

# DEPARTURES

## The Best Vacation Ideas for a May Trip

Summer's not quite arrived by May—but the summer travel spirit is high. It's almost halfway through the year and everybody seems ready for a break.



Around the world, cities and parks begin to open the floodgates for summer exploration this month.

Foods that we've missed throughout winter and spring come back into season—and there are festivals to match. Flowers bloom, inviting travelers to come back and enjoy the color. [New animals are born](#) and wobble about on shaky new legs. The feeling of celebration is vibrating throughout the world, but there are certain places that embody the spirit of the month more profoundly.

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Whether you're looking to dine outdoors, [participate in a new cultural experience](#), or revel in nature, scroll through to discover eight destinations around the world that will welcome May travelers with festivals, color, and springtime surprises.



## Newport, Rhode Island

The city of Newport gets back outside in May. Sailors get their boats back in the water; [restaurants re-open their al fresco patios](#), and musicians begin adding their tunes to the atmosphere. May is a particularly tasty time to visit as the city hosts its [annual oyster festival](#) on Bowen's Wharf in the middle of the month.