

8 fresh destinations for a family-friendly spring break

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Spring is on its way – meaning rising temperatures, blooming buds and the dread that accompanies the idea of having the kids at home for their mid-semester vacation.

But planning for this time off with your family doesn't have to mean endless lines at theme parks or overpriced beach restaurants – or, for that matter, yet another walk to the neighborhood playground. As you think about how to amuse your kids and reconnect as a family, we've come up with a few ideas for trips you might not have considered before.

Here are a few places in the [USA](#) that will make for a fulfilling spring break for everyone in the family.

6. Newport, Rhode Island

[New England](#) can be cold and damp well into the spring, sure – but dreamy [Newport, Rhode Island](#) offers family fun year-round. Bundle up and hop on one of [Save the Bay](#)'s vessels to look for seals in Narragansett Bay (they love the cold winter waters). Continue the encounters with critters at the [Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium](#) in nearby Bristol, where trails are open year-round. Indoor attractions include an imagination-spurring collection of vintage roadsters at the [Newport Car Museum](#), and the [family-oriented tour](#) offered at [The Breakers](#), which brings the opulent Gilded Age to life for little ones. Wrap it all up with a brisk walk along part (or all!) of the 3.5-mile cliff walk to see the town's famous mansions off to one side, and the crashing surf off to the other.

