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20 Unexpected Weekend Getaways to Plan This Summer

You're going to want to plan a trip ASAP to one of these under-the-radar locales that offer outdoor fun, unique attractions, and delicious eats.

Summertime, and the trip plannin' ain't easy. There's no shortage of [tantalizing getaways](#) and [epic road trips](#) to explore in America, but to make it a little easier to whittle down your list, we scoured the 50 states to find the best undiscovered gems, perfect for a warm weather getaway. Laconia, New Hampshire or Cape Charles, Virginia may not be on your travel bucket list yet, but you'll soon see why these under-the-radar jewels are ideal for a long weekend filled with outdoor adventures, antique galleries, picturesque beaches, and more.

5 The Crystal Coast, North Carolina



There's nothing quite as charming as biking through Beaufort on vintage bikes (pedaling or walking with [Hungry Town Tours](#), anyone?). There's also the marvelous [Diamond Lady Lighthouse](#) which stands out against the purple-streaked sky at sunset. But, perhaps our favorite way to spend a long weekend on the Crystal Coast is sitting in a kayak, watching a group of wild mustang horses gallop dramatically across the pristine landscape. Wander along the dock until you settle on a spot to dig into the catch of the day. Lovingly dubbed "sand castles," check into one of the region's many rentals that overlook the Atlantic Ocean and Bogue Sound, like the gorgeous [Seas the Day](#), with an ocean-facing patio that's giving us some serious wanderlust.

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