



The 30 Most Charming Small-Town Downtowns in America

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There's something special about these small-town downtowns across America that ooze charm, history and nostalgia. See if your town made the list.

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Charming Small Towns

Nothing charms like a well-preserved downtown. It could be the historic architecture or the eclectic boutiques, maybe the bright and airy coffee shops. Whatever it is, certain small towns have a *je ne sais quoi* quality that makes them impossible to simply drive by without a second look. These enchanting towns wow with nostalgia, history and plenty of tree-lined streets.

In pulling together this list of 30 small town downtowns across the United States (and it was tough to narrow this list to just 30), we looked for vibrant towns where charm and style welcome you in and implore you to take a stroll to find out more about what makes each one tick. Caution, you may want to add every single one to your travel bucket list.



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Wickford, Rhode Island

Dating back to 1709, historic [Wickford Village](#) was originally a fishing village, but today it charms visitors and locals alike with picturesque waterfront streets, pastel-colored Colonial-era homes and nautical views across Wickford Harbor. There are a lot of ways to explore Wickford, too, whether on foot as you stroll the historic village, or by kayak or bike, both of which can be rented by the hour or day. Stop in quaint shops, art galleries and tempting seafood restaurants along Main Street. A small town beach is located less than one mile from the historic village.