

# Ideal Engagement-Moon Destinations in North America



Everyone already knows about a honeymoon, but did you already know about an engagement-moon?

Indeed, while everyone will generally be able to look forward to going on their honeymoon once they tie the knot and get married, there will be some couples that might look to go on an engagement-moon instead. This is essentially [the same as a honeymoon](#), but just simply after committing themselves to being with their other half for the rest of their lives.

Of course, there are a number of decisions that need to be made and taken into account when going on an engagement-moon, with the destination being one of the most important of them all as this can be what makes the holiday either a positive one or one that would rather be forgotten about!

Here are just some of the best destinations that are available in North America:

## Las Vegas

Las Vegas has to be considered as one of the number one destinations for anyone considering to go on an engagement-moon, even if they have been to the bright lights that the city has to offer before.

Indeed, the city of Las Vegas offers so much to everyone that visits, it could be argued it would be incredibly difficult for anyone to be able to achieve and experience everything the city has to offer them in an individual's lifetime.

The Nevada state has a number of [real money casinos](#) available for those that wish to go on an engagement-moon that enjoy the

gambling side of life, as they may have taken a huge gamble getting hitched! The city has some of the world's biggest and most famous casino resorts available, which make great locations. Furthermore, there are a number of different events and shows that can be experienced, whilst simply walking up and down the Las Vegas strip is an unforgettable experience in itself.

## **Hawaii**

Those that are looking to get away and enjoy a piece of paradise can look to head away to Hawaii and enjoy the idyllic beaches and waters that the islands have all over the place.

Honolulu might be the most popular destination of the state, however there are numerous different cities and neighborhoods that can be visited and enjoyed.

Those who do go to Honolulu should look to check out Waikiki Beach, as this is arguably one of the best beaches that the island has to offer, whilst those who wish to do a bit of snorkeling could look to go to Hanauma Bay and enjoy the crystal blue water and tropic fish that can be found here.

## **Nashville**

Nashville in Tennessee is known around the world as Music City, thus making it a highly appealing destination in North America for those who are looking to go on [an engagement](#)-moon holiday.

Of course, music lovers will love what Nashville has to offer, whilst it can also be considered the perfect destination for those who need to brush up on their dance moves before taking their first dance at their wedding.

There is plenty to do in the state of Tennessee and Nashville in particular, although a trip to Memphis and Graceland could also be visited as it is a short drive west of the city.

Indeed, Memphis could appeal to those who loved Elvis Presley.

## **New York**

Although a rather expensive option, New York could be the perfect engagement-moon getaway for newly-engaged couples as the city provides them with the opportunity to go shopping and spend big as a 'new couple'.

It is not just the range of shops that New York City can boast, though, as there are a number of landmarks and attractions that can be visited, including Times Square and the World Trade Center memorial, whilst there are also opportunities to enjoy some of the finer things in life such as eating at top restaurants and enjoying some of the most relaxing experiences possible via the use of the luxury spa resorts that can be found in the Big Apple.

## **Florida**

The state of Florida could be a perfect destination for an engagement-moon as the state provides plenty of sunshine in the warmer months, thus allowing visitors to be able to visit some of the world's best beaches, including Clearwater Beach in Clearwater, or allow them to head to some of the biggest theme and amusement parks that the world has to offer.

Miami can provide some of the best nightlife possible in the United States, with a number of clubs and beach resorts all available to go to, as well.

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# Travel Tips: 4 Destination Wedding Ideas That Make Saying “I Do” Beyond Memorable



In need of some unique destination wedding ideas for your upcoming nuptials? Look no further, we've got you covered.

## 1. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (For The Tropical Wedding)

Punta Cana is a popular wedding destination primarily because of its vast, white-sandy beaches with crystal clear water. With nearly 20 miles of coastline, this location is ideal for all the beach couples out there.

Escape to a tropical getaway amid towering palm trees and positive vibes. The picturesque views of Punta Cana are perfect for a tropical wedding you'd wish could last forever.

### Picking A Venue

Punta Cana has a wide variety of resorts, spas, and all-inclusive luxury hotels available to host your wedding.

### Zoëtry Agua Punta Cana

[This venue](#) is most known for being a resort and wellness center with a tranquil and romantic atmosphere. If you're looking for your wedding to be a gorgeous, yet relaxing experience, Zoëtry may be the venue for you.

The resort is geared towards couples, making it a more intimate and romantic option. It also includes complimentary perks for every guest such as 20-minute massages and beachside

horseback rides.

Choose from two different wedding packages for the perfect romantic celebration.

### Tropical-Themed Wedding Hashtags To Use

Keep your wedding photos and memories all organized under one clever tag. [Wedding hashtags](#) are a fun and exciting way for you and your guests to share the incredible experience of your destination wedding.

For a tropical wedding, try out one of these wedding hashtags:

#ShellebratingLove

#BrideByTheTide

#YouMeAndTheSea

## **2. Chittenden, Vermont (For The Mountain Wedding)**

If the mountains are calling your name, a destination wedding in Chittenden, Vermont may be exactly what you and your fiancé need.

There's a reason why Vermont's nickname is "The Green Mountain State." Prepare to be blown away with a wedding surrounded by the beautiful geography of New England.

### **Picking A Venue**

For a rustic vibe by the mountainside, check out this delightful resort and venue for your destination mountain wedding.

#### **Riverside Farm**

With over 700 acres, a working farm, and six restored barns, [Riverside Farm](#) is a great destination for your mountainside wedding. For lodging arrangements, you and your guests can stay inside one of a kind cottages, barns, or the farmhouse B&B for a quaint New England experience.

The Riverside Farm is considered one of the country's most exclusive wedding venues, hosting only a limited number of weddings annually, so be sure to book this destination fast.

Mountain-Themed Wedding Hashtags to Use

#GreenMountainWhiteDress

#KnotTiedMountainside

#MarriedInTheMountains

### **3. Healey Barn, United Kingdom (For The Forest Wedding)**

The [Healey Barn](#) is the ideal destination for a wedding amid the forest. It's located in the countryside near Corbridge, surrounded by the beauty of nature.

The buildings have been newly renovated to create the luxurious wedding venue it is today while retaining its original charm and rustic vibe. The 18th century stone design coupled with a private outdoor courtyard provides a gorgeous venue for your destination wedding.

Forest-Themed Wedding Hashtags to Use

#ThePlungeAmidThePines

#ForeverInTheForest

### **4. Zion National Park, Utah (For The Desert Wedding)**

The breathtaking cliffs and canyons of Utah's first National Park are sure to delight any lover of nature. Make your destination wedding memorable by having the beautiful red desert rocks of Zion be the backdrop of your big day.

