

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



By Diana Iscenko

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

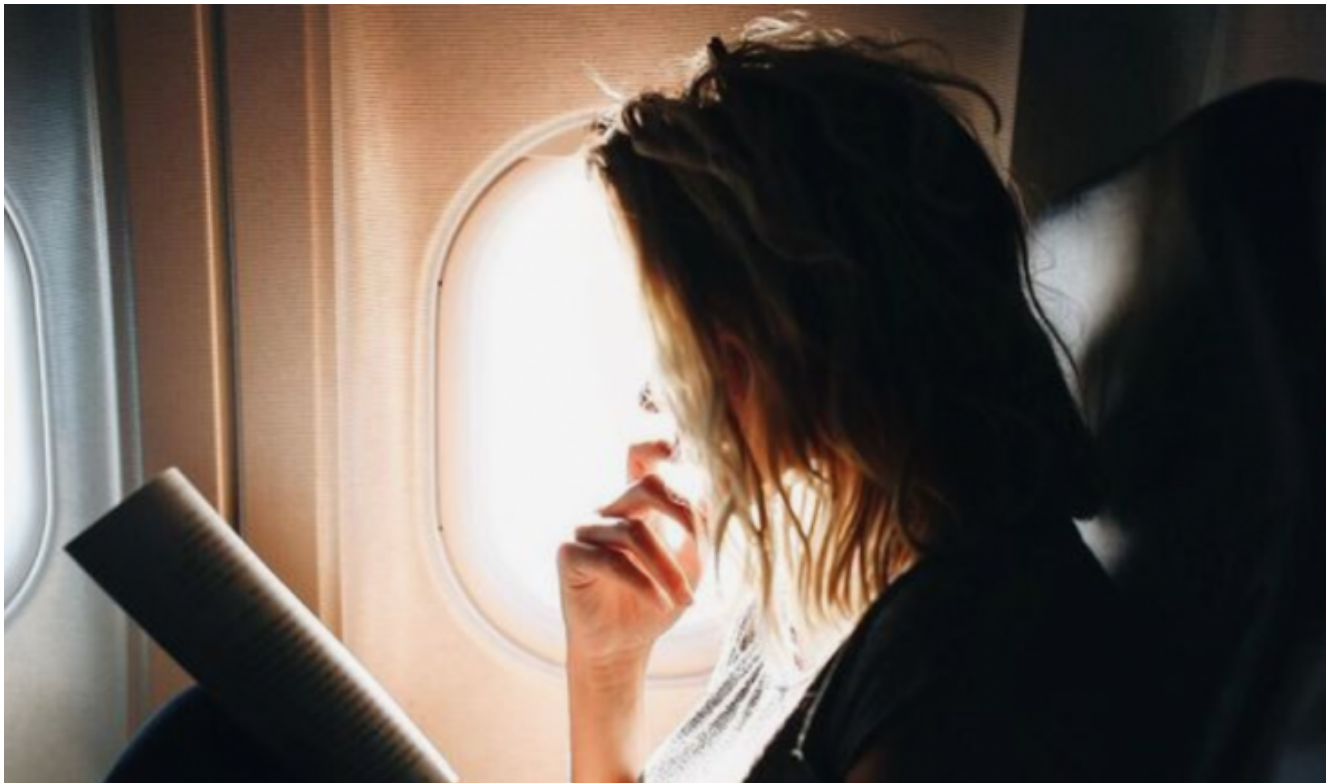
Traveling from city to city and state to state brings you into contact with countless people. You should self-quarantine for two weeks after your arrival if possible to make sure you didn't catch COVID-19 and won't get anyone else sick. This should be easy for those making necessary trips—like moving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

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

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# **Travel Tips: Top 5 Things to**

# Do in Maui



By [Mara Miller](#)

Hawaii—probably one of the most luxurious vacation destinations we can take away from the mainland without the worry of a passport or travel visa. Whether you're going for your honeymoon or because you want your own Instagram-worthy vacay, we've gathered up some of the best things to do in Maui in these [travel tips](#).

