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## The 50 Best Spring Weekend Getaways: Mini Vacation Destinations Worth Exploring

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Spring break doesn't have to mean dealing with vodka-soaked undergrads on the touristy **beaches** of Mexico. And it definitely doesn't mean putting up with sticky-fingered kids and their parents queuing up in hour-long lines for theme park rides at Disney World. As North America shakes off its winter blahs, a solid spring weekend vacation is on everyone's mind.

Good thing there are easily accessible destinations all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico serving as spots to warm up, get active, or unplug. Plus, spring travel is a great way to explore before you have to contend with the **summer heat** and hordes of vacationers—especially as the snow starts melting and nature starts blooming. (Although it's not just warm-weather places that beckon; you can still shred fresh powder all the way through April.)



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### 2. Newport, RI

**Why New England:** Visiting Newport between March and May means you'll bypass the frigid New England winter. While you may have to deal with a spring rain shower or two, it's still pleasant enough to stroll the famous Cliff Walk and roam between the city's famous mansions. As a plus, you'll avoid the crowds of camera-toting summer tourists.

**Where to stay:** Take advantage of springtime rates at properties like [Hotel Viking](#)—which, situated atop the Historic Hill neighborhood with views of Bellevue Avenue, dates back to 1926 and looks like a proper Newport mansion in its own right. Nightly costs drop as low as \$163 per room in April.