Vacation Destinations: Perfect Places to Relax





By Ashleigh Underwood

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

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

1. Nantucket: Located off Cape Cod, this tiny island is the prime place for a week away. The island is surrounded by natural beauty, and gorgeous town fronts, perfect for spending a quiet time by yourself. The cobblestone streets are great for biking around town and taking stunning pictures during the day and afterwards you can head to the beach and soak up the sun. At night, their restaurants are the place to be. With many options to choose from, you are bound to have an exciting time.

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

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3. Martha's Vineyard: A popular island off Cape Cod, is a celebrity destination like no other. If you idea of relaxation is star searching for hours, Martha's Vineyard is a must. Celebrities like Reese Witherspoon, Barack Obama, Bill Murray and Jake Gyllenhaal spend their vacation days unwinding on the beach and quaint towns. Another highlight to the Vineyard, is

that the atmosphere is very laid back. While it does have a large population of celebrities, there is no need to dress yourself up. So pack your comfiest sandals and your best celebrity spy gear, and head on over to the Vineyard!

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- 4. Greenville: Greenville, South Carolina—yeah, that Greenville. As there are many cities called Greenville, this one city aims to stand out. With the town constantly growing, there is never a shortage of things to do. Bring the whole family and check out the Children's Museum and the Museum of Art. Or, tap in to your adventurous side and explore the many hiking trails they have available. Regardless of what you choose to do, Greenville will not disappoint.
- 5. Williamsburg: If you prefer history and rich culture over a tropical retreat, Williamsburg should be on the top of your list. This town is a monument to our founding fathers and an old English colony that will leave you speechless. While wandering the streets of downtown Colonial Williamsburg you'll be completely immersed in the past. With old style buildings, monuments and even men dressed as if they were from that time, you will be convinced you took a time machine.

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

Vacation Destinations: 5

Places to Visit on the West Coast





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

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

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

- 1. Big Sur: Not only is this destination absolutely to-die for, but the journey to get there is an adventure in its own. The drive to Big Sur has been named as one of the best drives in the country, complete with zig-zags that overlook the Pacific Ocean before finally reaching the remote views. With treehouses available to rent, hiking trails, and redwoods, what more could you want?
- 2. Crater Lake: Dubbed as the deepest lake in America, Crater Lake is also credited as one of the prettiest sights in the country. Open year-round, this South-Central Oregon spot offers a multitude of nature-based activities that are perfect for the outdoors lovers. Hiking, camping, and cliff-jumping are only a few of the highlights that Crater Lake is known for.

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- 3. Friday Harbor: If nature isn't your thing, try heading out to the Friday Harbor located in Washington. Hop on a cruise at the harbor, where you'll head to one of the world's premier yachting destinations, the San Juan Islands. Bicycles and gokarts are available to rent, along with delicious food and even whale watching!
- 4. Joshua Tree: Infamously known as one of the most magical places on the West Coast, Joshua Tree is a desert with an "anything goes" attitude. Although the air is dry and the temperature steadily rises throughout the day, this spot is a fantastic camping spot. Bars and restaurants are scattered along the desert, giving it the true western vibe its known

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

Where are your favorite places to go to on the West Coast? Leave your thoughts below!

5 Must-Visit Locations for Book Loving Couples





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

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

Travel away to these book lover locations with your partner!

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



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



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



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4. The Library Hotel in New York, New York: Bookworms can rest easy in this creative New York hotel. The hotel has many shelves full of books to browse before walking the city streets. Book reservations for a honeymoon or anniversary date that you will not forget!



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



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

Product Review: Travel and Dress Your Kids Easily This

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By <u>Mallory McDonald</u>

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

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

Celebrity Travel: Hotspots in Paris that Celebrities Love





By <u>Marissa Donovan</u>

Paris might be known as the city of lights and the city of love, but it's also one of the cities celebrities love to live to the fullest! If you are currently searching for your next vacation on spontaneous getaway, consider visiting Paris! The city has many fun experiences to offer and most likely a celebrity citing!

Check out these <u>celebrity hotspots</u> when visiting Paris!

Crazy Horse: Stop in to enjoy the entertainment that Paris has to offer! Stars like Cara Delevinge, <u>Beyoncé</u>, Jay-Z, and others have been spotted watching performances at this fun cabaret bar! Watch the talented Crazy Horse stars dance the night away while you have a few drinks!



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Café de Flore: Kate Moss and Gigi Hadid are just a few of the famous models that enjoy eating out at the small French cafe! Enjoy breakfast or lunch before exploring the beautiful city. Maybe you will even meet the love of your life.



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Ferdi: This restaurant is favorite of <u>Kim Kardashian</u>, <u>Kendall Jenner</u>, and <u>Kanye West</u>! Munch on a juicy burger and sip on a rich milkshake at this Paris hotspot. This location is also a favorite of fashion designers, such as Marc Jacobs!



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Davé: You are bound to see a celebrity at this hotspot! Check out the many picture on the wall from stars such as <u>Leonardo DiCaprio</u>, Mick Jagger, Tobey Maguire, and so many more.



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Triangle d'Or: What would Paris be without high fashion outlets? Triangle d'Or is an area of Paris that is similar to California's Rodeo Drive. Outlets such as Gucci and Prada have been the shopping destinations of stars such as Mariah Carey and Madonna. Maybe you might even see a star while passing through this hotspot.



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Are there other celebrity hotspots in Paris that people should know about? Let our readers know in the comments!

Top 5 Celebrity Honeymoon Destinations





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

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

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

1. Amalfi Coast, Italy: Italy is notorious for its beautiful views, delicious food and overall romantic aura, so it's no wonder why the Amalfi Coast is such a popular honeymoon spot. Celebrity couple Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth headed here

for their post-wedding getaway, where they were seen taking boat rides on the coast, shopping around, and sharing romantic meals together.

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

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- 3. Costa Rica: If you and your partner are a more adventurous pair, Costa Rica might be right up your ally. This Central American country is home to hundreds of outdoor activities, some of which include surfing, hiking, and snorkeling. Newlyweds Andy Roddick and Brooklyn Decker headed to Costa Rica on their honeymoon they were seen zip-lining through one of the many rain forests, laying out on the beach, and enjoying some fine dining.
- 4. Los Cabos, Mexico: This relaxing destination is ideal if you and your sweetheart are looking for a low-key, calming vacation. Los Cabos has hosted couples Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa and LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian. This spot is perfect for renting out private villas and enjoying the beach, along with your partner's company.

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5. St. Barts: This Caribbean island is known for being glamorous and chic — plus it has hosted celeb mega-couple Beyonce and Jay Z, so what's not to adore? Complete with luxurious bistros with decadent food, glitzy nightlife and designer boutiques, St. Barts is *the* celeb-approved honeymoon spot that will surely give you a time to remember. Head here

if you're looking to soak up the sun on a private beach, enjoy delicious food, or have a night out with your partner.

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

Top 5 Celebrity-Approved Couple Vacation Spots





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

If you and your significant other are in the market for a romantic getaway, finding a unique spot to spend your time together may get a little difficult, especially if you're

looking for something fun and luxurious. If this scenario sounds familiar, it may not hurt to do some research on celebapproved couple vacation destinations. Lucky for you, Cupid's already got you covered with a guide to the best celebrity couple spots!

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

- 1. Saint Tropez, France: France is already known for being one of the most romantic destinations thanks to its love-filled environment. Vacationing in Saint Tropez includes gorgeous beaches and amazing landscapes, along with an incredibly fun nightlife. Plus, Saint Tropez has hosted celeb couples like Beyonce and Jay-Z and David and Victoria Beckham!
- 2. Spain: This European hotspot is sure to be a perfect combination of fun and romance for you and your sweetheart. In fact, on-off couple Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander were recently spotted rekindling their flame in Formentera, Spain. With a popular nightlife, hundreds of shopping spots, delicious food and wine, and beautiful sights, Spain is one of the most romantic getaways on the list!

