

Want to Escape the Crowds on Your Summer Vacation? Here's Where to Go

DITCH THE TOURIST TRACK FOR A MORE SECLUDED ESCAPE.

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Nothing ruins a relaxing summer vacation quite **like massive crowds**. After all, who wants to lounge on a beach with hundreds of other sun-baked bodies? Or go to a stunning national park just to be surrounded by hordes of children and campers? Not us! Which is why we've found the best under-the-radar destinations, from a secluded wine region in Virginia and a windswept New England island to Hemingway's mountain hideaway in Idaho. We promise that you'll have these blissful American escapes all to yourself.

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How to get there: Year-round ferries are available from Point Judith; seasonal ferry service runs from Newport and Fall River as well as New London, Connecticut, and Montauk, New York.

Far less busy than neighboring Nantucket or Martha's Vineyard, **Block Island** has just as much New England nautical appeal. The landscape is straight out of a **Nicholas Sparks** novel, with windswept beaches, freshwater ponds, and **postcard-perfect** lighthouses. Go to the far side of the island (away from the town of New Shoreham) for your own secluded escape.

Where to stay: Rest your head at **Payne's Harbor View Inn**, a peaceful three-story stay just a mile from the main street.