

# 11 Best Places to Travel in July

These are the best places to travel in July in the United States and around the world.

School is out, the sun is shining, and it's summer vacation time in July. Families are packing up for [road trips](#), and some might be heeding travel expert [Samantha Brown's](#) advice, "If it's summer and everyone's going to the beach, head to a city and enjoy all their free events such as outdoor concerts." Cities around the U.S. and Canada combine summer festivals with lots to do outdoors. South Dakota is a family road trip favorite, and for those who crave a [beach vacation](#), we suggest the sandy shores of Maryland, California, and Rhode Island. Alaska's long days and warm temperatures make it a great July destination, whether for a cruise or a land-based vacation. If a European trip is on your wishlist, consider Croatia, where more than a thousand miles of coastline, history, culture, and summer celebrations await. Here are 11 of the best places to travel in July.

## Rhode Island



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The smallest [state](#) is gorgeous in summer thanks to nearly [400 miles of coastline](#). The town of Westerly on Rhode Island's southernmost tip is known for beaches, concerts, boating, and outdoor activities. This year, Bemelmans Gallery at the [Ocean House](#) celebrates the work of author and illustrator Ludwig Bemelman, creator of the *Madeline* series. [Art](#) is part of the experience at the five-star resort, and self-guided tours of the expansive collection are available for guests. In Providence, the annual [WaterFire](#) events illuminate three rivers downtown with more than 80 sparkling bonfires. Stay at the luxury boutique hotel [The Beatrice](#), [The Graduate Providence](#), or the [Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel](#). In Newport, enjoy seaside views and Gilded Age mansions, including the iconic Vanderbilt mansion, [The Breakers](#), and stay at the elegant [Chanler at Cliff Walk](#).