#### **Picking A Venue**

While Zion National Park does allow for weddings within the park itself, a permit is required to do so. There are however other beautiful venues to consider that are located right at Zion's doorstep.

#### **Switchback Grille**

The [Switchback Grille](#) offers a variety of different options for hosting your desert wedding, depending on its size. The wine cellar and patio can hold up to 64 guests. The private patio alone can have up to 40 people and offers spectacular views of the mountains.

You also have the option of renting out the entire restaurant itself which has a capacity of up to 180 guests if you're planning a larger gathering.

Desert-Themed Wedding Hashtags to Use

#RingsOnAtZion

#IDoInTheDesert

### **Find Your Destination!**

We hope to have inspired your search for the perfect destination wedding that you and your guests will find beyond memorable.

Whether you're looking for a location in the tropics, mountains, forest, or desert, any one of these magical destination wedding ideas will create a sense of awe and wonder the moment you arrive.

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# **Travel Tips: Top Travel Destinations for 2021**



 By Carly Silva

The COVID-19 pandemic ruined millions of travel plans for 2020, and people from all over were forced to stay quarantined

inside their homes. This new year, people itching to get back out into the world and start traveling again, and there are plenty of great travel destinations for your 2021 vacation!

## If you're looking for some [travel tips](#) this new year, check out these five top travel destinations for 2021!

**1. The Dominican Republic:** The Dominican Republic is known for its popular resorts, but it also has a calm and quiet areas that make it a perfect getaway for 2021. There is a great landscape for outdoor activities, including beaches and waterfalls for amazing sight-seeing adventures.

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**2. Jackson Hole, Wyoming:** Jackson Hole is a perfect vacation for anyone looking for a cold-weather destination. It is one of the most up-and-coming skiing destinations in the country, and has tons of adventures for you and your travel group. If you're thinking of traveling to Jackson Hole, be sure to hit the slopes for skiing, snowboarding, and and even snowmobiling! Plus, you can see [kasyno online](#).

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**3. Sonoma County, California:** This destination is perfect for anyone looking for a relaxing outdoor experience. Sonoma is well-know for its vineyards for wine-tasting, along with the hiking and biking opportunities. This beautiful California destination is a great spot for anyone looking for a calm vacation, especially wine-lovers!

**4. Maldives:** If you're looking for an extravagant and



luxurious vacation, the Maldives is a great spot for you. The crystal clear water and year-round beach weather, Maldives is the perfect spot to disconnect from the world and relax.

**5. Helsinki, Finland:** This Scandi city is a perfect spot for a trendy vacation in 2021. With dozens of waterfront dining spots, and world-class food, this city is a great place to go to absorb some new culture. This destination is a perfect spot for travelers who love to explore and are looking for a culture-filled trip! Plus, check out [kasyna online](#).

**What are some other travel destinations for 2021? Start a conversation in the comments down below!**

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## **Travel Tips: How to Plan for a 2021 Vacation in the Midst of COVID-19**



 By Nicole Maher

Nearly everyone who had a vacation planned for the year of 2020 needed to cancel due to the rise of COVID-10 cases across the world. However as 2021 approaches, with established health guidelines and the hope of vaccines, you may be wondering if the new year will allow you to travel again. While the state of the world is changing constantly, travel experts have revealed some [travel tips](#) for planning a vacation in the upcoming year.

# Use these travel tips for planning a safe and enjoyable vacation for 2021 in the midst of COVID-19.

**1. Plan in advance:** It is important to plan a vacation in advance under normal circumstances, but planning one during a pandemic makes this step even more necessary. Travel agents recommend that you should book your tickets six to nine months in advance if you are looking to travel during 2021. This will allow you to get the best price on plane tickets, which will likely be limited, and likely allow for some time to cancel the trip if necessary.

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**2. Research airlines:** Airlines were one of the industries that needed to make the most changes following the spread of COVID-19. While your main priority in the past may have been taking the airline with the best deal, it is now more important to pick the airline that is the safest for your health. Use this travel tip to look at which airlines have maintained their new protocol the best and have been linked to the fewest possible cases of the virus. It is also important to look at the capacity of the planes and determine if you feel safe traveling with that number of passengers.

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**3. Anticipate changes:** One thing we've all learned throughout the course of this pandemic is that things change quickly. Even though it is important to plan your vacation well in advance, it is also essential to understand you may not know if the trip is confirmed until weeks before. This is especially important when traveling internationally, as many countries are changing their travel restrictions every few

weeks. Having a smaller backup plan in case your trip gets delayed is a good way of accommodating any possible changes.

**4. Support affected destinations:** The pandemic has hit everyone hard over the past year, but there are some areas that have struggled more than others. When planning your trip for 2021, it could be beneficial to look into what travel destinations have experienced the largest financial hit since the beginning of the virus. Many of these travel destinations are smaller islands that make most of their revenue off of tourists. Make the most of your next vacation by escaping somewhere nice and helping out the local community while you are there!

**5. Consider your health and safety:** At the end of the day, there is nothing more important than your health and safety when traveling this upcoming year. Look into destinations that prioritize social distancing guidelines and have throughout cleaning plans. If possible, try to book a living space that does not share any common areas with other guests, such as a private house and separate villa at a resort. If your destination experiences a spike in virus cases prior to your visit, consider the option of rescheduling your vacation until it is safer.

**What are some other ways to plan a safe vacation in the midst of COVID-19? Start a conversation in the comments below.**

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## **Travel Advice: 5 Cold Weather Getaway Spots in the U.S.**



✖ By Nicole Maher

The summer months have come and gone as we get ready to welcome the winter season. Depending on where you live, you may be experiencing a change in weather for the next few months. Whether you are living in a warmer climate and looking to partake in some winter activities, or live somewhere colder and looking to escape the snow, we have some [travel advice](#) for you.

## Check out our travel advice on five cold weather getaway destinations in the United States.

**1. New Orleans:** For northerners looking to escape the cold weather for a few days, New Orleans, Louisiana is a great place to visit. This city experiences a slight shift in temperature, making the winter months less hot than the summer ones. February is the prime time to visit New Orleans as it houses the city's annual Mardi Gras celebration. If you're planning on taking part in the festivities, it is important to plan your trip well in advance, as hotels fill quickly. The surrounding weeks around Mardi Gras are also great options to take in the culture and enjoy the weather.