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

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

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

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

5 Places Your Favorite Stars Go On Their Celebrity Vacations





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

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

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

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

European trip.

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

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- 3. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico: Former Bachelorette star JoJo Fletcher shared details of her getaway to Mexico on Instagram, making us all mega jealous of her beach vacation. Mexico is a versatile destination, so whether you're looking to chill out on the beach or have a taste of night life, Cabo San Lucas may be the place for you!
- **4. France:** Known for its romantic aura, France is the perfect romantic getaway. Just ask <u>Jennifer Lopez</u> and Alex Rodriguez, who recently cuddled up during their couples vacation. Robin Thicke and girlfriend April Love also stopped over in Paris, showing off their love in front of the Eiffel Tower.

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

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

Travel Destinations: How to Plan the Ultimate Trip to Europe





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

If you're in desperate need of vacation, summertime is the best time to plan one! Although beach getaways are always fun, why not try something different this year? This summer, plan the ultimate trip to Europe, whether it be with your sweetheart, your best friends, or even your family. However, before you get too excited, be sure to have everything organized and planned out before you leave the country.

Planning on a trip to Europe? Cupid's got you covered with some travel tips!

- 1. Decide on destinations: Europe is a huge continent, so decide what parts you'd like to visit, and how long you plan to stay in each place. Some popular spots include London, Paris, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Venice, Rome, Berlin, Prague the list can go on and on. So, before doing anything, make a list of the cities or countries you want to hit and how long you'll be there.
- 2. Plan each day: This may seem extremely tedious, but it'll definitely help keep things organized. Create an itinerary for each day that you're there. Since you'll be traveling throughout different countries and cities, it's important that you have a plan for every day, unless you decide to roam around and explore which is also a ton of fun! For example, if you're spending three days in London, choose what sights you want to see and how you will split them up between the days you're there.

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- **3. Do your research:** You don't have to plan out every single detail of your trip, but you should definitely research each destination and the popular sights. In addition to that, it's important to research and book hotels that you'll be staying in in each city. Make sure they have good reviews and you'll be in a safe environment!
- 4. Research flights: Decide whether you'd like to book roundtrip tickets or one-way flights, depending on your circumstances. If you'd like to have everything organized before leaving, it's probably best if you purchase roundtrip.

On the other hand, if you think you'll be more spontaneous, one-way tickets may be the way to go. It's completely dependent on your plans and what you want to do.

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5. Figure out how to travel between cities: Since you're not going to be staying in one city, it's important that you research ways to travel between each destination. In many cases, you can book tickets up to three months in advanced. There are also several different ways to travel in Europe, including train, bus, plane, or even driving.

What are some of your travel tips? Share them below.

Travel Review: Villa Marie Saint-Barth





By Melissa Lee

Summer has finally arrived, which means vacation season is in full swing! If you're looking for a new destinations for either your next girls' trip or <u>romantic getaway</u>, Saint-Barthélemy might be the place to visit. The <u>Villa Marie Saint-Barth</u> is a beautiful hotel that recently opened in December of 2016, being the newest resort to join the French Sibuet family. This gorgeous getaway spot is perfect if you're looking for a relaxing beach vacation to help you escape the stresses of work, school, or every day life.

If you're on the market for your next vacation destination, consider booking a room at the Villa Marie Saint-Barth!

The Villa Marie Saint-Barth is a hilltop hotel that is above Colombier Beach. This French-based luxury hotel overlooks Flamands Bay and offers 21 individually decorated bungalows

and villas, each with private pools with sea or luxury garden views. Having already topped the Condé Nast Traveler Hot List of 2017, the Sibuet family is no stranger to perfecting their hotels, and The Villa Marie Saint-Barth is certainly no exception.

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The Villa Marie Saint-Barth offers amazing architectural style that they define as "island decor with subtle French charm." Each bungalow and villa has been influenced by a combination of cultural elements, including "Colonial plantation spirit, colorful ethnic Caribbean Indian flair, lasting British influence, and a dose of French Art de vivre." A common theme among each room are the seashell accents, pink corals, and vibrant touches of tropics, reminding you that you are, essentially, in paradise. There are also outdoor living areas, all of which have been designed by Jocelyne Sibuet, who made a great effort to include flairs of French country home decor.

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Each bungalow is uniquely named and include canopy beds, plush headboards, and both custom made and vintage furniture pieces. There are private terraces that are surrounded by exotic greenery with the intention of making guests feel like they're on their own private islands. Their view typically looks over the lagoon and Flamands Bay.

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Lastly, the hotel includes a fabulous restaurant called the Francois Plantation. It offers sophisticated French cuisine, and the bar serves a collection of the finest rums and Cuban cigars. And, if that hasn't already led you to booking your trip, there is even a treatment spa on the premises called the Pure Altitude Spa.

Head to the Villa Marie Saint-Barth if you're ready to be completely spoiled with a luxurious experience, complete with gorgeous scenery, delicious food, and relaxation from start to finish.

Pay a visit to their <u>website</u> if you're ready to book your trip!

Top 5 Cost-Efficient Tropical Vacation Destinations





By Noelle Downey

With summer in full swing and the warmer, long days finally

here, it's easy to want to take full advantage of this gorgeous weather and plan a trip to some exotic tropical locale. However, what sounds sweet in theory can be sour in practice when it comes to dishing out your heard-earned dollars for your dream vacation. But never fear, if you have an itch to travel this year that you just have to scratch, Cupid is here for you. We've compiled a list of the top five most beautiful tropical vacation destinations you can visit on a budget, for a splash in the waves and a walk on the beach that won't cost you every dime you have.

If you're looking for the perfect tropical vacation destination that checks all the boxes of a luxury travel experience but won't wreck your bank account, this list is for you!

- 1. San Juan, Puerto Rico: If you're looking for a relaxing way to spend a few days with your family or searching for the perfect spot for your next romantic getaway with your sweetheart, San Juan in Puerto Rico might just be for you. With gorgeous architecture and tropical views, this small village comes with opportunities for shopping, sightseeing, and splashing in the surf on gorgeous Puerto Rican beaches. Windsurf on the ocean waves or get a bite at the cute eateries this hidden paradise has to offer without stressing over your back account this summer!
- 2. Cancun: While Cancun is often viewed as one of the pricier options for tropical travel, if you're looking to take the plunge and book that Cancun vacation you always dreamed about, 2017 might be the year to do it. Travel experts claim that

airfares and hotel prices are at an all-time low for vacationers headed to Cancun's tropical paradise, so book your trip and prepare to enjoy some deliciously authentic Mexican food and a couple margaritas at the beach this year!

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- 3. Playa Grande, Costa Rica: If you're looking to catch some waves and appreciate some good times, this often overlooked gem in Costa Rica is the place to do it on a budget. Take a tip from travel experts and book a posh Air B&B instead of heading to a hotel this summer to save even more in this area. And if you get tired of the sleepy atmosphere in this relaxing paradise? Call a taxi and travel the 45 minutes to Tamarindo, the nearby party town where you can dance the night away and enjoy all flavors of tropical drinks.
- 4. Ko Olina, Oahu: Dying to experience resort life on the Hawaiian islands but worried a trip like that will bamboozle your bank account? In 2017, indulge your travel bug by booking a flight to Ko Olina on the island of Oahu, a resort town that's super family (and budget) friendly. With competitive hotel prices and air fares to the other islands forcing Oahu as a whole to make price cuts to their resort and vacation packages, head to Ko Olina for a luxury vacation that the whole family can enjoy. This one in a lifetime opportunity may not be around for long, so book now and strike while the iron (and the island sun) is hot!

