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The Best Places to Travel in May 2023

These are the best places to visit in May in the United States and around the world.

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A vacation in May lets you take advantage of lower rates in the [shoulder season](#) before summer travelers head to their favorite spots and the end of the school year sends families out on [road trips](#) and European journeys. In many places, May weather is mild, and travelers can embark upon outdoor adventures or escape to a [white-sand beach](#). [Festivals](#) in many destinations also attract May vacationers, making late spring a great time to travel.

Here are 12 of the best places to travel in May in the United States and around the world.

Greece

The weather is warm, and most of the summer tourists haven't arrived yet, making May one of the [best months](#) to visit Greece. There are thousands of islands in addition to the Greek mainland, so your favorite destination will depend on your plans — and whether you're most interested in the beach, history, [romance](#), nightlife, or [wine](#). Most trips begin in Athens, so spend a few days exploring the historical city before heading to the islands. [Cali Mykonos](#) opens on May 1 for its first full season, with a [spa](#) and a variety of spacious villas. [Kalesma](#) is another luxury option. On Santorini, [Andronis Arcadia](#) offers suites and villas. [Magma Resort Santorini](#), a secluded hilltop sanctuary, and [Mystique](#) on the Caldera cliffs are other options. You may want to consider a luxury villa from [The Thinking Traveller](#) or an island cruise with [Variety Cruises](#).