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**2. Hanover, New Hampshire:** If you're looking for someplace where you can take part in a variety of winter sports, New Hampshire is the place to visit. Places such as Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire host extensive winter festivals with ski-racing, ice sculpting, and polar plunges. Temperatures can drop relatively low during the winter months, so be sure to pack a heavy jacket and extra pair of gloves. If you're looking for someplace with a smaller winter festival,

there are many towns and cities across New England that offer similar experiences on a smaller scale.

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**3. Death Valley:** If you prefer sand over snow, visiting Death Valley National Park is a great option this winter season. While temperatures reach well over one hundred degrees Fahrenheit in the summer, they drop to the seventies during the winter months, making a midday hike much more enjoyable. This national park spans across both California and Nevada, and offers endless scenery options such as the Badwater Basin and towering sand dunes.

**4. Alaska:** For those brave enough to tackle the coldest of climates, Alaska is a beautiful place to visit during the winter months. Larger locations in Alaska such as Fairbanks and Anchorage offer events such as train tours and dog-sledding that allow you to take in all the winter scenery and spot some wildlife. Use this travel advice to visit between the months of September and March for your best chance at catching a glimpse of the Northern Lights.

**5. New York City:** If you're looking for a middle-of-the-road type of option, New York City is the best of both worlds. The temperatures are low enough to make it feel like winter, but there are plenty of opportunities to escape inside to warm up. The holiday season is a great time to take a trip to the city if you're looking to take in some decorations or ice skate at Rockefeller Center. Watching the ball drop New Years Eve from Times Square is also an unforgettable New York City experience.

**What are some other places to visit in the United States during the winter months? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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# Travel Tips: Fun Things to Do While Visiting Grafton, Illinois



Grafton is recognized for its all-encompassing views and lively city Centre. It is situated at the convergence of two great rivers in the United States namely the Illinois River and Mississippi River.

It originated as a river community. Thus, mills, quarries, and construction of boats were part of its early industrial practices. During the 1960s, it even housed a facility that mainly produced boats.

**This breathtaking place is home to a local prized winegrower, water park along a river, an indoor ice rink in the banks of the river of Mississippi, and a zipline haven.**

## Upcoming Events of Grafton Illinois

The culture that makes Grafton one of a kind is manifested in its fun events throughout the year. Here are some of the upcoming events to expect in Grafton Illinois:

November 7th Winery Comedy Tour:

The Winery Comedy Tour is set to take place on the 7th of November 2020 from 8:00 to 9:30 in the evening at the Grafton Winery & Brewhaus. This tour welcomes nationally recognized comedians from across the globe to taste local wine and gather new fans through quality comedy shows. Couple your wine with hysterical waves of laughter from the comedic scripts of the best comedians.

American Hauntings' Ghosts of the River Road Dinner Tour:

Get ready to have a night full of cold chills as you journey the Great River Road to search for spirited tales and ghosts. This river road dinner tour will be held on November 13, 2020, and December 5, 2020, from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Bluff City Grill. The evening commences with dinner at the Bluff City Grill followed by a tour along the river of Mississippi going to Grafton. The hauntings of the place, history, scary stories, and eerie sites shall be discussed throughout the exhibition.

Pere Marquette Lodge's Thanksgiving Feast:

This feast shall take place on the 26th of November 2020 beginning from 11 am to 5 pm at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center.

Everyone is bound to have full bellies and heartfelt memories.

### **Places to Eat in Grafton, Illinois**

Situated within the confines of two rivers, Grafton is home to an abundance of seafood restaurants. Here are some of the stores and restaurants you might want to consider visiting while in Grafton:

The Loading Dock:

The Loading Dock is perhaps the city's top-secret. It features majestic and panoramic river views. It has elegant outdoor dining, ice skating, overnight lodgings, live music, etc. This

is your go-to place for wedding receptions, birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, and the like.

Mary Michelle Winery:

This is in Pere Marquette Lodge. It delivers locally made but award-winning Illinois Cellar and Mary Michelle wines. The selection of wine is served solely at Pere Marquette Lodge.

### **Documents Needed When International Travelers Plans to Visit the United States**

International tourists who wish to go to the U.S. must be ready to answer queries about Electronic System for Travel Authorization or [ESTA application USA](#). You may apply if you want to have a new authorization for a person or group, plan to go to the US for vacation or business, go on a trip for 3 months or less. Individuals who do not have a visitor's visa, an eligible national of the Visa Waiver Program or a citizen of the country may also apply for this program.

The upsurge of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in the country have led to instances where tourists may not be allowed to enter the U.S. for a certain period. You must always be ready for situations like this. Thus, if you are planning to travel to Grafton, Illinois, you should bring a certificate of immunity indicating that you are COVID-19 free and an ESTA travel authorization as well.

Remember that if you are sick, you may not be allowed to travel or even go somewhere else rather than your house. However, if you intend to visit Grafton, it should only be for the purposes of business or leisure. Also, it should not last for more than 90 days.

### **Tourist Attractions in Grafton, Illinois**

Grafton is a popular tourist destination thanks to its outstanding attractions. Here are popular tourist attractions



that Grafton has to offer.

Zipline at the Aerie's Resort:

The zipline at Aerie's Resort will undoubtedly give you a heart-shaking escapade. This treetop canopy venture begins at 14 West Main Street of downtown in Grafton up to Grove Memorial Park.

Pere Marquette State Park:

This is a stunning sweeping state park along the Illinois River. It is the dream paradise for every nature-lover.

Grafton Winery:

The Grafton Winery is an excellent place to warm up with wine tasting. The wines come in different varieties and are all delicious.

Great River Road Illinois:

This well-known road is 2,000 miles in length. It passes through ten states along the Mississippi River together with the hundreds of river towns.

### **Grafton Hiking Trails**

If you love hiking, you will be pleased to know that Grafton is furnished with hiking trails. They include:

Hickory South, North, Fern Hollow, and Goat Cliff Loop:

This loop is a 6.3-kilometre trail positioned near Grafton, Illinois. It provides the opportunity to see the beauty of wildlife. This is chiefly used for nature trips, running, and hiking. Dogs can use this trail, but they must be on a leash.

McAdams Peak:

This trail consists of a 3.1-kilometer trafficked trail near


Grafton. It is principally used for hiking and is available throughout the year. Dogs can also use this trail but still, they must be strictly kept on a leash.

An escape to this historic river town while experiencing the best of Grafton may be the best decision you will ever make in your life. Spend quality time with yourself and loved ones and let this beautiful place help you unwind and re-connect with nature.

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## **Travel Trend: Best Holiday Light Shows in the U.S.**



 By Carly Silva

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, traveling safely has become all the more difficult and is on the forefront of many of our minds. As the holidays get closer, many are on the lookout for safe travel ideas for the holiday season. Light shows are a great way to experience holiday festivities without risking your safety, and they're happening all over the country.

