

Keep Summer Rolling with These August Travel Ideas

We've got your sunflowers, your starry nights, and your oysters. Get them before the season's over.

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Plunge into the grotto at Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, Canada. | UNSPLASH/TANYA SANTOS

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This month, we do not lament the fleeting days of summer—there is still *much* to do and plenty of fun places to travel this August. The big headliner, of course, is [Canada, which finally opens up](#) on August 9th to vaccinated visitors from the US. Keep an eye out for [cheap flight deals](#) to whisk you up north (might we suggest the [vastly underrated Toronto?](#)) or get to planning your [road trip across the border](#).

But if you're staying close to home, we've got you covered there too. Dabble in sunflowers and honey-laced gin in Vermont, catch the [Perseid meteor shower](#) in Nevada, and eat seafood—all the seafood—in Rhode Island. Get out there and make the most of it.

Be selfish with your shellfish in Rhode Island

The famous Maine lobster festival in Rockport may be cancelled this year, but never fear: Rhode Island picks up the slack with the Charlestown Seafood Festival (August 6-8), a “gastronomic extravaganza” featuring every kind of shellfish you can think of, plus fish and chips, corn on the cob, and a raw bar. If you can’t get enough of those oysters, hop on a tour with the 401 Oyster Company, which takes you to their plot in Ninigret Pond where you can observe oysters in all stages of growth. Then, you get to eat some.

Why not make it a summer Rhodie road trip? Charleston is off of Highway 1A, which meanders past breezy beach towns and places like the quaint Wickford Village, with Revolutionary War-era structures, and the Living Shark Museum in Westerly, with free admission and a pretty big collection of shark teeth.