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Island getaways that won't require a passport

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When you think island vacation, maybe the Caribbean, Greece or Italy come to mind, but there are plenty of beautiful islands that won't require a passport because they're stateside.

Here's where to go right here in the U.S.

Block Island, R.I.

Step back in time after a short ferry ride from mainland Rhode Island to Block Island. Mohegan Bluffs is beloved for its nature walks and views as the bluffs rise approximately 200 feet above the sea. Another favorite is Fred Benson Town Beach, otherwise known as Crescent Beach. Close by is Rebecca's on the Beach, where you can grab everything you need for a picnic. Surfers will love the big waves at Mansion Beach. Block Island isn't just for summer fun. Insiders know fall is fab, too. It's also cheaper during the shoulder season. As for where to stay, consider Spring House Hotel, The Blue Dory or perhaps The Darius Inn. For sure, the best way to see the island is by bike. Be sure you see the Great Salt Point, the painted rock and South East Lighthouse.