**If you're looking for a new travel trend to follow this holiday season, check out the five best holiday light shows in the U.S.**

# listed below!

**1. Fantasy in Lights:** This spectacular light event, located in Pine Mountain, Georgia, is one of the most festive light shows in the entire country. At this event, you can ride on the Jolly Trolley through 2,500 acres of light displays and animations, and even visit the Christmas Village, where Santa makes appearances. This is a great event to travel to, especially if you need some extra holiday cheer this season.

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**2. Hershey Park's Sweet Lights:** This light show at Hershey Park, located in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is made up of two miles of light-up displays and animations. Families are able to drive through this light exhibit, making it the perfect activity to travel safely through the pandemic without having to leave the warmth of your own car!

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**3. Glendale Glitters:** Glendale Glitters is a light display in Glendale, Arizona, and is the largest free light show in the entire state. Not only can you visit to look at the lights, but there are also live performances to watch, delicious festive food to eat, and even appearances from Santa Claus himself! This show will definitely help you and your family get into the holiday spirit.

**4. Austin's Trail of Lights:** This light show in Austin, Texas, consists of over 40 displays and over 2 million lights on exhibit. Not only is there a light show to admire, but the event also hosts dozens of popular food trucks and a marketplace for purchasing authentic holiday trinkets. This year, you'll be able to safely drive through the exhibits instead of walking.

**5. Lights of Christmas Festival:** This light festival, located in Stanwood, Washington, is one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest. It has six different themed areas and is the perfect place to visit for a festive experience that the entire family will enjoy.

**What are some other holiday light shows to check out? Start a conversation in the comments down below!**

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## **Travel Advice: Socially Distant Vacation Ideas**



 By Carly Silva

Trying to find safe travel plans during these strange times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic can be tricky, but that doesn't mean you can't still find a way to vacation this year. For those who are just itching to get out and start traveling, there are ways you can do so while staying safe and practicing social distancing.

**If you're looking for some [travel advice](#) during the pandemic, check out these socially distant vacation ideas!**

**1. Rent an RV:** Renting an RV is a perfect idea for a socially-distanced vacation. You can drive to whatever destination you

are planning for while riding and staying inside the RV with only the people you feel comfortable being around. You also can cook and use the bathroom inside an RV, eliminating the need to eat at restaurants or use public restrooms.

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**2. Visit a National Park:** National parks are great attractions to visit that most likely won't result in swarms of people and large gatherings. Finding a natural attraction like a National Park is a great way to explore the outdoors, while still keeping your distance from others. Embark on an adventure with your friends and family without the stress of risking exposure to the virus.

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**3. Rent a secluded house:** Renting a house always makes for a fun and private vacation experience. Whether you're looking to rent a house on a lake, on the beach, or in the mountains, you can find a vacation rental that is perfect for you and your family to stay secluded and have a private vacation without having to worry about all of the people at hotels. You also can avoid having to eat out at restaurants if you rent a house with a kitchen, too!

**4. Camping:** Camping is always a fun thing to do when you need to get away, but it is even more ideal for socially distant vacations. Camping is the perfect way to engage in all of the activities you love, spend some quality times with the outdoors, and not have to worry about sleeping in a hotel or walking through busy restaurants.

**5. Day trips:** Day trips, though they may not be the ideal vacation, are another option to consider when trying to practice safe vacationing. Dedicating a day to spend hiking, biking, sight-seeing, or whatever you love to do when you vacation, is the perfect way to get out of the house without


having to risk staying over anywhere.

**What are some other socially-distant vacation ideas? Start a conversation in the comments down below!**

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## **6 Travel Tips for Visiting Disney World**



 By Nicole Maher

Whether you are going for the first time as a child, or returning later to enjoy the park as an adult, a trip to Disney World is always a great idea for a vacation. But, with the growing number of theme parks on-site and typically long lines, it can be hard to plan the perfect trip. By implementing some of the following [travel tips](#) and tricks, you will be able to make the most of your Disney trip and find yourself wanting to come back again.

**Check out these six travel tips for planning your perfect trip to Disney World.**

**1. Decide what time of the year:** The first step in planning your Disney World vacation is to decide what time of year you want to go. While summer is often the most popular time because of the weather, it is also the busiest. The holiday season is also a popular option because of the different events Disney holds at this time, but can also be crowded.

Fall and spring may offer smaller crowds, but there may be less extra events to partake in.

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**2. Pack for all kinds of weather:** Even though Disney World is located in the warm state of Florida, it is important to pack for all kinds of weather conditions. It is likely that it will rain at least one day of the trip, so having compact, throw-away rain ponchos is a must. If you are traveling between the months of November and February, the weather is known to fluctuate a lot, so grabbing a sweatshirt and pair of long pants is a great travel tip to keep yourself prepared!

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**3. Pick parks that fit your group:** Different sections of the theme park offer different experiences, so it is important to visit areas that suit the age range of your group. Magic Kingdom is a great option for younger children as there are less rides that have a height requirement, and many of the popular Disney characters can be found there. Epcot is better for older crowds because there is a larger focus on restaurants and bars than on rollercoasters and characters. If your group is a mix of different ages, try exploring a different park each day to satisfy everyone.

**4. Use the hotel services to the fullest:** The hotels located on the Disney World grounds offer many services, including wake-up calls from different Disney characters at the start of each day. The Bell Services at Disney hotels will hold your luggage if you need to check-in early or if you are leaving later in the day. Packages can be mailed to the hotels and held until you arrive, which can be a great way of avoiding bag check fees. The hotels also offer to pick up merchandise you purchased in the parks and bring it back to your room so you don't have to carry it all day.

**5. Research restaurant options:** If you're visiting Disney World with someone who has diet restrictions or is simply a picky eater, it is a good idea to research different on-site restaurants before arriving. Certain restaurants at the park offer gluten-free or dairy-free options to accommodate those with dietary restrictions. There are different eating areas throughout the parks that offer free drink refills as well, and are the perfect places to stop and grab some water.

**6. Plan, but don't over plan:** While it is important to prepare for your trip Disney World to make the most of your visit, there is no need to over plan. Theme parks can be unpredictable, and even after implementing the best travel advice and tips, there will likely be aspects of your trip that fall off the schedule. Be willing to allow for some flexibility on each day. If you miss out on an event because of a long line or bad weather, don't worry about it. After all, it is just an excuse to come back again!