**Check out our travel tips on the top five things to do in Maui!**

Hawaii has eight major islands as it's an archipelago, so for now, we're focusing on Maui only. From hiking to a snorkel

adventure, you're sure to find something to do in Maui using our [travel advice](#). You can even find a few budget-friendly options, since a plane ticket to Hawaii can cost upwards of \$2,000 if you're traveling there with your partner:

**1. Road to Hana:** If you're a bit strapped for cash after the hefty plane ticket, think about driving on highway 360. It's free! The Road to Hana twists through lush rain forests and gorgeous waterfalls. But, beware: the road can surprise drivers with hairpin curves. Make sure you're following the speed limit!

**2. Ziplining:** Fast and exciting, you'll get to fly through the trees and get an aerial view of the island. There is more than one zipline in Maui, so all you need to do is pick the one you think you and your partner will enjoy the most, meaning if you are both beginners, there's sure to be something to accommodate you both.

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**3. Underwater with a submarine:** What's cooler than getting on a submarine for a tour of the Pacific Ocean? You may see a wrecked ship or a turtle floating through the water.

**4. Molokai Crater:** Snorkel in the world-famous Molokai crater. The crater is crescent-shaped and was formed by a volcano. You can learn about the delicate ecology of the area and then go sea turtle snorkeling!

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**5. Surf lessons:** If you have always wanted to learn to surf, now's the time to do it! Not only is surfing a great workout, but you'll get to enjoy the waves and your partner will get to laugh at you if you fall in the water. West Maui has water conditions that are great for beginning surfers. And better, you'll get some real advice, because Hawaii was the birthplace

of surfing!

Do you have any top things someone should do while they're in Maui? Let us know in the comments below!

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# Travel Tips: 5 Easy Ways to Book Your Vacation Stress-Free



By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

In recent [travel trends](#), the days of having hotels as your only option for a vacation away from home are over. Thanks to

websites like *Airbnb.com*, you can really find a “home away from home” and often at a lower cost than those charged by drab hotels. Next time you’re looking for a place to stay and relax for vacation, check out these [travel tips](#) for booking your stress-free vacation rental.

## Find your home away from home and relax on your next vacation with these travel tips!

These days most of us have heard of Airbnb, but did you know there are more options available to you for your next vacation rental? If you are searching for something more comfortable and luxurious than the same old drab hotel room, there are a lot of options available to you. Cupid has some travel tips for finding your next vacation rental:

**1. Tripping.com:** *Tripping.com* offers a wide variety of accommodations with over eight million properties to choose from for your next [vacation destination](#). Thanks to the many companies they are teamed up with, such as *Booking.com*, this site is perfect for those who want to browse by price range, rating, locations, and amenities.

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**2. Hometogo.com:** If you are trying to find a lot of options or searching for places to stay around the world, then *Hometogo.com* is a great place to find your next rental home for vacation. They have the largest search engine for vacation rentals and offer rentals in more than 200 countries. They are teamed with more than three hundred providers like *Booking.com* and *Expedia.com* and are very popular with travelers thanks to their easy, user-friendly interface.

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**3. Flipkey.com:** *Flipkey.com* is one of *Airbnb's* biggest competitors. They have domestic and international offerings and every property listing shares every detail you could imagine like the number of rooms and bathrooms, and the amenities provided. You can easily browse through the available listings that meet your specific needs after you set the parameters for an effortless search.

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**4. VRBO:** *Vacation Rental By Owner, VRBO*, offers worldwide accommodations. Like *Airbnb*, it offers vacations rentals made available by people around the world willing to rent out their space. Profiles share every detail you need about the property including pictures and previous renters' reviews. They have been one of the leading vacation rental market spaces since 1995.

**5. Luxury Retreats:** If you are looking for the epitome of extravagance then *Luxury Retreats* is the site you want to use to book your next vacation rental. They offer over four thousand luxury properties globally including beachfront villas, city homes, and larger lavish homes. You can even get your own concierge service; talk about a stress-free vacation.

**What are some of your go-to vacation rental sites? Let us know in the comments below.**

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# Travel Tips: Vacation Destinations for a Girls' Getaway



By [Katie Sotack](#)

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

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

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

**1. San Diego, CA:** Rated among the top ten fittest cities in the world, San Diego is perfect for the exercise-loving girl gang. The beautiful weather and coastal beaches are perfect for hiking, biking, and swimming. While you're there consider taking a group surfing lesson and returning home with a new skill.

