



The 8 best places to visit in January



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By January, the holidays have come to a close, and the colder weather is here to stay for a while. So, there's no better way to beat the winter blues than by jetting off somewhere.

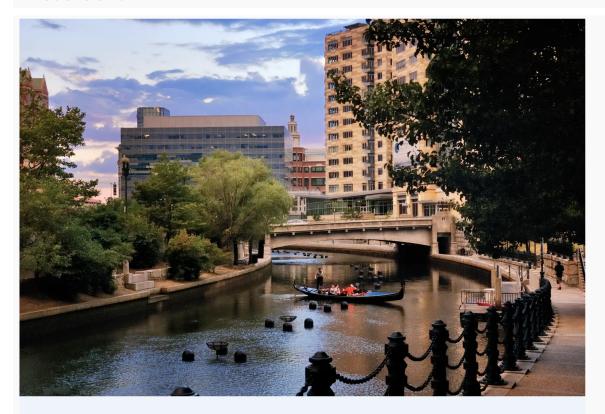
The good news? Whether you enjoy powdery snow or sand, there are plenty of locales that will help you enjoy winter instead of loathing it. Better yet, January is one of the cheapest times to fly as many people use their time off to travel during the holidays. According to Skyscanner data, domestic flights in January are 16% cheaper than the yearly average, and international flights are 36% cheaper.

Of course, there is concern about the spread of the omicron variant that could change travel plans. In addition, certain countries are changing their requirements and restrictions, so you must continue to monitor those changes as we learn more about this next wave of infection. To do that, check the latest recommendations from medical experts and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the countries you plan to visit if traveling internationally.

Luckily, travel to many stunning locations is still possible. So whether you're a snow bunny or a beach burn, these are the eight best destinations to visit this January.



Rhode Island



The Providence River in Rhode Island. (Photo by Vick Jauron, Babylon and Beyond Photography/Getty Images)

Rhode Island tourism typically hosts "Hotel Week RI" in January. But, The Ocean State decided to extend it in 2022 with the launch of "Hotel Month RI."

Throughout the month, you can take advantage of rates up to 40% off via HotelMonthRI.com. Stay at The Wayfinder Hotel in Newport for just \$69 per night, Hotel Providence for \$104 per night, Avonlea Jewel of the Sea on Block Island from \$100 per night and take 30% off at the luxury Weekapaug Inn. It's the perfect time to explore the famous Gilded Age mansions in Newport or go museum hopping in Providence. And the famous Forbes 15-Star hotel Ocean House launched its annual Gondola Village, where you can book a private gondola car and have a cozy French-inspired meal.

TPG tip: If you prefer to book with points, plenty of hotels are available. Aloft Providence Downtown, for example, starts at 30,000 Marriott Bonvoy points per night, and The Wayfinder is around 6,000 Chase Ultimate Rewards points per night.