



You're never too old to learn something new. That's the idea behind travel, right? It opens us up to new worlds, new languages and new ways of living life. Some trips can be more illuminating than others, however. So this year, [when the kids go back-to-school](#), you should, too.

We've compiled seven itineraries perfect for travelers who want to expand their horizons. Whether you're interested in picking up a new hobby (painting, fly-fishing), or want a crash course in a new field (horticulture, geology) taught by a professional, these fun-filled trips put you back in a scholarly mind set — minus the homework, of course.

Read on for the best trips for travelers who want to get schooled.



Try your hand at sailing

Where: Newport, RI

Looking for a dreamy New England getaway where you can safely learn to sail? Better start with Newport. With a rich colonial history that dates back to 1636, Newport became a vibrant trading post for whaling captains and sea merchants, from the 1930s to the 1980s, hosted the America's Cup, one of the most famous sailing races in the world. (The town's main boulevard is even named after the race.)

Sail Newport is the most reliable way to get out on the water, with minimum fuss and maximum resources. Instructors at the 35-year-old school teach sailing to both youngsters as well as adults. (When you're out sailing, be sure to ask the instructor to take you under the Newport Bridge. It's a perspective few tourists get to see.) Even when the winds aren't favorable, Newport's views don't disappoint: Sail Newport is positioned right at the south end of Newport harbor, alongside Fort Adams.

Complete the trip by booking a room at the stunning Castle Hill Inn, a grand hotel on the waterfront just a few minutes down the road from Sail Newport. Use your [Capital One Venture Rewards Credit Card](#) to book your room through [Hotels.com/Venture](#) to get 10x miles on your stay. With the [Hotels.com Rewards program](#), you'll get one free night for every 10 paid nights you stay.