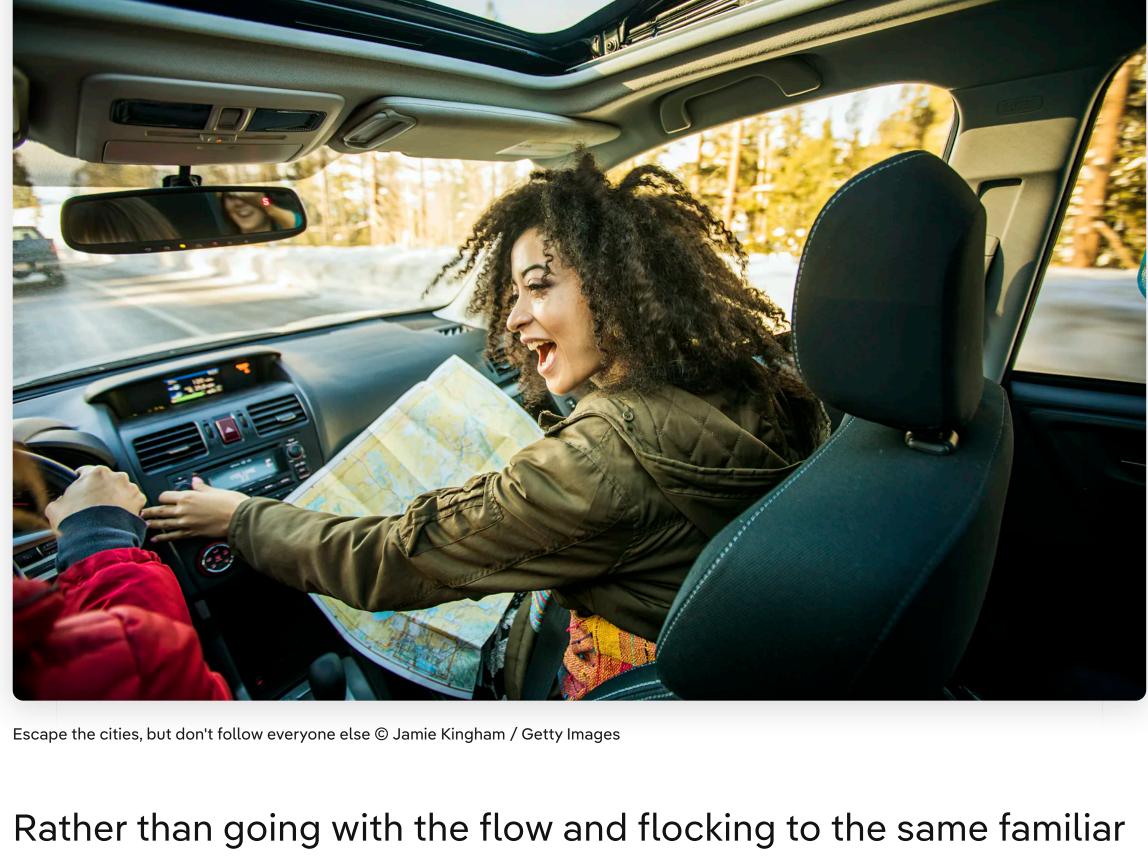
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These 8 getaways from major US cities will take you somewhere remote **REGAN STEPHENS**

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While the US is the home of many epic road trips and getaways, here are eight that are less From Philadelphia to Bucks County,

Revolutionary-era history offers plenty of socially distant (but still fun) adventures. Take a selfguided driving tour of the region's 12 historic covered bridges. Pick your own peaches, then grab picnic provisions from the market on-site at Solebury Orchards or Shady Brook Farm.

From there, claim a spot on the lush grounds of Fonthill Castle, or at one of the area's many sprawling parks and nature preserves, such as Washington Crossing Historic Park – the 500acre state park where the George Washington and the Continental Army crossed the

A grey castle with a tall turret and red-tile roof in vast grounds Enjoy the lush grounds at Fonthill Castle, Bucks County © fernandogarciaesteban / Getty Images

BYO bike (or rent one) and pedal down the tranquil Delaware Canal Towpath. For a one-of-a-

kind hiking experience, hit Ringing Rocks park, and bring a hammer – the rocks ring like bells when struck. The Bucks County Ale Trail includes several spots with outdoor seating, including the riverfront Great Barn Brewery taproom in New Hope.

Immerse yourself in California's rich multicultural past, artsy enclaves, and film history around LA's reviving city center.

Right across the Delaware in Lambertville, pick up a perfectly-charred Neapolitan pizza at Liberty Hall, along with fresh salad and cannoli, to the Raritan Canal Path just steps away. Finish the day with a sundae atop a crispy, sugar-coated Liege waffle at Nina's Waffles, and turn in at one of the many small B&Bs in the area, like the 4-room Galvanized America Inn & Art

known for, among other coastal delights, the Virginia Oyster Trail.