**What are some other travel tips to make the most of your trip to Disney World? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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## **Travel Tips: Traveling Safely This Mid-Pandemic Holiday Season**



 By Carly Silva

Traveling for the holidays will be different than any year before because of the COVID-19 pandemic that is surging



through countries everywhere. Taking extra precautions to travel safely will be a must this holiday season, so be sure to check out these [travel tips](#) before setting out on your trip.

## Here are five safe [travel tips](#) if you're looking to travel this mid-pandemic holiday season:

**1. Mask up:** This probably goes without saying, but the most important precaution to take will be to wear a mask wherever you go when traveling. If you're traveling on a plane or by public transportation, a mask will definitely be a must. If you're driving yourself or taking an RV, make sure to stock up on masks for rest areas or other public places.

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**2. Pack the cleaning necessities:** Wherever you're traveling, you'll want to pack up some pandemic safety necessities. Put together a bag or carry on with extra face masks, hand sanitizers, sanitizing wipes, and disinfectant. These will be handy for keeping germs at bay while you travel. You can also pack immune boosters and packets to help prevent any sicknesses from interrupting your trip.

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**3. Keep your distance:** Staying distanced from others while you travel will also be essential. Be aware of your proximity to others and stay six feet apart from others at all times. Finding socially-distanced activities to do on your trip is a great way to still enjoy traveling while keeping distance and staying safe.

**4. Take care of your body:** One of the easiest ways to stay

healthy, especially while traveling is to wash your hands. Wash them with soap and water often, especially if you're traveling through public places, hotels, and restaurants. Avoid touching your face and make sure to cover coughs and sneezes.

**5. Check travel restrictions:** In order to travel safely, it's important to research what the travel restrictions are in your state, as well as at the destination of your trip. Make note of what places are closed and what activities will be available. Also, be sure to plan ahead for quarantine procedures in your state after your return.

**What are some other ways to travel safely during this mid-pandemic holiday season? Start a conversation in the comments down below!**

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## **Travel Tips: What to Pack in Your Carry-On During a Pandemic**



 By Nicole Maher

This year has slowly made its way from Summer to Fall, and before we know it, we will be right in the middle of the holiday season. With Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's on the horizon, many people may need to travel if they wish to spend time with their families. However, they still may have some hesitations about traveling during the pandemic. If health and safety are weighing heavy on your mind for the

upcoming holiday season, try adding some of these [travel tips](#) to your normal routine to help relieve some of the stress surrounding your travel plans.

## Check out these five travel tips of what to pack in your carry-on while traveling during a pandemic.

**1. An extra mask:** It's practically part of our daily routines at this point, right? Keys, wallet, phone, mask. With people coming and going from different locations, the airport is one of the most important public places to be wearing a mask. While you will already have one around your face, it is also wise to place a spare in your carry-on. This travel tip will help keep you safe in the event something happens to the mask you are wearing.

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**2. Gloves:** Whether it is railings, door handles, or storage bins, you will inevitably need to touch different objects as you navigate your way through an airport. A great way to protect yourself from the germs on these objects, and spare yourself from continuously washing your hands, is to wear a pair of gloves. Stuff a few pairs of throw-away surgical gloves into your carry-on so that you can change them as needed, and reveal some of the stress of feeling like you need to constantly clean your hands.

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**3. Hand sanitizer:** Even if you opt to wear gloves as you travel, carrying hand sanitizer is equally as important. Clip a travel-sized hand sanitizer onto the handle of your suitcase

or backpack to ensure that it is easy to reach throughout your trip. Many airlines have restrictions of the volume of liquids allowed in a carry-on, so be sure to check the policy so that your sanitizer will make it through security!

**4. Electronic-safe wipes:** From a phone to a laptop, you will likely be using at least one electronic device while you are traveling. It is just as important to keep these devices clean and safe as it is to protect your own hands. Packing a few electronic-safe disinfectant wipes into your carry-on will allow you to keep your belongings clean throughout the trip and once you reach your destination. Be sure to read the cleaning instructions on both your electronics and the wipes to ensure they are safe to use on everything. Along with hand sanitizers, airlines may also have rules on these types of cleaners, so be sure to check their rules when you are including this travel tip.

**5. Normal airport essentials:** With the added stress of trying to remain safe while traveling during a pandemic, we may find ourselves overlooking the basics. Whether it is a sweatshirt to keep you warm, a travel pillow to help you sleep, or headphones to listen to your favorite playlist, these essentials are just as important as they were pre-pandemic. By reserving a spot for your normal travel essentials in your carry-on, you help reduce any travel anxiety and maintain a little bit of normalcy on your trip.

**What else should you pack in a carry-on while traveling during a pandemic? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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# Travel Advice: U.S. National Park Must-Sees



By Carly Silva

Staying home for months in quarantine has made most of us excited to get outdoors and start exploring again. Traveling to National Parks can be a great socially-distanced and inexpensive way of getting back out into the world. If you love nature and want to explore some of the most impressive sights at National Parks in the U.S., you'll need some travel advice first.

## If you're looking for some travel advice, here are five stellar National Park sites to visit

**1. Hoh Rain Forest, Olympic National Park:** The Hoh Rain Forest is located in Washington State, along the Olympic Peninsula. As it houses one of the largest temperate rainforests in the U.S., the Hoh Rain Forest has plenty of trails for tourists to explore, along with spots for picnicking and camping.

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**2. Mount Kilauea, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park:** Mount Kilauea is the youngest and most active volcano shield located on the southernmost island of Hawaii. It is the most visited attraction in Hawaii, as well as the most visited volcano in the entire world. Mount Kilauea has tons of trails and tours for you to do, including a guided bike tour around the volcano!

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**3. Waterlemon Cay, Virgin Islands National Park:** Waterlemon Cay is a peaceful beach off of the Virgin Island, St. John. It is a very popular snorkeling location, where you will spot a variety of marine animals, ranging from fish, to stingrays, to even sea turtles. Waterlemon Cay is a great place to visit if you love swimming and the beach, and there are plenty of other attractions to visit on St. John as well.

**4. Big Bend National Park:** Big Bend is located in Southern Texas, and it spans the Chisos Mountains with a number of sights and canyons to see. You can sightsee, ride horses, explore the river, and look for wildlife. You can sightsee from a car, lodge on the mountain, or enjoy hardcore wilderness activities. This place is perfect if you're not sure how much wilderness you want to experience.

**5. Crater Lake National Park:** Located in central Oregon, Crater Lake is one of the world's deepest and clearest lakes. Famous for its extremely deep water and beautiful blue color, this National Park offers boat and trolley tours on the lake, as well as ranger programs and rainforests surrounding it. Crater Lake is a great place to go if you're looking for some gorgeous sightseeing.

