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Creative Fourth Of July Suggestions, From Mini-Cruises To The Country's Oldest Parade



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Fireworks over the Philadelphia Museum of the Art during July 4. WIREIMAGE

Now that you (hopefully) feel more comfortable traveling, here are some Independence Day ideas that reflect real Americana. Enjoy the [July Fourth](#) holiday wherever you celebrate, and be safe.

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33,734,080 unique
monthly visitors

Bristol, Rhode Island

[Bristol's](#) nickname is "America's most patriotic town." The city is home to the oldest Fourth of July parade in the country, inaugurated in 1785 and viewed each year by over 200,000 people from around the world. The beloved tradition starts Flag Day and concludes on Independence Day.

The nautical-themed [Bristol Harbor Inn](#), in historic downtown offers coastal charm and boutique elegance.