

25 Best Summer Vacations Everyone Should Consider in 2023

These summer vacation ideas have something for every type of traveler.

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The term “[summer vacation](#)” conjures images of sunny afternoons on [the shore](#) and [leisurely drives](#). Suntans and ice cream cones. International adventures and bright blue water straight off a postcard.

While plenty of travelers have their go-to spots for the summer, some trips are the stuff of legend. There’s hiking to Machu Picchu, surfing in Nicaragua, or road-tripping through the [American West](#).

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No matter how many passport stamps you’ve collected or countries you’ve checked off your list, there’s always a new corner of the globe left to discover. Summertime getaways to places like Scotland or the U.S. Virgin Islands have been growing in popularity among travelers recently, joining the ranks of classic summer vacation destinations like Mexico and Italy. Here, we detail some of the best ways to see these seasonal escapes.

From river cruises to train adventures to African safaris, these summer vacation ideas will inspire you for your 2023 travels.

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When it comes to romance, no place comes close to the allure of [Italy](#). You’ve got the history of [Rome](#), the art of [Venice](#), the modern vibe of [Milan](#), the dreamy [Mediterranean coastline](#), the wineries of [Tuscany](#), the pizza of Pisa, and more. The long summer days hover around 75 degrees, so when you’re strolling the parks and promenades, eat your gelato quickly before it melts. For a true Italian *villeggiatura*, take a room at the [Grand Hotel Tremezzo](#) in Lake Como, or the [Hotel Hassler Roma](#).

Road Tripping from Charleston to Savannah



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While it’s mighty hot down South in the summertime (we’re talking temps in the 80s and 90s), there’s plenty of sweet tea and lemonade available to cool you down. Begin your trip in the port city of [Charleston, South Carolina](#), where you can wander picturesque cobblestone streets, walk the promenade along the ocean, snap photos in front of [Rainbow Row](#), and eat really, really well.

Then, hop in the car and make your way to [Savannah](#). The coastal Georgia city is about two hours away, and while you’ll find similar architecture and live oaks draped in moss, there’s a bit more action (and [ghost sightings](#)) if you prefer to stay busy on vacation. Spend your nights at Charleston’s very best, [The Loutrel](#), and on River Street in downtown Savannah at [The Alida](#).