**What are some other sites to visit? Start a conversation down below!**

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## **Travel Tips: Flying with Pets**



✖ By Alycia Williams

In some cases, our pets tend to be our best friends, and who wouldn't want their best friend to go on vacation with them? Traveling with your pet can be a real hassle, but if you follow the right [travel tips](#), you can make sure that everything is smooth sailing.

## Here seven travel tips for flying with your pet.

**1. Do your research:** Regulations and fees vary depending on airline and whether your pet flies in the cabin or as checked baggage. Be sure to check an airline's history of flying animals.

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**2. Consider a pets-only airline:** Pet Airways offers climate-controlled cabins outfitted with individual crates, and a flight attendant checks on the animals every 15 minutes. After landing, pets are given a bathroom break, and can be picked up by their owners at the airline's Pet Lounge at participating airports.

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**3. Pet papers:** If you're traveling outside the country, find out what vaccinations your pet will need and if quarantine is required. Consult the database of animal import requirements for more information.

**4. Prepare the carrier:** Purchase a kennel that has room for your pet to turn around and stand without hitting its head. If your pet hasn't traveled before, spend some time getting the

animal used to being in the carrier.

**5. ID tags:** Attach contact information to both your pet's collar and its carrier. That way if your pet gets lost you will be contacted and no one else can claim your pet.

**6. Exercise:** Before the flight, play with your cat or take your dog for a walk. The more tired your pet is, the more likely it is to sleep during the trip.


**7. Relax:** Use lavender oil as an "association scent" to help your pet relax while flying. In the weeks before the flight, put a drop of oil on your hands at feeding times or before walks. Once onboard, the positive association will allow your pet to calm down and remain relaxed.

**What are some other travel tips for flying with your pet? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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## Travel Advice: The Best Games to Play on Road Trips



 By Alycia Williams

Road trips have the potential to be really fun, but sometimes it can be a long, grueling, and silent ride. Making the most of a road trip is important, and the best way to do it is with games. Avoid those silent moments with these [travel tips](#) on what games works best for road trips.



# Here is some travel advice for the best games to play during a road trip.

**1. The Alphabet game:** In this classic road trip game that doesn't require a board or game pieces, players attempt to find words starting with every letter of the alphabet, going in order from A to Z. To make this game more competitive, someone can pick a category like groceries/food, animals, places, or famous people, and the people in the car will take turns naming items from that category that begin with ascending letters from A to Z.

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**2. 20 questions:** One player thinks of a person, place, or thing. The others take turns asking yes-or-no questions; after each question, they get a guess about what/where/who it is. If they don't solve it after 20 questions, they lose.

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**3. Cows on my side:** This simple kids' road trip game is a lot of fun for families driving through the countryside. When you see cows on your side of the road, yell "Cows on my side!" You get a point for each time you call a group of cows. If you spot cows on the opposite side, you can yell "Cows on your side!" and steal a point from your opponent. Passing a cemetery? The first person to yell "Ghost cow!" steals all the other side's points.

**4. What am I counting?:** In this guessing game one person starts counting something out loud as they see it... but they don't tell anyone what they are counting. The rest of the players have to figure out what they are counting.

**5. Hum that tune:** One player starts the game by humming a well-known song. The first person to guess the tune correctly gets to be the next “hummer.” It sounds super simple, but it’s often trickier than it seems!

**6. Six degrees of movie fun:** To begin this one, one family member names any actor. The next person names a movie the actor was in. The following person names someone *else* in that movie that hasn’t already been said, and so on going back and forth between movie titles and actors until someone is unable to answer.


**7. Going on a picnic:** This is a story memory game where someone says “I’m going on a picnic and I’m going to bring...” and then lists an item. The next person begins “I’m going on a picnic and I’m going to bring...” and must list the first person’s item before adding their own item. The list grows and grows and the first person to not be able to correctly list all the items is the loser.

**What are some other games to play on a road trip? Start a conversation in the comments below!**

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# Travel Tips During the Pandemic: How to Stay Safe on Planes



 By Alycia Williams

The COVID-19 virus has brought a lot of uncertainty to us all, especially when it comes to traveling. Though some people are

avoiding traveling by plane altogether, some have no choice or want to take the risk. [Travel advice](#) is well needed as you board planes during the pandemic.

## Here are some travel tips for flying during the pandemic.

**1. Keep the hand sanitizer close by:** As you're going through the airport to get to your flight, you'll touch a lot of things and you won't always have access to soap and water to wash your hands. Have multiple travel size sanitizers handy, that way every time you touch something you can sanitize quickly.

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**2. Wear a face mask:** Keeping your face mask on is really important during the pandemic, but as you are flying it is extremely important. If you're near anyone make sure your face mask is covering your nose and mouth. Don't take it off unless you absolutely have no choice.

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**3. Wipe the seat with disinfectant wipes:** When you board the plane have some disinfectant wipes close by that way you can wipe off your seat before sitting in it. Don't forget to wipe off the arm rest as well as the inside pocket of the seat in front of you.

**4. Keep your distance:** Stay as far away as possible from everyone is the airport as you're waiting to board your plane. Don't sit next to anyone and don't stand near anyone.

**5. Wear sunglasses:** Since you can contract viruses through your eyes, some doctors recommend wearing protective eye gear.

Sunglasses can do the exact same job. Protect your eyes by wearing any kind of glasses.

**6. Prepare for your flight:** Leading up to your flight, get sufficient sleep, eat healthy, take vitamins C and D, and exercise in order to boost your immune system.

**7. Point the air vent away:** When you sit down in your seat, turn on your filter so it pushes the air, not on your face, but directly in front of your face, so it keeps any particles or viruses away from your face.

What are some more travel tips for flying during the pandemic? Start a **conversation in the comments below!**

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



 By Diana Iscenko

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **Travel Tips During the**

# Pandemic: Should We Cancel Summer Travel Plans?



By Alycia Williams

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

## Check out some travel tips for getting out of town during the pandemic.

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

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

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

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

**5. Wipe the seat with **disinfectant wipes**:** At the airport while you're waiting for your flight, wipe down the seat at the gate, and then when you get on the plane, use another wipe to sterilize the arm rest and the inside pocket of the seat in front of you, along with the seat/headrest and tray.

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

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# Travel Tips: Traveling During the Coronavirus Outbreak



By Mario Martinez

COVID-19, better known as coronavirus, has been prompting



major changes around the world in order to combat the illness and stop it from spreading. Many events have been cancelled or suspended in response to the virus outbreak. In fact, the World Health Organization recently classified the outbreak as a “pandemic” and called on countries to take the appropriate measures in responding to it.

