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The Best Places to Go in August 2019

There's no harm in planning ahead.



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Summer vacation may feel a long ways off, but there is no harm in planning ahead. August is typically the slowest month of the summer and provides an ample excuse to get out of town. Whether you want to visit one of the east coast's idyllic beach towns, a historic European city or a tropical island, these are the best places to travel to in August 2019.

Nantucket, Massachusetts



NANTUCKET ISLAND RESORTS

While Nantucket might have gotten just a tad bit glitzy over the last decade, it's far from being Hamptonized. One prime example is its 82 miles of coastline are mostly open to the public. Fenced off beaches are the exception. **August is the perfect time to visit—the Atlantic is finally warm and the island is buzzing.** New this year: Nantucket's only Relais & Chateaux property, **The Wauwinet**, received a multi-million dollar renovation. For those looking to stay closer to the action, the chic boutique property **Hotel Pippa** opened last summer on a prime piece of real-estate right in town. And getting to ACK—its airport code—has never been easier with Nantucket shuttles from **Wheels Up** and **Tradewind Aviation** that are as close you'll come to flying private on commercial aviation.

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The Wauwinet

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Hotel Pippa

Watch Hill, Rhode Island



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Perhaps the epitome of a New England summer destination, Watch Hill, located along the wide beaches of Southern Rhode Island, is, perhaps, where summer, the verb, originated. While Watch Hill is a bastion of old money, it isn't only for those with large estates on the beach. **The Ocean House**, a Relais & Chateaux beachfront property, is so popular in the summer that management suggests booking months in advance. A few miles away is the Ocean House's sister, property, **Weekapaug Inn**, located on a salt water pond and a slightly lower key vibe. (The property has on site naturalist.) No matter where you stay, you can't miss the charm and beauty of Watch Hill. And August is the peak moment to enjoy it all.

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Vienna, Austria



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Miles of beach, excellent vineyards on the city limits, and a burgeoning international food scene. Yes, this is Vienna we are talking about--one of Europe's hottest capitals. **August is the ideal time to enjoy the many splendors of Vienna's outdoor culture, where the mantra is to spend as much as possible outdoors.** On Danube Island, you can swim, bike, go to a wave pool, or a nude beach. Added allure of Vienna: the city's five-star hotels, such as **The Ritz Carlton** and the **Park Hyatt**, are a bargain compared to luxury hotels in other European cities.

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Aspen, Colorado



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Except for mud season in April and May, there isn't really a bad time to visit Aspen. **August, however, offers a reprieve from the humidity that hangs over so many swaths of the country. Aspen has something for everyone:** the hiking is world class (try hiking up Aspen Mountain). And music and culture abound at **The Aspen Institute**. This is a food town and eating is taken seriously--(there's a reason the Food & Wine festival is held in Aspen.) Try to score a table at **Meat & Cheese** and the recently opened **Betula**. The shopping is world class. Don't miss the cult favorite lifestyle store **Gorsuch**. And opening this summer is the much anticipated **W Aspen and the W Aspen Sky Residences** that will have a 12,000 square foot roof deck with views of Aspen Mountain.

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St. Regis Aspen

Fogo Island, Newfoundland



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"Escape sunbathing in muggy temperatures and instead head north to more comfortable climates on Canada's easternmost island. **In August, travelers still enjoy warm weather, and can even go swimming in the ocean from Sandy Cove beach,**" says Lohan. Connect with the best nature has to offer by looking for **nesting puffins, digging for mussels, or taking a boat ride with local fishermen.** Book a room at the [Fogo Island Inn](#) where you'll be provided with in-house chefs so you can relax as you watch wooden rowboats and pieces of icebergs float by.

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St. Barts



PATRICIA PARINEJAD

The Europeans are onto something when it comes to traveling to what is considered by many as "the gem" of the Caribbean in August. The island is less crowded and the weather, which has pretty consistent 80 degree weather year round, is still pleasant in the summer. Plus, St. Barths is back and booming post-hurricane with lots of fabulous renovations. Two not to be missed properties are [Le Sereno](#) (for an off the grid vacation on a placid lagoon with excellent Italian food) and [Villa Marie](#) (for a tropical chic getaway with amazing vistas that's a walkable distance to Colombier, the ultimate Caribbean beach).

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Hutton Brickyards, NY



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Travel just two hours outside of New York City and you can have your very own luxury camping experience. The concept of glamping, or glamorous camping, has been gaining traction over the past few years, and one of the best spots to give it a try is at [Terra Glamping](#). The site has grounds that run along the Hudson River at Hutton Brickyards in Kingston, NY, providing campers with a scenic oasis. **Safari-style tents offer guests a spacious suite complete with memory-foam mattresses, down bedding, and thoughtful decor.** Wake up each morning to a continental breakfast and top off each night with campfire s'mores. With special events like sunrise yoga and farm to table dinners offered on weekends, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy. Appreciation for the great outdoors has never been more elegant.

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Brussels, Belgium



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The city is known for its legendary “Flower Carpet”—a bi-annual August event wherein one million flowers cover the grounds of the Grand Palace. From August 16 – 19, city landmarks are transformed into living, breathing flower displays that are ostensibly made for Instagram. The 2018 theme is Mexico and will have a special dedication to Guanajuato, a Mexican region with a particularly rich floral culture and tradition. Book a room at [Rocco Forte’s historic Hotel Amigo](#), located on a quiet cobblestone street in the heart of the city center, and the concierge will take care of your entire flower-fueled itinerary.

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The Maldives



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While peak season in the Maldives takes place from the third week of December through the first week of January (and also during April, when schools are out for spring break) locals will tell you that the best time to go is actually in August. **“During this ‘secret season,’ we see mild temperatures, clear blue skies, calm sea conditions, and great underwater visibility,”** says Amila Handunwala, Director of Sales & Marketing at the **St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort**. “It also offers the best chance of seeing whale sharks in certain areas of the Maldives.”

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The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort

Edinburgh, Scotland



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For art lovers in search of a cultural August getaway, there's no place quite like Scotland's quirky capital. Come August 3, the city plays host to the three-week-long **Festival Fringe**, which features performances in just about every discipline—from opera and dance, to cabaret and comedy. To escape the hustle and bustle (but still be in the throws of it) book a room at **The Balmoral**, a five-star property where the luxurious suites come with views of Edinburgh Castle.

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