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5. San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua: Looking for the perfect place to book your next girl's trip or the most popular vacation spot for your bestie's bachelorette party? Look no further than this Nicaraguan beach town that offers tons of great bars and party spots as well as gorgeous beaches and loads of

opportunities to splash in the waves with your favorite ladies. Pack your bikini and call your girl squad, because this vacation spot is so often overlooked for it's gal pal potential that the prices are super reasonable. So chip in and make sure that this girl's trip is one none of you will ever forget!

Will you be making any of these luxury vacation spots the next trip on your list? Let us know in the comments.

Luxury Travel: Perfect Places to Snap Your Own Celebrity Instagram Moment on Your Next Vacation





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Summer is here, and so is vacation season! If you're trying to find your next getaway spot, checking out some of the hottest celebrity travel locations may be the way to go. While you're there, why not try taking your own celeb-quality Instagram moment to really make yourself feel like a star? After all, you deserve it!

Interested in finding the perfect luxury travel location for your summer vacation? Cupid has exactly what you need!

It seems like celebrities are constantly on the most glamorous vacations. But, thanks to their nearly-perfect Instagrams, we've compiled a list of the perfect getaway spots for you to visit this summer:

1. Maui: Hawaii is the ideal spot to head to if you're looking

for a tropical, relaxing getaway. Known for their tranquil vibe, Maui is the place to go if you're focused on laying by the beach, tanning, and drinking your fave cocktail. In fact, that's exactly what Lea Michele was up to when she was recently photographed there!

2. Jamaica: If you're looking for another beach-y getaway but Hawaii isn't quite up your alley, Jamaica may be right for you. Bachelor star Bob Guiney and wife Jessica Canyon enjoyed being newlyweds when they visited for their honeymoon.

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- **3. Punta Cana:** Although Punta Cana is known for being yet another gorgeous, tropical spot, celebrity mom <u>Holly Madison</u> took her daughter on a family vacation to Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Punta Cana. If your family can't decide on where to head this summer, this might be the solution to your dilemma it's both kid-friendly and complete with beautiful beaches!
- **4. Mexico:** Both ideal for either a romantic vacation or a wild girls trip, Mexico is the place to be. *Bachelor in Paradise* stars and celebrity exes Amanda Stanton and <u>Josh Murray</u> were recently photographed taking a relaxing walk along the beach during their weekend getaway.

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5. Florida: If you're leaning toward the more simple route, Florida is the perfect place to just hang by the beach and go out at night. Not too long ago, former *Jersey Shore* star Pauly D and girlfriend Rocio were seen taking a romantic stroll on the beach together.

What are your favorite vacation spots? Share below!

Top 5 Luxury Travel Destinations for Your Next Girls-Only Getaway





By Noelle Downey

Whether you're traveling with just a couple close besties or a gaggle of your favorite girlfriends, everybody knows there's nothing like spending some quality time with your best friends on the road. Take the plunge and call your BFF's, because Cupid has complied for youa list of the top five best luxury travel destinations that your favorite stars are escaping to for a girls-only getaway — and you can too!

Whether you're looking to make a splash at the beach or take in some European countryside, these celebrity-approved luxury travel destinations are prefect for your next big girls-only getaway with your best female friends.

- 1. The Caribbean: Former Dancing with the Stars dancer Julianne Hough recently celebrated her upcoming nuptials to athlete Brooks Laich by taking a massive girls-only trip to the Caribbean with pal Nina Dobrev in tow! Walk in their famous footsteps by organizing your own getaway to visit the beautiful surf and sand of this highly popular corner of the world. Snorkel and scuba dive with your favorite girlfriends, snack on the Caribbean cuisine featured at most of the fine dining restaurants, and get a tan in the sun as you enjoy the crisp blue water and white beaches of this gorgeous island getaway.
- 2. Cabo: If you're an acapella fan this fun-in-the-sun getaway in Mexico might just be for you. Big name stars like Anna Kendrick, Brittany Snow, and Rebel Wilson were recently spotted at this tropical location sipping drinks with big smiles as they enjoyed a sneaky mid-shooting girls getaway from the set of their movie, Pitch Perfect 3. While you may not be able to replicate the experience of filming a soon-to-be blockbuster, you can and should treat yourself to a visit to Cabo with your best "pitches" because, as Wilson captioned one of her Instagram posts from the trip, "We love each other so much, we had to go on holiday!"

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- 3. California: While the glitz and glamour of LA may seem to be calling you when it comes to a California girls trip, why not try to take a walk on the wild side? Celeb besties Karlie Kloss and Taylor Swift took a nature-focused girls only trip up the coast of California early in their friendship, and now they've become the epitome of a pair of Hollywood BFF's. Visit the gorgeous natural parks filled with redwood trees, stop by the pier in Santa Cruz to visit with the seals and strut the boardwalk, or visit the California coastal beaches for some fresh air and fun with your favorite girl group.
- 4. Ireland: Former *Pretty Little Liars* star Shay Mitchell is no stranger to the perfectly planned girls trip or celebrity vacation. Her luxury travel destination of choice? Ireland. Hit the streets of Dublin with your girls to sip some good Irish Guinness at the local pubs or keep things more natural by admiring the beautiful seasides, rolling countryside, and gorgeous vista views that Ireland has to offer. Being surrounded by all the lush greenery of this beautiful place will remind you just how lucky you are to have the friends you do, whether you find a four-leaf clover or not!

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5. Cancun: If you're ready to live that #cruiselife, follow in the footsteps of plus-sized model Ashley Graham and take to the seas with your girlfriends in Cancun. Strut your stuff on the deck or stop shoreside for some time in the sun or a delicious meal with some Mexican flavor at this premier luxury travel destination. Whatever you do, make sure you pack your favorite bikini, tons of sunscreen, and your camera, because you're going to want to snap some great shots of you and your besties chilling in the sun or taking a dip on the shores of this heavenly paradise!

Have you ever taken a girls trip? Where did you head for your adventure? Let us know in the comments!

Celebrity Vacation Spot: Everything You Need to Know About Beaches Turks & Caicos





By Noelle Downey

Whether you're looking for a family-friendly vacation or a romantic getaway with a string of incredible date nights, the

Beaches resort at Turks & Caicos may be the perfect place for you to head this summer. This incredible resort, which is made up of four luxury villages, features just about everything your heart could desire when it comes to a popular travel destination, including a spa, adrenaline-inducing water sports, award-winning restaurants, photo-ops with your children's favorite Sesame Street characters, and, of course, beautiful sand and surf. We at CupidsPulse.com went behind-the-scenes to give our readers the inside scoop on what to expect when you head to this celebrity vacation hotspot.

Book a Romantic Getaway at Beaches Turks & Caicos!

Beaches Turks & Caicos may be a classic and much-loved spot to run away to for a glorious vacation, but that doesn't mean that they're not always looking to grow and change. Recently, they took a "revolutionary step in resort entertainment" and partnered with Creativiva Caribbean Inc. to provide guests with four brand new live shows: Alice in Wonderland, Treasure Island, Jungle Book Live, and Dolce Vita, all performed weekly. "We are so excited to share this brand new experience with our guests," noted Adam Stewart, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Sandals Resorts International, "By partnering with the experts in live entertainment, we are excited to deliver theater on an entirely new level." According to the Beaches Turks & Caicos team, Creativiva entertainers will add new flair to the Beaches already incredible amenities and activities with a "carnival vibe, folklore dance, and cultural performances."

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When you're not taking in one of the new shows, you can enjoy one of four different luxury villages. These villages all

operate under a different theme and give guests a distinctly diverse resort experience. "We offer the seaside garden paradise of the Caribbean Village, the sophisticated style of the French Village, the monumental surroundings of the Italian Village, and the Key West Village, which features three- and four-bedroom Villas," the team at Beaches Turks & Caicos explains. So even though you're only traveling as far as Turks & Caicos, you can still take in a posh European lifestyle at this resort.