Make Tides Inn your base – the charming property overlooking Carter's Creek dates back to 1947, and today offers a mix of nostalgic and contemporary activities, including electric boats for cruising the water, complimentary bikes, fishing and crabbing, lawn games and roasting

From Atlanta to Greensboro, Georgia A little over an hour from Atlanta, Greensboro, Georgia, is home to 19,000-acre freshwater Lake Oconee and a slightly more easygoing pace of life. Also find several world-class golf courses, Oconee Brewing Company, with brewed-on-site beer and lawn games and lakefront

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Lakeside cabins and dense woodland at Huttopia © Huttopia From Boston to White Mountains, New Hampshire

See New England's highlights on this budget-friendly road trip Stay in a safari-style tent at Under Canvas © Bailey Made / Under Canvas

A river makes its way through a green valley with a mountain behind Wylder Hope Valley resort offers plenty of outdoor activities © Ren Fuller / Wylder Hope Valley From San Francisco to Lake Tahoe and Hope

Explore Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, Utah, by ATV © jtstewartphoto / iStock / Getty Images Plus From Los Angeles to St George, Southern Utah

While most visitors head to the national parks – including Zion, Bryce Canyon and Arches –

From New York City to Rhode Island Forgo the Hamptons and head for the low-key Rhode Island seaside. In Narragansett, find miles of sandy state and public beaches, plus scenic hiking at the Black Point Trailhead, which

winds along the rocky coastline. Visit Narragansett Surf & Skate to buy a new board or arrange

a private surf lesson, and refuel with a lobster roll at Monahan's Clam Shack, steamed lobster

clam bake at Champlin's Seafood or Italian grinder and frozen lemonade at the 133-year-old

Inns, hotels and cottage rentals for every budget abound along the coast. Classic favorites

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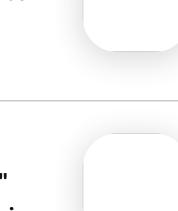
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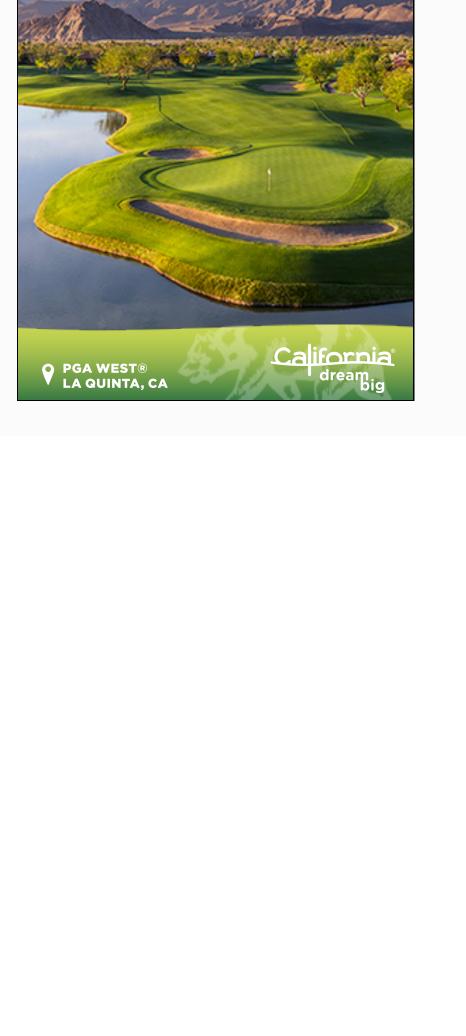
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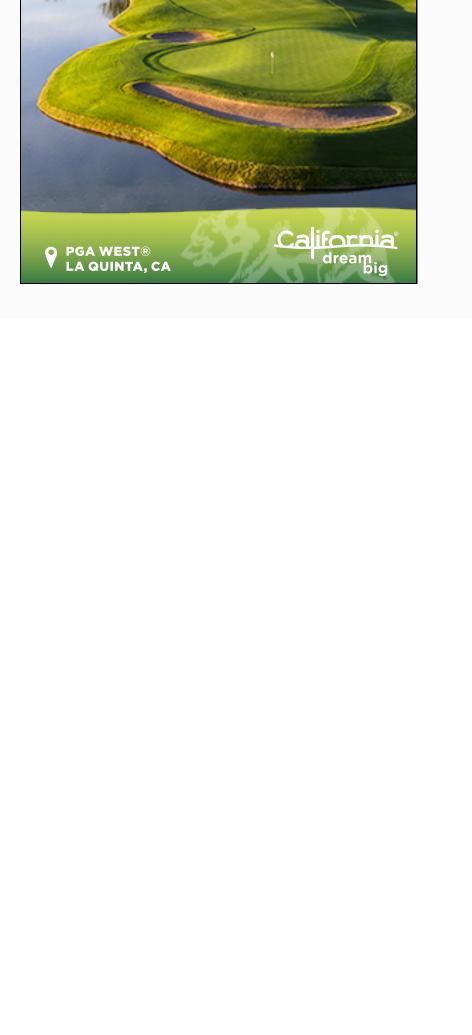
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While most Boston-based road trippers are heading toward the coast, turn inland instead, to the rugged (and remote) White Mountains. Less than a three-hour drive from Boston, the northern part of the Appalachian Mountains has trails ranging in length and difficulty for all levels of hikers. Cool off with a swim in nearby Squam Lake, and save time to sample the local beverages.

