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The Best Places to Travel in August

August arrives with the feeling that summer is moving along too quickly, or for some who don't enjoy the hot weather of their hometowns, too slowly. In either case, it could be time to plan a trip, even just a long weekend getaway. We're suggesting here a few places with higher altitude and cooler temperatures as well as a few seaside spots where breezes provide relief from the heat. If time allows, you can even switch seasons and head for winter in the southern hemisphere.

Seaside suggestions include Newport, Rhode Island on the east coast and Laguna Beach, California on the west. Both destinations serve up ocean breezes, entertainment, art, and beautiful surroundings. If a trip to Europe means vacation to you, consider Budapest where summer festivals entertain both residents and visitors. Berlin is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the taking down of the wall that divided their city with events all year culminating on the actual day in November.

Newport, Rhode Island



[Newport, Rhode Island](#) has been a popular summer destination for more than 100 years, since the time the country's wealthiest families spent the season in their extravagant mansions. The weather is mild and sunny, the seaside is beautiful, and the breezes are refreshing. About 90 minutes from Boston and a few hours from New York City, Newport is convenient for travelers, and there's so much to do in summer. The [Newport Jazz Festival](#) will be held this year from Aug. 2-4, or arrive a bit earlier for the [Newport Folk Festival](#) from July 16-28 if that's more your style. Both events are held at [Fort Adams State Park](#) with views of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay along with boating, fishing, and picnic areas. Tours of the town's stately mansions are available through the [Preservation Society of Newport County](#) for a look into Newport's history. The [Newport Cliff Walk](#), a combination of paved and rocky paths, covers three and a half scenic miles along the coast, and you can do the trek a bit at a time. You'll probably spot the romantic mansion turned boutique inn [Chanler at Cliff Walk](#) along the way. Enjoy the history and luxury of [The Vanderbilt](#), a restored vintage mansion where your pet is welcome for Yappy Hour. Or head for a private beach and cozy cottage at [Castle Hill Inn](#) on its own 40-acre peninsula.