If you're not sold on the Turks & Caicos location, however, never fear. The Beaches resort franchise has other opportunities for you to enjoy their incredible take on luxury travel. "By 2018, we'll have four properties that will have either just debuted or will be in the development phase, including Sandals LaSource St. Lucia later this year," Beaches staff shared. "We're also continuing our considerable investment in Barbados, including Sandals Royal Barbados, which will open December 2017, and, of course, there are our plans for Beaches Barbados. We're excited for what's to come."

Enjoy Delicious Food on Your Celebrity Vacation at Beaches Turks & Caicos

If you're planning a trip to Beaches Turks & Caicos, then you'll have to prioritize a couple of food-centric date nights during your stay. The Beaches Turks & Caicos team opened up about the most popular restaurant spots and favorite menu items: "The top favorite restaurants are Neptune's and Schooners Seafood Grill. Our restaurants serve up everything from lemongrass-scented snapper, a 10-ounce rib eye, and Alaskan king crab risotto to the famous Turks & Caicos mollusk, Conch." With seaside views and a perfectly luxurious fine dining setting, you could eat your fill at either of these establishments and still be begging for more.

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Looking for something to do before dinner? If you're not in the mood to stroll the beach, scuba dive, or relax at the spa, explore the local attractions. Relax on a Catamaran Cruise, Eco Kayak Tour, or Conch Farm Tour, and take in the beauty of the sights and sounds of Turks & Caicos. Or, if none of that tempts you, go celebrity-spotting with your sweetie, as this Beaches resort is a regular destination for stars on their celebrity vacations. Recent famous guests include Tammin Sursok, best known for playing Jenna Marshall on the hit Freeform series *Pretty Little Liars*; Gilles Marini, known for his role in the hit movie *Sex and the City*; and Amanda Stanton from *The Bachelor* and *Bachelor in Paradise*.

Beaches Turks & Caicos Team Talks Best Activities for a Family Vacation

If you're headed to Beaches Turks & Caicos with family instead of a new fling, you'll still find plenty of activities that will make your kids smile. Your little ones will love the photo ops and meet and greets with their favorite Sesame Street characters, which are sure to bring some extra magic to their resort experiences. And if you're a parent to older kids and teens, the possibilities are truly endless. Whether your teenagers are looking to benefit the world and give back with the Island Impact program, compete in the cutting-edge X-box Play Lounge, spin some tracks in the Scratch DJ Academy, dance and mingle in the under-21 Club Liquid, relax with the special teen treatments in the Red Lane Spa, or try their hand at some old school arcade games in the Trench Town, they'll always remember this trip.

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And if you're bringing the whole family for a big event, like a wedding or a vow renewal ceremony, Beaches Turks & Caicos has just what you need. Forget about the stresses of bringing a large group of varying ages to this luxury vacation spot because Beaches resort has already solved your problems. As the crew at Beaches Turks & Caicos assures us, "For those who wish to celebrate their special day with everyone — from the eldest family member to the smallest tot, Beaches Resorts' FamilyMoons offer the ideal venue."

No matter what you're looking for on your summer vacation, Because Turks & Caicos is sure to have it.

Will you be visiting this beautiful luxury travel destination? Let us know in the comments.

Popular Vacation Spots That Celebrity Parents Love





By <u>Melissa Lee</u>

With summer right around the corner, it's no surprise that <u>celebrity couples</u> (and their kids) have been traveling all around the world. While our favorite celeb families make the trek from continent to continent, we get to swoon over their adorable Instagram posts and see what the latest getaway spots are.

Look no further for the most popular vacations spots that celebrity parents adore!

These luxury spots already have the seal of approval Hollywood's cutest celebrity families:

1. Morocco: In March, John Legend and wife Chrissy Teigen took their 11-month-old baby girl, Luna to the African city. The family never shied away from sharing their experiences on social media, especially their adoration toward Marrakesh. In fact, according to <u>EOnline.com</u>, Legend and Teigen visited

Morocco in 2015 as well.

2. Italy: Before <u>Beyonce</u> shocked the world with the announcement of her second pregnancy, Queen B and <u>Jay Z</u> took their daughter, Blue Ivy to Italy in September. The adorable family went to lunch in Nerano, and completed the trip with eating seafood on a yacht.

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- **3. The Bahamas:** In a recent celebration for <u>Kanye West</u>'s 40th birthday, he took his wife <u>Kim Kardashian</u>-West and their two kids, North and Saint to The Bahamas. The family stayed for four days and, in typical Kardashian-West fashion, rented out the entire island.
- **4. Hawaii:** Real Housewife of Orange County's Meghan King Edmonds and husband Jim Edmonds took their baby girl Aspen to Hawaii. As if the getaway wasn't already cute enough, Meghan and Aspen wore matching bathing suits and hats on the beach!

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5. Disney: Former *Freaks & Geeks* star Busy Phillips and her husband, Marc Silverstein, along with their two daughters, Birdie and Cricket, went the classic route when they boarded a Disney cruise. The family indulged in some Mickey-shaped ice cream, with Phillips sharing her love for Disney on social media every step of the way.

What's your favorite family vacation spot? Leave your thoughts below.

Celebrity Travel: How to Travel in Style Like a Celebrity





By <u>Noelle Downey</u>

If you're planning to head away for a fun girl's trip or a romantic getaway with your honey, it may well be that while the destination is glamorous, luxurious and fun, the actual travel portion of your trip is the part you're looking forward to the least. We all have travel horror stories full of long waits at airports, bumpy plane rides and terrible on-flight food, but it doesn't have to be this way! Enjoy your next luxury travel experience to the fullest and travel in celebrity style with these great tips for traveling that even the stars would approve of!

Enjoy a trip full of luxury when you use these celebrity travels tips that will make you realize it's the journey to the destination that's half the fun!

- 1. Get some great luggage: The first step to any great trip? Packing your suitcase. While packing can seem like a chore, there's no need for this part of planning for your trip to be a hassle. Invest in some great celebrity-approved luggage that will turn heads at the airport and make your stylish bags super easy to recognize when you go to grab them at baggage claim! Want a recommendation? Try Rimowa suitcases! Stars like Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning and Cara Delevingne have all been spotted rolling this sweet and stylish bag around at the airports; you could be next!
- 2. Splurge on a sensational ride from the airport: Worried about the hassles of calling a cab or taking a shuttle from the airport? Why not travel in true celebrity style by hiring a car and driver to get you to your hotel or to the nearest tourist attraction in comfort and style? Step into a sleek vehicle and enjoy your personal chauffeur for a set fee no worrying about the price getting jacked up if you make multiple sightseeing stops on your way to the hotel! Sit back and relax in comfort and watch the sounds and sights of a new city go by while you enjoy the luxurious experience of your very own personal driver. Visit Dryver for help hiring your driver for an evening, a day or even longer!

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3. Find a luxury hotel: When you're traveling in style and luxury, why not find the best hotels your destination has to

offer? Have you been saving up on Expedia points and are ready to cash in on a fancy stay at the finest resort or hotel in the area? Go ahead, and enjoy all the comforts of exceptional room service, soft sheets and beautiful aesthetics at your luxury hotel of choice. There's nothing like getting off a plane and heading to an five-star meal at your hotel's phenomenal restaurant to make you smile and feel like a star!

4. Make sure you feel great while you travel: Even if you're not flying first-class there are plenty of star-recommended ways to have an amazing celebrity travel experience. According to her website, reality TV actress and businesswoman Khloe Kardashian's number one travel tip can be summed up very simply. "It's all about staying HYDRATED and MOISTURIZED, people," Kardashian lectures. Take a tip from this accomplished celeb and pack a water bottle full of mineral water that's busting with electrolytes; a great way to make you feel energized and refreshed even after a long flight. And for your skin? Slip some luxury Lush lotion into your carry-on for a delicious-smelling and organic way to keep your skin happy on a long flight.

