

## These ‘In Your Backyard’ Vacation Destinations Save Time And Money

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In order to get the most bang for their buck and to free themselves from the hassles of flying, an increasing number of travelers are choosing to explore the beauty and wonder that lie just a short distance from home. Also, the ongoing chants of “Are we there yet?” from youngsters become a lot more tolerable when driving a manageable distance. The following destinations are ideal for travelers in various parts of the U.S. looking for the budget-friendly convenience of “in your backyard” vacations.



The Breakers Mansion is a very popular tourist attraction. DISCOVER NEWPORT

## Newport, Rhode Island

Newport was made famous as "America's Summer Playground." This coastal destination is home to tons of family-friendly experiences, especially in the spring. Deemed the "Sailing Capital of the World," a trip to Newport isn't complete without visiting **The Sailing Museum**, which officially opened its doors in May 2022. Boasting 8,000 square feet of sailing fun, the interactive exhibits invite guests to learn about the physical and mental makings of a sailor, design their own boat, experience a virtual reality sailing of an iconic America's Cup race and plenty more. After learning a bit, they can head over to **Sail Newport**, which offers classes to would-be sailors of all ages. Take a ride with **Rail Explorers**, a fun way of exploring Newport's beautiful scenery. Along the southern route, guests will stop at an exclusive waterfront picnic area, where they can even enjoy s'mores by the water with their Fireside Tour. Visitors should consider booking their accommodations at **The Brenton**, a luxury boutique property that offers panoramic views of the harbor and historic cityscape.