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The 28 Most Beautiful Towns in America

From coastal cities to southern gems, these idylls are worth a visit.

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While most travelers flock to [New York](#) and [Los Angeles](#), the most beautiful small towns in America offer an entirely different—and, dare we say, better?—glimpse at what this country has to offer. You'll find tiny enclaves filled with [friendly locals](#), walkable downtown areas lined with mom-and-pop cafes, quaint boutique hotels, and incredible views of some of the best landscapes in the U.S.

Whether you're looking for some over-the-top American charm (we're looking at you, Stowe), a taste of the wild west (Deadwood, anyone?), or incredible ocean views (hello, Paia), these idyllic cities are well worth adding to your itineraries. And once you realize that the restaurant-to-people ratios lean *way* in your favor, you may never want to leave.

While wouldn't dare tell you to avoid [big cities](#) altogether, we invite you to embrace the slower pace of life—and refreshing lack of crowds—in these amazing small towns.



Block Island, Rhode Island

Population: 1,051

A one-hour ferry ride from mainland Rhode Island, Block Island is a New England getaway at its best, complete with lighthouses, seagrass-lined beaches, and 30 miles of hiking trails. The island's only town, New Shoreham, is filled with boutiques and restaurants worth exploring, though it won't take you very long. Spend the rest of your time at [Block Island Beach House](#). With its floral wallpapers, decorative surfboards, white-washed rooms, and rentable bikes, the hotel is like the coolest version of your own beach house—with none of the upkeep.