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

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

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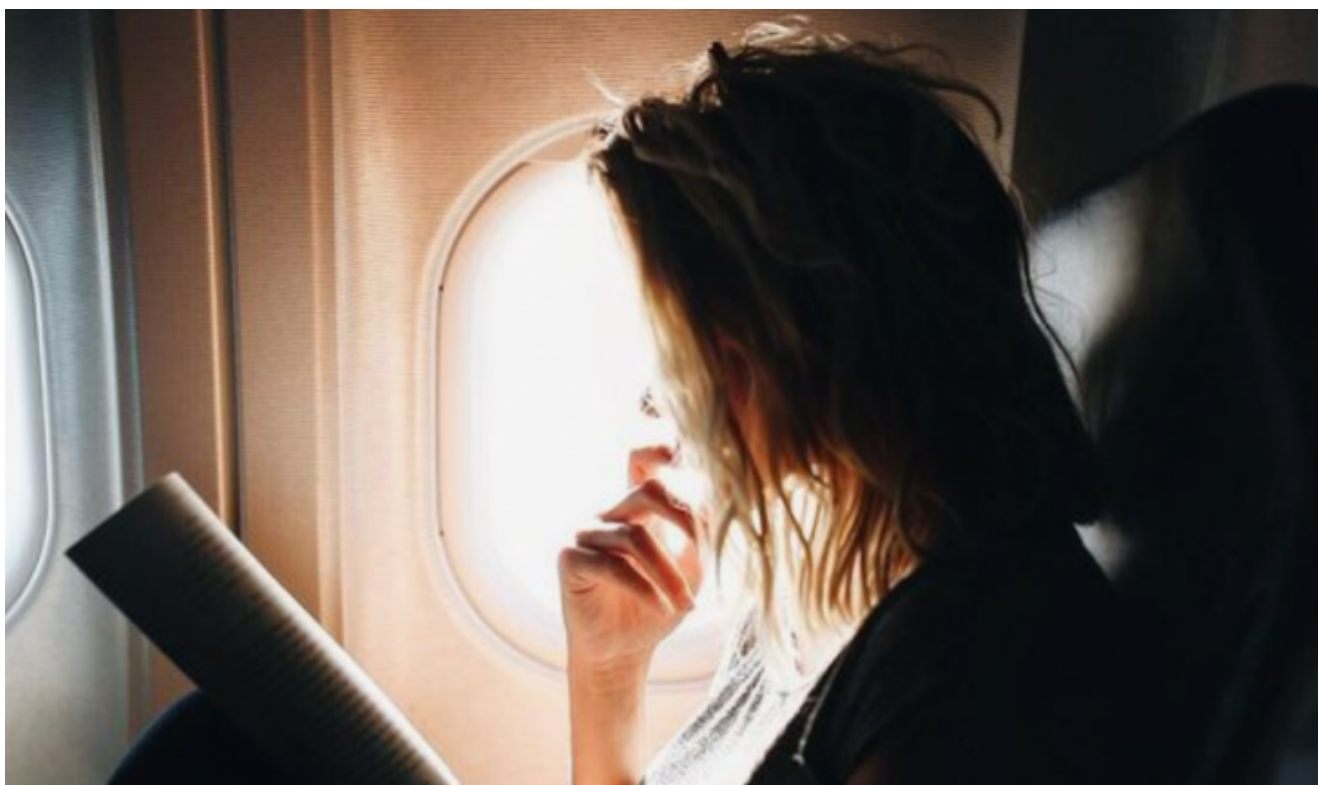
**4. New Orleans, LA:** Take a tip from Tiffany Haddish and

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

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

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



By [Bonnie Griffin](#)

Looking for your next exciting [vacation destination](#)? Consider

leaving land behind and taking to the water on a cruise. One of the best things about a cruise is that you often don't have to decide on just one location. Many boats travel to numerous locations and they include drinks, food, and entertainment for your pleasure all on board.