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5. Create a carry-on of travel lifesavers: Of course, it's not just water and lotion you'll need to have an amazing, celebrity-worthy flight. Invest in a stylish carry-on bag like this one from Michael Kors and pack it full of travel essentials. A bag with all of your make-up for a quick touch-up in the bathroom before you land, all your travel information for quick and easy access, your phone charger, a neck pillow, some healthy snacks like seaweed chips or trail mix to avoid having to choose between hunger pangs and airline food and, of course, a selection of all your favorite celebrity news magazines and lifestyle books. Once you're prepped with everything you'll need to feel comfortable and luxurious, you'll feel like a star whether you're in first

class or coach!

What do you think of these tips to travel in celebrity style? Will you be going on any celebrity travel excursions soon where you'll use these tricks? Let us know in the comments!

Top 5 Most Luxurious Romantic Getaways in the United States





By Noelle Downey

Are you and your significant other stuck in a rut? Do you need an escape from the pressures and demands of daily life to find a way back to your old, romantic selves? Free yourselves from monotony and have an amazing, romance-filled adventure at one of these amazing travel destinations! No matter what you and your partner are looking for, from fine cuisine to relaxing spa treatments to outdoor fun, at least one of these luxurious romantic getaways will be sure to deliver everything your hearts desire. Feeling as though your relationship has gone from fun to frumpy and forced? Never fear! A romantic vacation is just what you both need, and with luxury destinations like this, you'll be sure to return to your regular lives pampered, relaxed and more in love than ever.

Looking to slip away to a sensational and luxurious romantic getaway with your significant other? Check out these dreamy travel destinations and see if one could be you and your partner's romantic utopia!

The Adolphus: Known locally as "The Great Dame" of Dallas, Texas, this incredible hotel that will make your luxury travel experience feel like a dream come true. With classic architecture originating in 1912 and all the modern amenities your heart could desire, this is the perfect place to reconnect with your partner and relax while also enjoying all the sounds and sights of a beautiful and bustling city. Enjoy the award-winning cuisine prepared by talented chefs in the hotel's luxurious restaurant during a date night, lounge on the garden terraces adjoining the rooms, and have a long soak in the large bath tubs for a pampering session right in the comfort of your room.

The Sagamore: Looking for something a little more removed from

the hustle and bustle of a city? Try this destination, an expansive and historic hotel on its own private island in the Adirondacks. With beautiful lakeside views and luxury suites, this beautiful location offers just about every thing you could possibly want from a romantic getaway. Take a trip to the hotel spa to relax and enjoy a couple's massage, admire the original works of art in the foyer, play a rousing game of tennis on their private courts, or enjoy an adrenaline rush with your partner by going windsurfing.

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The Woodstock Inn: Another gorgeous and idyllic romantic getaway in a peaceful and calm setting, The Woodstock Inn is set in the rich forestland of Vermont. While this destination may sound rustic, it is anything but, with their finest suites including 600 thread count cotton sheets and pristine marbled bathrooms. Cuddle up by the fireplace in your room with your significant other, take a romantic stroll through the woods, or play a game of golf together for a fun and woodsy trip that combines the beauty of nature with the material enjoyment of luxury travel.

The Westin Verasa Napa: This stunning retreat in downtown Napa features a variety of luxurious amenities, from a heated saltwater pool to an amazing restaurant to a bar featuring sinfully delicious drinks. Try some couple's fitness in their well-maintained gym, then share a poolside massage before having a seat at the chef's table, a unique opportunity at a fantastic foodie experience. Finished with your meal? Enjoy tasting some fine wines from the historic Napa valley and then take to the skies in a hot air balloon ride over the city.

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The Alexander: Looking for an even more in-depth fine dining

experience? Try The Alexander, a modern gem in the heart of Indianapolis brimming with incredible works of art and a chance to watch the chefs at their award-winning restaurant prepare your intricate and delicious dishes in their open kitchen, which you can observe from your table. After dinner, head to the lounge, Plat 99, for cocktails and entertainment and later head out intothe city to enjoy some wild nightlife!

What do you think of these luxurious romantic getaways? Will you and your partner be visiting one at your next couples-only vacation? Let us know in the comments!

Travel Review: Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa





By <u>Delaney Gilbride</u>

As spring is making it's debut and the long straining days of winter have finally come to an end, we're sure that you're starting to think about planning your summer romantic getaway. Although summer is only months away, you and your boo may still be feeling the long-term affects of a winter slump. It may be hard to pick the perfect summer destination if you're still feeling low energy mentally and physically as the warm weather approaches. This reason (among many others) is why the Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa opened its doors to the public over 30 years ago. Located in the beautiful Miami, Florida, with over 35 years of experience, Pritikin's is one of the nation's premier health and wellness resorts teaching visitors how to lead an all-around healthier lifestyle.

If you and your love want to see a real change in the way you live

your day to day lives, Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa located in Miami, Florida is absolutely the place for you!

More than 100,000 people worldwide have attended Pritikin's programs leaving the resort relaxed, refreshed, and ready to live their lives in a new light. This all-inclusive resort allows for a one to two week stay with a three day weekend retreat that runs a few times a year for people to see a glimpse of the program before they fully commit. The Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa has multiple goals for their guests who truly want to better their lives including healthy weight loss, healthy hearts, lowering cholesterol, controlling diabetes, lowering blood pressure, and providing the best tools for a healthy mind.

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Guests will be able to attend health lectures from the very best health and wellness experts they have to offer. These experts include doctors of medicine, exercise physiologists and nutritionists, and top chefs including the trained "no salt" chef. Classes include healthy cooking courses with the "no salt" chef and unique exercise courses for both your body and mind. This resort does everything and anything in order to help shape the lives of those who need a bit of a boost when it comes to their over all wellness. If you want to make something a habit it must become a lifestyle.

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Pritikin's makes sure your stay at their resort will have

long-lasting effects as they provide the Pritikin Program to every one of their guests. This program provides extensive daily plans including diet, exercise, and a healthy mind and body plan. The diet program includes cooking lessons, five gourmet meals and snacks daily, and included medical tests and appointments to make sure your body and heart continue to make progress. The exercise plan has always been a bit hit with quests. Everyone at the resort is so encouraging and proud of each and every persons success — it's truly a fun time for all. The exercises include cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, and stretching with electives such as Sunrise Stretch, Yoga/Meditation, Aquatics, Functional Fitness, Balance & Stability, Tai Chi, Spinning, Zumba Dancing, and Pilates. And finally, the healthy mind and body program provides education for long term success after leaving the resort. Their physicians provide education on why healthy living is so important while breaking through personal obstacles getting in the way of your healthy happiness.

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The Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa is just as beautiful and relaxing as it is focused on bettering your mind and body. The resort is newly renovated with breathtaking amenities including their decadent dining areas and luxurious suites varying in all sizes to fit your needs. Enjoy the Miami weather by relaxing outside by one of their many outdoor pools or escape the heat by cooling off in their indoor pools. Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa is known for their exquisite spa treatments which guests indulge in after a day of mental and physical exercise. With their 650-acre grounds, you'll never run out of things to do.

If you and your love need a little bit of a boost in order to better your lives, the Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa is definitely the place for you. By including diet, exercise, and healthy mind and body plans for their guests, thousands of

people have left their resort feeling better than ever!

Go on and live your best life by planning your trip to sunny Miami's Pritikin Longevity Center & Spa now!