**With all of this mind, you may be wondering how will this affect your travel plans and what precautions you can take to stay safe. Let’s take time to address all those issues and concerns with travel tips for our current state of affairs:**

### **1. Symptoms**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has listed the following as the main symptoms of coronavirus, which may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Additional symptoms may include difficulty breathing, sore throat, pain or pressure in the chest, bluish lips or face, diarrhea, fatigue and headaches. If you have these symptoms or are just generally feeling unwell, you should try your best to avoid any travel and isolate yourself from others. You should also call your doctor and set up an appointment. But, do not go to the doctor unannounced, as that may spread the illness.

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## **2. How to Protect Yourself**

As there is currently no vaccine for coronavirus, it's extra important to take steps in preventing the spread of the illness. The virus spreads by person-to-person contact, primarily by being around when an infected person sneezes or coughs. This is why many governments are encouraging or enforcing social distancing and isolation, especially if you live or have been in a place with an outbreak. As part of that, avoiding any unessential travel is key.

Besides that, you should frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after being in public and after coughing or sneezing. Using hand sanitizer works, too, but washing your hands is preferred. Also, when coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth or nose with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow.

Cleaning surfaces (tables, toilets, door knobs etc.) daily is also recommended by the CDC. Specifically, using household disinfectant, alcohol solutions and or bleach is advised.

Wearing a facemask has become a prominent trend, but you should only wear one if you have shown symptoms or are caring for someone who is sick. Face masks are in short supply and should be prioritized for the sick and caregivers.

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## **3. Traveling**

The CDC states that all nonessential travel to destinations with ongoing outbreaks should be avoided. Currently that includes: China, Iran, South Korea and most of Europe. This recommendation is especially important for elderly people and those with chronic medical conditions, as they are at a higher

risk for the illness.

The Federal Government has already put some travel bans into place, and there will likely be more coming our way. Many airports are canceling or limiting flights to and from countries undergoing outbreaks. In addition, many airports are allowing travelers to reschedule or cancel their flights free of charge. Major hotel chains are also waiving their cancellation fees during this time, along with ground transportation groups like Amtrak and Greyhound

In terms of public transportation, services like the MTA are still running, with many subway and train stations seeing enhanced cleaning measures. However, due to how close you are to other people while on buses and subways, it is advised that you try to avoid using public transportation. Services like Uber and Lyft should be avoided for similar reasons. But if you do, follow the safety precautions described above.

The bottom line is that during the coronavirus pandemic all unnecessary travel should be avoided. With many corporations allowing their employees to work from home and schools moving to online classes, the steps are being made to stop the spread of this virus. If you are traveling in or have traveled in any of the countries undergoing outbreaks, it's important to take the proper steps in self quarantining and seeking a doctor if you have symptoms. While it is easy to be afraid of what is currently happening, by taking the right steps, we can all work together to stop the spread of coronavirus.

*Information from reporter [Stephanie Asymkos](#) and the [CDC](#) were used for this article.*

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# Maps for Moments: Your Special Someone in the Stars



☒ *“Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven, Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels.”*  
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie*

Humanity has always been fascinated by the stars. A blanket of fireflies glimmering in the heavens above us, they have inspired scientific and creative minds for thousands of years. The ancient art of the zodiac runs parallel to academic astrology, today. Once upon a time, ancient peoples thought there were holes in the sky through which the gods looked down upon them. Or, that the earth was the center of a celestial sphere in which the stars were “glued” upon.

**Later, Aristotle professed that the universe was made of up five elements: air, earth, water, fire, and aether. “Aether” was an unchanging element comprising the heavenly bodies – including the stars.**

Then Roman, intellectual, heavyweight Pliny the Elder countered that “As regards the elements also I observe that they are accepted as being four in number: topmost the element of fire, source of yonder eyes of all those blazing stars.” So, the stars are made of fire.

In fact, the Ancient Greeks believed the misty cloud of stars, which we now know as the Milky Way, was literally that – spilt milk! They called it “Via Lacta”. It was the legendary astronomer Galileo who is said to have pointed his telescope on this milky mass and exclaimed in surprise – “It’s full of stars!”.

Today, stargazers all over the world study the night sky from observatories and space agencies. Since the discovery in 2004 of a space “diamond” (a white dwarf star made up largely of crystallized carbon). This is believed to be the swan song of all stars – and in about 5 billion years our sun will also be a diamond in the sky.

### **What do the stars mean to you?**

Imagine, if you could turn back the clock and see the dark sky exactly as it was on one particular night. Which night would be most special to you and why?

There are many ways to commemorate a significant milestone or special someone- flowers, a framed photo or how about a personalized star map!

Today, it is possible to chart the stars and pinpoint the constellations in their precise positions on one significant date. Find the location data for a specific moment (your first date? Idyllic wedding site?) by looking up the latitude and longitudes for the GPS coordinates. Put the date and location into a website like <https://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/Yoursky> and you can see the moon and planets, named constellations, and deep-sky objects in one beautiful map.

You can either make your very own star map for free or choose to have a [professional print](#) framed and sent to your door. This takes the pain of doing your own astromaths away!

Choose from a myriad of designs and customize your own unique depiction of the starry night sky. This could be the perfect

way to immortalize an anniversary, engagement or the birth of a new star!

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



Couples that [travel](#) together stay together! Agreed? Yes, No, Maybe? Well, I can't agree more. I take frequent trips with my boyfriend and it only makes my bond stronger with him each time we are on the road together. Of course, I am the one who does all the planning, but he is sweet enough to gift me something before every trip.

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

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

**1. Travel adapter:** The last thing you want on checking-in in a hotel is to realize you can't charge your phone or device

because the room has a different type of plug point. So, why not gift your partner a universal travel adapter that covers every region in the world, and has USB ports too! The best part is – you, too, can use the travel adapter.

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

**3. Travel kit:** A travel kit lets you stay organized while you are [on a vacation](#). The last thing you would want is to not find your things when you need them the most. After all, vacationing is all about being away from stress. So, hurry up and order one for your better-half.

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

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

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

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# Travel Tips: 5 Things to Know When You Travel to Europe



✘ If you've never traveled to Europe, there are certain things that are great to know before going. Europe is one of the best places for tourists to visit every year, as more than 500 million people visit Europe annually and the number of tourists is expected to rise in the coming years. Now that you've decided to set out on an adventurous trip, it is important to keep a few things in mind before setting off.

