

# 10 Must-See Underrated Cities to Visit This Summer

Escape peak-season crowds and prices in these often-overlooked locales.

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**Start planning your getaway to these under-the-radar hot spots.**

Every popular city has its unique attributes catering to diverse traveler types and interests. While New York City overflows with cutting-edge museums, art galleries and restaurants, Honolulu offers consistently warm temperatures and a mix of urban and natural allures. And while Miami may cater to active types and sun seekers, Philadelphia and Boston draw history buffs in droves. However, savvy travelers who desire vacations far removed from heavy tourist crowds understand that scores of lesser-known cities and small towns provide immersive and enjoyable experiences. Here are 10 [under-the-radar locales](#) to explore this season.



## Mackinac Island, Michigan

Surrounded by Lake Huron, Mackinac Island retains a Victorian era charm, with horse-and-buggies as the main mode of transportation. Explore 70 miles of hiking and biking trails before taking to the lake to paddle board, sail or kayak. Afterward, check out Mackinac Bridge, the longest suspension bridge in the Western Hemisphere. And in the summer, you can attend the annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival, featuring a Purple Pig Roast. For a remote retreat to remember, stay at Mission Point Resort, a sprawling 18-acre lakeside property that features an upscale spa and resplendent views.