Vacation Destinations: Spring Travel Tips for Home and Abroad





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By Delaney Gilbride

Whether people have been cooped up indoors while it snowed all winter or they were able to take the chilly temperatures with just a sweater, spring is a time of renewal. It's a time of the year when people want to break out of the routine they have been stuck in for months and get away. This spring, millions of people will be traveling domestically, as well as abroad. The difference in surviving and thriving on that trip has a lot to do with the planning and preparing before ever heading out the door.

"Once you plan wisely for a trip you know all the difference that it makes and you will forever want to continue with it," explains expert traveler Tina Aldatz, chief executive officer of travel wellness company Savvy Travelers. "Planning ahead means that you are more prepared to help keep yourself healthy and comfortable, no matter where you may be traveling to. That's always a good thing."

Improve traveling to your favorite vacations destinations this spring by checking out <u>Savvy</u> <u>Travelers</u> tips for traveling domestically and abroad:

- 1. When traveling internationally, inquire about vaccinations, and contact the local health department about a month before the trip. This way, they can determine if any special health measures should be taken or cautionary advice is needed.
- 2. Inquire with your insurance company about traveling to get the details you may need on using insurance during a vacation, especially if you will be traveling outside the country.

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- 3. Take standard necessities with you, rather than trying to find them when you arrive. Items such as sunscreen, bug spray, toiletries and cleansing wipes are easy to pack and carry, and will bring comfort during travel and once reaching the destination.
- 4. Aim to pack light, rather than over pack. When you over pack it will become a burden to carry luggage around. Also, packing light gives you a little wiggle room for purchasing things on the trip to take home

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- 5. Travel prepared with cleansing wipes. You can go poolside with your designer wipes by your side or stash them in your beach bag. They will easily allow you to refresh a sweaty body with No Sweat wipes, get the chlorine or salty sea off with Take Offz, and remove the sand that got on your phone or on your sunglasses with In the Klear wipes.
- 6. Looking great is easier when you are prepared, even down to your fingernails. Chipped a nail on day three? Lift Offz to the rescue. They can be carried in your purse or bag and within seconds will remove the polish.

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- 7. Sometimes we need a vacation from our vacation because we packed so much in on our trip. But the worst thing is to have to use all your sick days after your fabulous vacation, so stay healthy this spring break with Klean Upz and Offz by your side.
- 8. Stay fresh and healthy when traveling by keeping individually wrapped wipes on hand. They can be used for sweat, killing germs, freshening breath, or cleaning off things that seem a tad too dirty to touch. From wiping down airplane tray tables to hotel room remote controls, spending

seconds to do that and removing germs can save days worth of being ill.

"We know what it's like to travel and need ways to help keep us comfortable and healthy," added Aldatz. "That's why we created our line of designer wipes. They are easy to carry, individually wrapped, and help make you ready for anything and everything that comes your way."

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Popular Vacation Spots: Punta Gorda & Englewood Beach





By Noelle Downey

With spring fever in full bloom and summer just around the corner, it's no wonder so many of us are experiencing a little latent wanderlust at this time of year. With heavy winter coats and cold days snuggled up by a crackling fire behind us, we're all looking to shed some layers and show some skin in the sun over the next few months. And, as it turns out, the perfect popular vacation spot may only be as far as the Sunshine State.

Whether you're searching for the perfect luxury vacation spot to pamper yourself by the pool, a family-friendly adventure for your kids or even a sexy <u>romantic getaway</u> for two, Punta Gorda and

Englewood Beach in Florida have just what you're looking for.

With the vibrant seaside town of Punta Gorda less than 45 minutes away from the sparkling shores of Englewood beach, it's not hard to imagine that people flock here for a little time in the surf and sand. But a little quality tanning time isn't the only reason to check out these popular vacation spots. Here are five of the top attractions that will make every moment of your next vacation there one to remember.

- 1. Watersports: There's no doubt about it, if you've ever dreamt of skimming across the water's surface on skis or paddleboarding your way to victory in an impromptu boat race against your friends, Punta Gorda is the place to do it. Try kayaking for a gentler form of water travel, or, if you're feeling extra daring, snorkel beneath the waves for a glimpse into the ecosystems of life under the sea.
- 2. 20 West Spa: Looking to indulge in some primo pampering during your luxury vacation? Look no further than 20 West Spa, which offers everything from facials, to pedicures to deeptissue and Swedish massages. Enjoy their specialty organic treatments and take a long, deep breath as you relax and let the stresses of your "real" life melt away.

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3. Boca Boat Cruises: Ready for someone else to take the helm while you soak up the sights on the water? Take a romantic sunset journey offshore with your partner and share a kiss while watching dolphins splash and play in the water. What could be a more perfect opportunity for a romantic getaway that will send sparks flying between you and your favorite first mate?

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4. Wading Adventure: Looking to introduce your kiddos to the wonders of ocean life? The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center can help, with an aquatic adventure that's fun for the whole family. Children and parents alike can wade out into the water and make new friends while catching cool marine life specimens in their nets. The best part? The experts at the environmental center make sure each little creature makes it safely back to their ocean home at the end of the experience.

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5. Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary: Get a little wild at this popular vacation spot, the Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary. Walk within five feet of lions, tigers, and bears (oh my!) at this sanctuary that protects and helps animals that have previously been abused or mistreated. Hear about their stories and enjoy their exotic beauty as you take a break from sea life for a day and enjoy another side of the animal kingdom.

What do you think? Are Punta Gorda and Englewood Beach the next luxury vacation spots on your list to visit? Let us know which attraction sounds most fun to you in the comments!

5 Unique Travel Destinations You Can Drive to from NYC





By Noelle Downey

New York City is unlike any other place. With all the glitz and glamor of Broadway, Park Avenue and the Empire State Building, it's easy to see why tourists flock to the Big Apple as a travel destination. However, beyond the city limits there are even more unique adventures to be had, and skyscrapers aren't the only thing to see if you've got a day to go exploring.

Whether you're a native New Yorker who wants to take a break from city life, or just a visitor in need of some more variety, here are 5

unique and fun <u>travel destinations</u> you can drive to from NYC.

1. Fire Island: Just over two hours from the city by car, Fire Island is the place-to-go for a much-needed break from the bustle of the city. With beautiful stretches of beaches, a scenic lighthouse and plenty of resorts, this is the perfect place for a luxury vacation whether you're flying solo and free or enjoying a romantic getaway.

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- 2. Skydive Jersey: If you feel as though your trip needs a little more of an adrenaline rush, head to Skydive Jersey. Leap from a plane and enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside at the closest skydiving facility to NYC, less than 90 minutes away from the city by car.
- 3. Higher Hudson Valley Wineries: If you're looking for something a little more refined and relaxed, drive to Higher Hudson Valley Wineries and sip on a glass or two of their award-winning wines. Enjoy a scenic tour of any combination of 25 wineries in the Higher Hudson Valley area and experience the natural setting, historic buildings and delicious beverages that make this such a popular vacation spot.

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4. Long Island Aquarium: In need of a more family-friendly retreat? Try Long Island Aquarium, less than three hours from the city, and go under the sea at this fun travel destination that the whole family can enjoy. Not only does this aquarium give a glimpse into life beneath the ocean waves, they also offer a summer day camp for kids and even a sleepover night at the aquarium for the whole family.

5. Mohonk Mountain House: Looking for the perfect luxury vacation spot to relax and regroup? Try Mohonk Mountain House, a luxury spa and resort built on the cliffs of the Hudson Valley area. Enjoy the scenery, munch on the delicious farm-to-table meals, lounge on the beach and relax at this gorgeous getaway, less than three hours away from the city.

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Thinking of taking a day trip to one of these unique travel destinations around NYC? Let us know in the comments which of these popular vacation spots and activities will be part of your next weekend getaway!

