**What are some of your favorite romantic getaway spots? Share your thoughts below.**

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## 5 Places Your Favorite Stars Go On Their Celebrity Vacations







By [Melissa Lee](#)

Celebrities seem to always be taking the most luxurious vacations, but thanks to social media, it can feel like we're right there with them. If you're looking for your next vacation destination, why not take a page out of your favorite star's book and on a celebrity-approved vacation?

**Interested in the top five places your favorite stars go on their celebrity vacations? Don't worry, Cupid's got you covered with the best travel details!**

**1. Amalfi Coast, Italy:** Italy is already constantly star-studded with celebrity family vacations, weddings, and honeymoons, but the Amalfi Coast is notorious for hosting some of the most famous names in the game. Gabrielle Union and husband Dwayne Wayde made a stop in Positano on their romantic

European trip.

**2. Waikiki, Hawaii:** Hawaii is known for its serene vibe, so why wouldn't celebs want to escape there for a relaxing getaway? Basketball star Steph Curry and wife Ayesha Curry recently vacationed in Waikiki after Steph won his second NBA Finals.

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**3. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico:** Former *Bachelorette* star [JoJo Fletcher](#) shared details of her getaway to Mexico on Instagram, making us all mega jealous of her beach vacation. Mexico is a versatile destination, so whether you're looking to chill out on the beach or have a taste of night life, Cabo San Lucas may be the place for you!

**4. France:** Known for its romantic aura, France is the perfect romantic getaway. Just ask [Jennifer Lopez](#) and Alex Rodriguez, who recently cuddled up during their couples vacation. Robin Thicke and girlfriend April Love also stopped over in Paris, showing off their love in front of the Eiffel Tower.

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**5. Sweden:** Former One Direction member, Liam Payne shared his love for Sweden by posting a throwback picture on Instagram. "Such a beautiful place with so many memories," he wrote. Well, if Liam approves, then Sweden sounds like the perfect place to explore!

**What are your favorite celebrity vacation spots? Share your thoughts below.**