



Top road trips from US cities for the ultimate remote vacation

REGAN STEPHENS *Lonely Planet Writer* 2 DAYS AGO

As [COVID-19](#) continues to create uncertainty around [the US](#), many Americans are trying to salvage a summer vacation. Since the spring, air travel has seen a steep decline – as much as a 95% drop in air passengers from the same time last year, according to [data collected by the TSA](#) – leaving those in search of sun, sand, or just a sliver of normalcy to hit the highway instead. Rather than going with the flow, though, flocking to the same familiar destinations, take the road a little less traveled. Below, find 8 less expected, more remote, but just as exciting road trips to take this summer.



Point Judith Lighthouse at sunrise, Narragansett © Shobeir Ansari / Getty Images

From New York City to Rhode Island

Forgo the [Hamptons](#) and head for the low-key [Rhode Island](#) seaside. In [Narragansett](#), find miles of sandy state and public beaches, plus scenic hiking at the Black Point Trailhead, which winds along the rocky coastline. Visit Narragansett Surf & Skate to buy a new board or arrange a private surf lesson, and refuel with a lobster roll at [Monahan's Clam Shack](#), steamed lobster clam bake at [Champlin's Seafood](#), or Italian grinder and frozen lemonade at the 133-year-old [St Clair Annex](#). Inns, hotels, and cottage rentals for every budget abound along the coast. Classic favorites include the retro boutique [Break Hotel](#), about a mile from the Judith Point Lighthouse in Narragansett, and the [Weekapaug Inn](#), a charmingly cedar-shingled hotel overlooking Quonochontaug Pond with private beach access and complimentary use of sailboats, kayaks, and peddle boats.