## **Not sure where your next vacation destination should be? Perhaps it's time to consider a cruise.**

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

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

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

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

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

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## **Travel Destinations: 5 Secret Spots to Visit in Paris**





By [Ivana Jarmon](#)

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

## Here are five secret spots to include on your travel destination in visit in Paris:

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

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

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

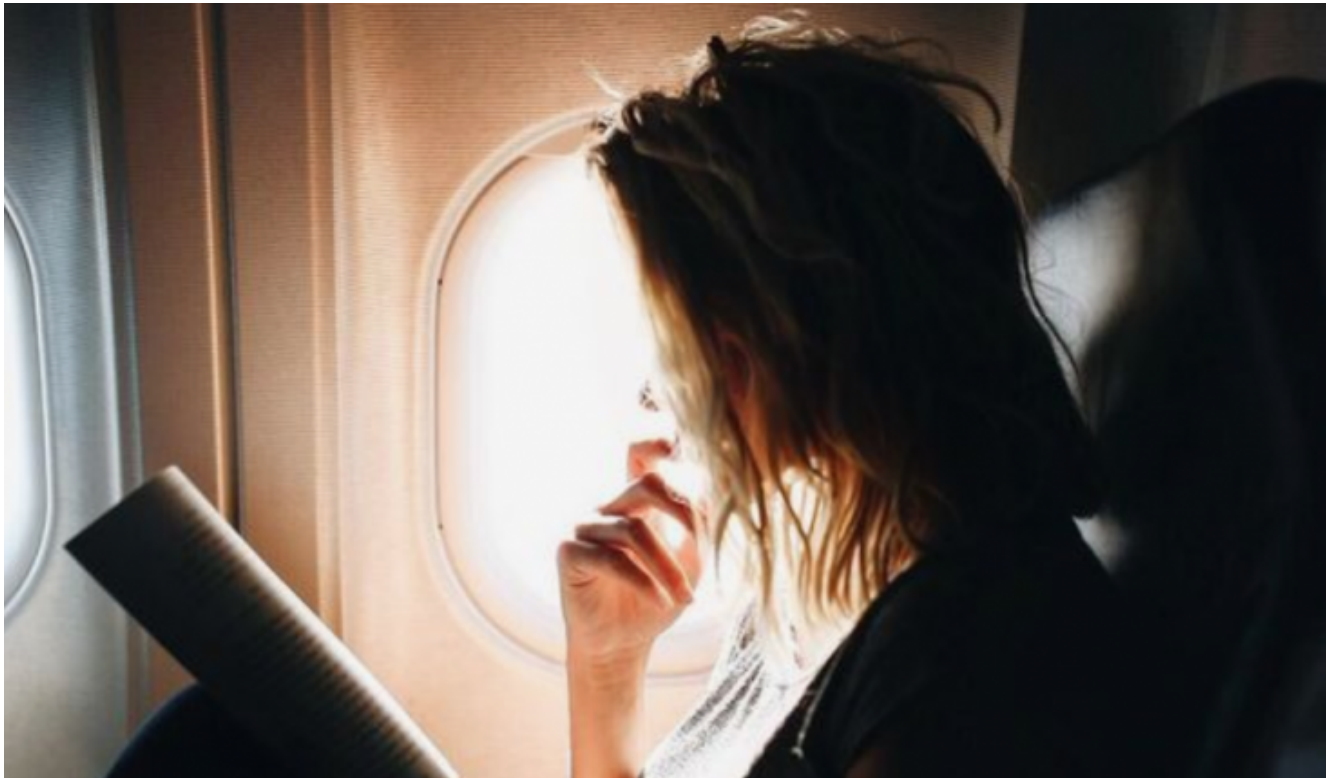
**4. The Terrace at the Printemps department store:** Le Printemps is one of the most iconic Parisian department stores since 1865, which is no secret. But, only a few shippers know that the store has a terrace that gives you a panoramic view of Paris. Go to the top floor via elevator or escalator to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

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

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

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# Celebrity Travel: Bring Your Family on a Cruise



By [Haley Lerner](#)

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



awesome idea because there are so many activities to keep your whole family busy, in one contained (but huge) space. We've got some [travel tips](#) on why your next family vacation should be on a cruise. ur next family vacation should be on a cruise.

## Check out our travel tips on why to bring your family on a cruise!

**1. It's easy:** A big reason why going on a family cruise vacation is such a good idea is that it's super easy to plan and do. You pay for everything in one price and don't have to worry about any trip planning or separate bills. Food, drinks, accommodations, entertainment and more aer 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





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!**