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20 Last-Minute Memorial Day Getaways You Won't Want to Miss



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From patriotic parades to sunny beach destinations, don't miss these great, safe vacation getaways for Memorial Day weekend around the United States to help kick off your summer in style.



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Welcome summer with a safe Memorial Day getaway

As the weather warms up, the days get longer, and more and more people are vaccinated, the urge to book vacations and get out and explore America is heating up, too. And what better time to take the first step into safe travel than to start the summer with an easy to get to destination—but where to go for Memorial Day weekend? We've rounded up some of the best spots in the country that either have in-person opportunities to celebrate America's heroes with parades or special events or have great ways to kick off the summer with outdoor adventures. If you're not traveling for the long weekend, consider these [Memorial Day activities](#) the family will enjoy.

Note: As COVID safety protocols can change frequently, it's always best to check with attractions, hotels, and destinations in advance of visiting to confirm opening times as circumstances can change between publication time and when you may be planning a visit.



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Walk in the Steps of Heroes in Newport, Rhode Island

Book Now

Newport, Rhode Island, will host the dramatic and acclaimed [Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial](#), which is on display for the public Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 31 at Fort Adams. The historic Fort Adams is also open for self-guided tours for visitors looking to explore one of the most complex fortresses in the country. The moving Memorial features nearly 7,000 military boots, each affixed with an American flag and bearing the name of an American service member killed in action in the Global War on Terror. The first of its kind, the display grows in size each year as the names of the most recent Service Members Killed in Action are added. Stay at the new Hammets Hotel perfectly situated on Newport's waterfront. The property offers deals year-round including a special military appreciation discount.