From Las Vegas to Grand Canyon, Arizona

If the Grand Canyon has always been on your bucket list, now feels like the right time to visit.

campgrounds in the area, but for something a little more special, book a safari-inspired tent

Located about 25 minutes south of the South Rim in Valle, Arizona, the campground sits on

mattress, a wood-burning stove and, blissfully after a long day of traversing the canyon, a

160 acres of piñon and juniper forest. Each stylishly designed tent is outfitted with a king-sized

trails for novice and expert hikers alike, all with unparalleled views. There are plenty of

About four hours from Las Vegas and six hours from Albuquerque, the epic natural wonder has

Valley, California Visit the quieter north shore of Lake Tahoe, about 200 miles from San Francisco, to explore the

beaches, hiking and mountain biking trails, but make your base in Hope Valley, located in

Alpine County – the least populated county in California. Book a room (or cabin, campsite or

level with a dip in the natural hot springs, lounge in a hammock or book the private, wood-fired

reservoir for swimming, and Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, with the roughly 10,000-yearold dunes perfect for exploring via ATV or a hike, and, as with most locales in Utah, the stargazing is unparalleled. The state is home to more than 300 public campgrounds, or for a more unique lodging, book a yurt, teepee, airstream or Conestoga wagon.

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destinations, take the road a little less traveled. If you live in a

major US city, you may be looking to get away from traffic and crowds and instead venture somewhere with a bit more space to explore. expected and more remote, but just as exciting. Pennsylvania

About 45 miles north of Center City, the Greater Philadelphia county steeped in

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Gallery, a 1750s farmhouse on 6-acres with a firepit and pool.

peninsula. The region is bound by the Bay, plus the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers, and is

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Follow your appetite down Virginia's Oyster Trail

Make the most of the fantastic facilities at Lake Oconee © Ritz-Carlton Reynolds

s'mores or dine by a personal chiminea bonfire.

s'mores over a fire pit. Don't miss the baked oysters at the Chesapeake, the resort's onsite restaurant (where you can dine on the open-air terrace), and to check out the source, visit Merroir – the Rappahannock

Oyster Company's tasting room, overlooking the river where the oysters are grown and

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campgrounds like Old Salem or Parks Ferry. Alternatively, for a more indulgent getaway, check into a cottage or lake house at the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee. The placid property now offers enhanced social distancing

concierge amenities like private chefs and grocery shopping services. Take advantage of

myriad lake activities like kayaking and water-skiing during the day, and in the evening, roast

In the nearby town of Tamworth, Tamworth Distilling offers socially distant cocktail classes. The private, hour-long classes take place in the distillery's riverfront backyard and include how-tos using the distillery's small-bath-made spirits and cordials. A five-minute drive from Tamworth leads to the Farmstand, a quaint, four-room inn serving locally sourced breakfast with farm-fresh eggs, freshly baked scones and housemade

sausage. A few more minutes down the road, French glamping company Huttopia's got cabins and plush tents right on a lake, with activities like canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding, badminton and tennis.

restored Vintage Spartan 1951 trailer) at the newly-opened Wylder Hope Valley. About 20 miles south of the lake, the 165-acre resort has plenty of social-distance-friendly activities like fly fishing, kayaking or peaceful wildflower walks. Or take relaxation to the next

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Point Judith Lighthouse at sunrise, Narragansett © Shobeir Ansari / Getty Images

An all terrain vehicle slides down an orange-pink colored sand dune

sauna.

with Under Canvas.

private bathroom with running water.

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Utah's State Parks are an incredible draw in their own right. About 385 miles from Los Angeles, or a scenic two-hour drive from Las Vegas, St George is an easy jumping-off point to explore the 20,000-acre Sand Hollow State Park, with a warm-water

include the retro boutique Break Hotel, about a mile from the Judith Point Lighthouse in Narragansett, and the Weekapaug Inn, a charmingly cedar-shingled hotel overlooking Quonochontaug Pond with private beach access and complimentary use of sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboats.

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