Destination Miami: New Out Of the Box Destinations Reshaping the Culinary and Nightlife Scene





By <u>Delaney Gilbride</u>

It looks like Miami has hopped on the newest culinary bandwagon as unique, international restaurants have been continuously popping up along its famous beaches over the last couple years. Not only does the intercontinental cuisine give even more of an incentive for you and your boo to book your next <u>romantic getaway</u> to Miami, these up-and-coming restaurants have become the newest hot spots for <u>celebrity couples</u>, too! If you've been looking for a one of a kind trip to the sunshine state, look no further.

Cupid's here to tell you all about the seven hottest destinations along the shores of Miami that will have you and your partner dying to return:

1. DÔA: From the unique and creative mind of Arjun Waney,

comes this revolutionary Latin-Asian eatery entitled DÔA. Residing on Miami Beach, this restaurant serves high quality affordable dishes from 6PM to 5AM every day of the week. Locals and tourists can enjoy craft cocktails and tasty plates in the comfort of the cool indoors or while soaking up the Floridian sun on their outdoor patio. Miami's youngest high profile Chef Carlos Estarita allows for an extensive, affordable menu including dishes such as Crispy Squid (\$10), Sashimi (minimum \$3), and Nikkei Rotisserie Chicken (\$19-\$30). A little something for everyone to enjoy!

2. Paris 6: Enjoy an incredibly romantic date night at the ever-elegant French Bistro, Paris 6. The Brazilian franchise launched it's first eatery in the United States this past November and people have been absolutely raving over the 24/7 Bistro. Reminiscent of Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris, the eatery is dimly lit with vivid paintings covering the walls head to toe. Owner and Executive Chef Isaac Azaar leaves his guests satisfied with over 100 options around the clock including Classic French Bites, an Oyster Bar, and fresh fish such as the Wild Salmon with Melted Brie Cheese & Mushrooms — a "Marisol Ribeiro".

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- 3. Copa Room: Miami Beach's first all-inclusive night club charges a flat rate of \$80-\$100 at the door or \$125-\$150 if you want access to the Club Level for the night. And yes, you read that correctly, it's all-inclusive. After you pay your flat rate at the door, everything on the inside is included the Copa Room is your oyster! Their premium open bar will have you and your boo dancing all night long while observing entertaining Las Vegas style shows. The best part about the Copa Room is as long as you're inside, you don't have to worry about tips and taxes it's included!
- 4. Seaspice: Located on the banks of the Miami River, this

leading waterfront restaurant lives and breathes everything nautical. The indoor and outdoor dining area allows for a contemporary feel with a vivid view of Miami's downtown skyline from nearly every table. This Mediterranean-inspired eatery serves only the freshest seafood either locally caught or imported from ports around the globe. It's menu including King Crab Tempura, Grilled Florida Lobster, and Australian Rack of Lamb has attracted multiple celebrities including Barbra Streisand, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, and even Justin Bieber (just to name a few).

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- 5. Villa Azur: If you and your significant other can never find a happy medium when deciding what type of food to eat, Villa Azur will put your mind at rest. This preferred French Mediterranean destination in South Beach puts an Italian twist on their unique and lively menu. The 6,000 square foot dining room (indoor and outdoor) resembles French and Italian Rivieras as it also includes it's own library and wine cellar... it's the perfect date idea. Their exotic menu includes fan favorites such as Truffle Brie Cheese (\$21), 10 Hour Short Ribs (\$29), and Branzino (\$45). This famous eatery has attracted multiple celebrities such as David Guetta, Wilmer Valderrama, and Halle Berry.
- 6. Brasserie Azur: This sister restaurant to Villa Azur allows a laid back, relaxed feel for people that want an eatery with an elegant atmosphere that wont break the bank. Brasserie Azur is a French-Mediterranean eatery serving European inspired cocktails that you and your boo will absolutely love. Every Tuesday through Sunday, tourists and residents are able to enjoy their Happy Hour specials from 5PM-9PM which includes \$3 draft beer, \$5 cocktails, and delicious pizza ranging from \$7-\$10. Outside of their reasonable Happy Hour, Brasserie Azur's regular menu incorporates dishes such as Salmon Tartare (\$15), The Grilled Mahi-Mahi Burger (\$17), and their famous Rotisserie Chickens (\$17-\$38).

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7. WALL: If you're looking to party from the wee hours of the morning until noon the very next day, WALL Lounge on South Beach is the place for you. Open from 12AM-4:30PM, WALL has been named the longest running exclusive night spot on South Beach. This celebrity hotspot has been home to super stars such as Jennifer Lopez, George Clooney, and even Leonardo Dicaprio. The night spot books events for every night of the week so the entertainment will never run out; if you like house music you're stumbled across the right place! WALL allows for an endless night, and you never know... you may run into your favorite celebrity.

If you're either a Miami native or simply love visiting the area, tell us about your favorite out of the box destinations by commenting below!

Vacation Destinations: Unknown Italy 2017





By <u>Delaney Gilbride</u>

When you hear the words "Italian vacation" a few specific destinations may pop into your mind: Rome, Venice, Milan, Capri, and more. Celebrity couples have helped romanticize Italy in more ways than one, but what if you don't want to follow these typical vacation trends? TravelItalianStyle.com has opened our eyes to Italy in a whole new way, guiding us to destinations unknown by most. These remote locations in Italy will have you looking at romantic getaways in a new light!

Look no further for unique destinations in the heart of Italy! Cupid's here to help spice up your Italian date ideas:

1. Puglia: This southern region that forms the heel of Italy's "boot" is known for its stunning scenery. With its pristine, white sandy beaches, mountainous views, and streets lined with

lively olive trees, your eyes will never be bored! Aside from the landscape, you and your honey will have endless <u>date</u> <u>nights</u> as Puglia offers multiple vineyards with wine and cheese tasting, pasta making classes, and restaurants serving authentic Italian cuisine. With Puglia being the least explored region in Italy, you're bound to stroll across something new every day.

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2. Sardinia: Italy's second largest island resides in the beautifully breathtaking Mediterranean Sea. If you and your significant other crave adventure with a view, Sardinia is the place for you. The island is famous for its natural coral which makes diving in these waters a must. The island also possesses a mountainous interior flooded with hiking trails surrounded by ancient stone ruins from the Bronze Age. If hiking isn't your thing, there's no need to worry. Sardinia also offers wine and chocolate tastings along with workshops that transform their coral into stunning jewelry.

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3. Ischia: This volcanic island lives and breathes in the Bay of Naples. Tourists are huge fans of the island's natural volcanic activity as they enjoy its hot springs and volcanic mud. So don't worry about the volcanoes; they simply make your stay more exciting! You and your partner will be able to enjoy guided geological hikes within their dense forests, the healing waters provided within spas throughout the island, and its breathtaking beaches. Your date nights will never be boring as Ischia's harbor district includes brightly lit bars and taverns you'll enjoy until the wee hours of the morning.

Do you know of any hidden Italian gems? Comment below with your favorite destination!

Romantic Getaway: 8 Affordable Destinations to Escape the Cold





By Cortney Moore

Spring break isn't just for college kids looking for a good time; couples can use a vacation, too. This year, treat yourself and a loved one to a <u>romantic getaway</u> without breaking the bank. If you've been thinking of taking a vacation, now is the perfect time to start planning that great escape. Travel experts from <u>DealsPlus.com</u> have compiled a great list of budget-friendly spring break destinations that

can work for you and your sweetheart! Whether you seek sun and blue waters or the culture of a bustling city, here are eight romantic getaways and <u>date ideas</u> to consider this year.

Make plans to go on an affordable and romantic getaway this spring break!

