

Travel via the Moon

Some of the Best Summer Vacation Destinations in the U.S.

Summer is meant for using vacation days, whether your ideal trip involves a big city, an all-American national park, a relaxing beach or a stay in a small town. To decide the best summer vacations in the USA, consider several factors including affordability, weather and variety of things to do, plus traveler and expert sentiment. (Note: Some of the below destinations may be affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Check with the CDC and the U.S. Department of State before traveling.)

1. Northern Vermont



Offering a perfect combo of activities and woodsy vibes in one place is Northern Vermont. With a range of places around the mountains in the region having fine restaurants & hiking trails, you will be spoiled for choices in this mountain paradise! Do check out the first Zip-line canopy tour in all of Vermont, located in Smuggler's Notch to get the best of your vacay here!

2. Glacier National Park, Montana



Ever seen snow in July? Well, you're definitely in for a treat if you wish to visit this national park which lets you peek through the wildlife of Montana via a car ride. Hiking through the park's trails of 700 miles, and camping at various 13 sites are great ideas to explore this nature's gem in Montana! You can also obtain the backcountry permit if you wish to traverse the off the beaten path of this region.

3. Oregon Coast, Oregon



One of the best options here is hiking and while you're at it, soak in all the cool Pacific breezes you can. Oregon Coast is one of the **best cities to visit in USA during summer**. The Three Capes Scenic Loop is known to be the best hiking trail which involves a route through old forests and oceans. Excited already? Well, wait till you drive along the coast to witness more splendid views in towns like Newport and Florence. So make sure to stop by Oregon Coast and get the best of what the USA has to offer in hiking, sightseeing, and more.

4. Manitou Island, Michigan



North Manitou Island which is accessible only via boat is one of the best places to visit in the USA in summer. It's a fresh-water beach offering several avenues for outdoor adventure & entertainment. You can explore a range of fun activities like kayaking, paddling or having a little picnic with your near and dear ones. You must not ignore this place on your trip to Michigan. It is perfect for people who love to explore the recesses of wildlife.

5. San Diego, California



A boatload of sunny weather, one of the best climates in the world, and 70 miles of stunning coastline are what draw active types and sun seekers alike to San Diego throughout the year. Not to mention mouthwatering Mexican cuisine, thriving nightlife and a host of family friendly attractions including one of the country's favorite zoos and most popular naval warship museum featuring USS Midway (CV-41).

6. The Florida Keys



Another exciting answer to the eternal question “where to go with kids this summer?” is The Florida Keys. Taking a road trip down this beautiful Florida coast is one of the best ways to spend the summer with the family. Just roll the windows down and feel the wind in your face—even the kids will enjoy this. Once you are at the Florida Keys, I would highly recommend making the most of the waters and taking a dip to snorkel with the dolphins and other exciting marine life. At Robbie’s Marina, you can also feed fish with your hands! I would also suggest you make a trip to the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum in Key West. This is a great way to spend a quiet summer with the family

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