**Here is a list of few things to know before you set out on a European tour:**

## **1. Make Sure You Have a Valid Passport**

Find your passport immediately after you decide to travel out of the country. Don't forget, most countries require your passport to be valid for six months after you gain entry into their state. It doesn't matter if you're going to a country for just a day visit. If your passport isn't valid for at least six more months, you may be denied entry. Therefore, you need to make sure you have a valid passport when travelling to Europe.

## **2. Book Flights in the Off-Season**

The best way to get the maximum discount on your trip is to book a flight in off-season. Say, if you want to travel to Europe in summer, consider booking your flight in early



February or March. Similarly, whenever you want to visit, it is better to book 2 to 4 months before the actual date. Download an [EU flight delay compensation form](#) to find out about getting a flight upgrade in case there is a delay.

### **3. Pack Light**

Most people who don't travel a lot internationally tend to over pack. One of my top tips for travelling is to pack as little as you possibly can. Keep in mind, the more you pack, the higher the stress of carrying it with you all the time. Your travel experience will be much better if you carry lightweight bags. Just carry essential items such as a first aid kit, a camera or cell phone for photos and videos, a minimal amount of clothes, and snacks.

### **4. Inform Your Credit Card Company**

Call your credit card company and let them know before you leave for the trip. Once you book your flight, email them the dates or inform them over the phone. If you travel without informing, the company may block your credit card as soon as you use it in another country. Credit card companies scrutinize the bank account as soon as a foreign transaction is made, and they may put a hold on the account.

### **5. Download Google Maps**

If you're traveling to a country for the first time, it is essential to download an app that helps in tracking your location. Secondly, if you're visiting a country where the native language is not English, it will be difficult for you to interact with the locals. Unless you have a translator with you on a business trip, downloading a location app (and maybe a translator app) will be a must.

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# Travel Advice: Most Romantic Spots in the Philippines for the Perfect Honeymoon



☒ The Philippines is known for its picturesque landscapes, the perfect amalgamation of sandy beaches and tall mountains. For lovers looking for an international getaway, the Philippines offers a variety of choices.

**Whether it's your honeymoon or your 25th year together, these islands are the romantic escape you need. Here's a list of the 6 most romantic places in the Philippines:**

## **1. El Nido**

You can take a ferry from [Coron to El Nido](#) to visit this paradisiacal place in Palawan. It is one of those destinations that look much better in person than in snaps. If you plan to go to El Nido, prepare yourself to witness white beaches, unchartered landscapes and crystal-clear lakes. Although it has the reputation of being an expensive place to travel, you can actually go around El Nido on a budget as well.

## **2. Mount Pico del Loro**

You can find Mount Pico del Loro right in between Cavite and Batangas. It is largely known as one of the most scenic mountain spaces on the islands- and the view that you get from the peak does justice to this reputation. Standing amidst the evergreen trees, looking out at the blue skies dotted with

billowy clouds, one cannot help but express their feelings of love and admiration for their partner. Planning to propose to your partner? You should definitely do it at Pico del Loro for an immediate positive response.

### **3. Seven Lakes**

Seven Lakes is another popular tourist spot in San Pablo City, Laguna. The seven crater lakes are frequented by lovers and couples of all ages because of the gorgeous natural picture the place provides. There's also a hiking trail for the lovers who want to take a little stroll through nature.

### **4. Boracay**

If you've ever planned a beach holiday, you've probably come across a recommendation for this place. There's a good reason for that too. Boracay is one of the best beach destinations in the world and is frequented by both domestic and international tourists. The [sunrises and sunsets](#), the white beaches, the relaxing massages, the luxurious lifestyle- you could enjoy all of that with your sweetheart when you visit Boracay. For couples who love their thrills, the Ariel's Point nearby has facilities for kayaking, sky diving and a lot more.

### **5. Batanes**

Lush green hills stretching far across the horizon- that's Batanes for you. The natural beauty of this place is enough to make you fall in love with it. Along with this, the place also has well-preserved physical attractions that deserve your attention.

### **6. Vigan City**

The Spanish colonial era lives and breathes in Vigan City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The streets, the houses, the people- all of it together will add to your blossoming romance with the love of your life. Vigan City is also a really good option for solo travel- if you want to lose yourself in a different space and time altogether.

These are the 6 most appealing holiday destinations for couples in the Philippines, perfect for a romantic weekend of pure bliss.

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## **Travel Tips: Take Care of Your Home While You are Away on Vacation**



There are many household tasks that you may worry about while you are away on vacation such as your pet, your plants, your mail, a bill that will be late when you get back, or if you have left an appliance on. It's easy to neglect taking care of many important and obvious things in your excitement about the trip or while you're in a rush to leave.

**If you don't want to worry about things at home while on vacation, it's essential to take a few minutes and review the following tips that can help you stay cool and worry-free.**

### **Don't Neglect What has Taken so Long to Grow:**

Most of your house plants will survive if you water them sufficiently well before you leave for your trip. They may end

up slightly wilted or limp until you return, but watering once you get back should revive them. If you don't want to risk it, you can ask someone to water your plants, but if no one can actually help you in this regard, there are some other steps you can take to protect them. If you are going on vacation in the warmer weather, close the blinds and shades to keep your house cool. Your house plants will need less water when they are cooler. Or, create a mini greenhouse before departing for a long vacation.

### **Secure Your House Before You Leave:**

Carefully inspect your home before you leave. You can use a timer to turn the main light of your home on and off every day. Keeping a light on in the evening while your home is empty can be a good way to avoid the risk of theft and burglary. Set the timer so that the living room light will stay on from 7 to 9 pm. Make sure that the glow of the light can be seen through the window blinds from outside the house. Moreover, you can also use an exterior light that can prove to be a better deterrent than interior lighting. Therefore, you can also set one or two of those on a timer.

### **Take Care of Bills Payments While You're Away:**

Always plan ahead in case of your bills. You would not like to be charged with a fine on a pending bill when you get home from vacation. In such a case, a [bill pay app](#) comes in handy. It's a good practice to pay your fixed bills in advance such as television cable, internet bill, and health insurance premiums etc. Just make the payment electronically before you leave. Moreover, you can also set up automatic withdrawal for your mortgage payments, so you never have to think about them when you are away. You can also have your bill charged to your credit card. Also, pay your rent in advance before going on a long vacation.

### **Lock and Secure Access Points:**

Ensure all the access points are properly locked and secure. Lock all the doors as well as windows. Make sure to lock the door that connects your home and garage. Unplug the power access to the automatic garage door so that no universal remote can be used to gain access. Place a metal rod or a piece of plywood into the track of a sliding glass door. Put all your valuable belongings in a fireproof and safe place.

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



By [Meghan Khameraj](#)

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

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

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

the new year and new decade:

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

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

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

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

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