1. Tulum, Mexico: Tulum is a gorgeous location for couples that like to soak up the sun and sand. It's almost like Cancun's mature older sibling, so you don't have to worry about rowdy college parties interrupting your bonding. There are also preserved Mayan ruins, so Tulum is a great spot for those who appreciate archaeological sites. The nearest airports to Tulum are in Cozumel and Cancun, ranging from 60 to 80 miles respectively; but luckily round trip tickets from either start at \$294 in March. After landing, if you don't want to splurge on a taxi, you can take an ADO bus. And of course, don't forget to book a stay at one of Tulum's high-end budget hotels like the Mango Tulum Hotel for \$105 per night, or the Hotel Latino for \$82 a night. As always, stick to local restaurants if you want tasty cheap eats.



View of the beach in Tulum, Mexico.

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2. Montréal, Canada: If beaches aren't your thing, then perhaps a European-inspired vacation that is half the cost is more your thing. Canada is a great substitute, especially with the U.S. dollar converting to roughly \$1.30 CAD. Montréal is a city rich in French heritage, culture and architecture. Enjoy free tours along cobblestone streets lined with European influence in "old Montréal," or take a trip to one of city's many art museums. You can get a direct flight to Montréal in March starting at \$172 (round trip), and for about \$10 you can take an express bus to your hotel. If you're not sure which hotel to stay at, Montréal has awesome deals that won't hurt your wallet, such as the Le Saint-Sulpice, which costs \$107 per night, and America's favorite budget hotel, The Best Western Ville-Marie for \$87 a night. And don't fret about food, Montréal is known for it's delicious French cuisine! A notable spot is the Les Deux Singes de Montarvie, but budgetfoodies might prefer places like Casse-Croute La Banquise that serve local dishes, such as poutine, which includes French fries, cheese curds, and gravy.



Inside the Notre Dame Basilica in Montréal, Canada.

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3. Washington, D.C.: Do you or your loved one enjoy discussing history, politics and government? Then a trip to the nation's capital might be a fun spring break vacation. Late March and early April are perfect times to visit because the city's Cherry Blossom Festival is celebrated during this time, which is super romantic for couples! Almost all of the museums and monuments are free, so you'll save a bunch of money while you explore the capital. Washington, D.C. is easily accessible, especially for those on the East Coast. You can get there by car, bus, train or plane. Don't fret is you live on the West Coast however, round trip flights from LAX to D.C. are as low as \$107. Since D.C. is a major city, hotels are on the pricey side, but look for places that include lodging and breakfast, such as the Windsor Park Hotel which goes for \$153 a night, and the Comfort Inn for \$111 per night. D.C. is also known for its unique restaurants like Bindaas, which is famous for its Indian-inspired menu, and &Pizza, where you can customize your own pizza and gulp down artisanal soda.



Scenic view of Cherry Blossoms and the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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4. San Juan, Puerto Rico: Going back to warm and exotic climates, San Juan is a lovely beach destination. Located in the heart of the Caribbean, San Juan is a city full of history and culture. Explore historical sites and souvenir shops in between your visits to the beach. Not to mention all the amazing pictures you'll take at this picturesque island! Round trip flights start at \$225 if departing from JFK. Since San Juan is a small city, a taxi ride can range from \$10 to \$20 depending on which hotel you're staying at. And if you're looking for good deal on a hotel, you're guaranteed a lovely stay at the Hyatt House and Wave Hotel Condado, both of which have rooms available for \$119 per night with breakfast included. If you're worried about your other meals for the day, delectable Puerto Rican dishes can be found throughout the island. Give pernil a try, it's a slow-roasted marinated pork shoulder that is typically served with rice and beans.



Travelers visit Old San Juan in Puerto Rico.

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5. Killington, Vermont: For those who don't want to escape the cold this spring, Killington is a great ski destination for

fit couples who love snow. After spending a day out on the slopes, you and your sweetheart can hit up local bars on the main road to heat things up. Killington is easy to get to, only a few hours away from major East Coast cities like New York and Boston, so if you're from those areas it's only a short drive. Those who live a bit further can take a longdistance bus service, which can range from \$45 to a little over \$100 depending on where you depart. Flights are a bit more, roughly \$207 for a round trip ticket from NYC in March. However, the price of lodging make up for the costs of travel. Budget-conscious couples can get a no-frills stay at the Hillside Inn for \$87 a night, or splurge on a couples package at the Killington Mountain Lodge for about \$165 per night. Vacation rentals are also available if you're planning on a longer stay, which is more economical if you're cooking your own meals. If cooking isn't your thing, enjoy fireside meals at The Foundry at Summit Pond or the Pickle Barrel.



Mountain top view of Killington, Vermont.

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6. Sonoma County, California: Spring is the best time to visit Sonoma County's wineries. Aside from tasting the region's award winning selections, you and your partner can take advantage of the beautiful weather by participating in outdoor

activities such as hiking and horseback riding. Sonoma is roughly 50 miles from San Francisco and Oakland, so it's accessible by car if you aren't far from there. For those who live farther, it's also much cheaper to take a flight to San Francisco or Oakland than taking a direct flight to Sonoma. However, round trip flights from JFK around the time of March and April are in the \$300 range, so be wary East Coast budget travelers. Also, hotels in Sonoma are on the higher-end side, so it might be better to save money with value lodging at the Best Western Sonoma Valley Inn for \$138 a night and the Sonoma Creek Inn for \$126 per night. If you're a big wine fan, there are countless wine tours you can take. Platyus Wine Tours provides guests four visits to family owned wineries for \$110 per person, and includes a picnic lunch, while Valley Wine Tours provides four to five winery visits for \$135, and gourmet lunch. If wine tours aren't your thing, includes a you can have fun exploring the Sonoma Plaza, which has plenty of boutiques, galleries and restaurants.



Shot of a table with wine glasses in Sonoma County, California.

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7. Seattle, Washington: Seattle is a dazzling eyeful for city-loving travelers that still like being in touch with nature. Combined with modern architectural wonders and beautiful views of the Puget Sound, Seattle offers many fun activities. Make sure you get plenty of pictures of yourself at the world-famous Space Needle and Frye Art Museum. From the East Coast, flights start at \$328, but if you're from the West Coast, a round trip ticket can be as low as \$104. Amtrak is also an option if you don't live far. Fortunately, compared to other major cities, Seattle has moderate priced hotels. Located in the heart of the city, the Best Western PLUS Pioneer Square Hotel and Mediterranean Inn are both around \$149 per night. Seafood lovers will thoroughly enjoy the food in Seattle. You can catch your own fish for free from a fishmonger at the Pike Place Market, or grab a bite at the Tilikum Place Café.



View of the Seattle, Washington skyline with the Space Needle.

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8. New York City, New York: If you're a city lover, then a vacation in the king of all cities is just for you. New York City blooms once spring begins, and offers a variety of activities when the cold dissipates. From countless museums, to Broadway shows and historical landmarks, there is something for everyone. A pro-tip, save money by purchase a City

Pass for \$116 for admission to the Empire State Building, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the 9/11 Memorial & Museum; or just stick to free and donation-based attractions. Parking can be a nightmare, so If you don't live far, you can take a bus or Amtrak train to Penn Station and transfer to a subway line. However, for those who live farther, like the West Coast, a round trip flight from LAX to New York is about \$320. If you're a budget traveler, save money by staying at hotel with a communal bathroom like the Jane Hotel for \$59 a night, or get your own space at the chic Row NYC for \$146 per night. As for food, you have over 24,000 restaurants to choose fromso you're sure to find places that fit your budget easy for date night.



New York City skyline at sunset. Photo: Pixabay/patrizio1948

Don't wait to start planning your spring break getaway! The longer you put off making reservations, the higher travel fares and hotel prices will be. If additional savings are needed, just take a look on *DealsPlus.com* for coupons and promo codes. Just remember, you don't need a lot of money to have a romantic getaway. When it comes to budget-friendly travel destinations, the early bird gets the worm!