

Travel is Heating Up: Two-Thirds of Americans Planning Summer Vacations Tripadvisor's 2021 Summer Travel Index Reveals Trending Destinations & Experiences

NEEDHAM, Mass., April 20, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- With summer right around the corner, it's not just the weather that's heating up. Tripadvisor's 2021 Summer Travel Index reveals that - with every passing day - travel is making a big comeback. Nearly half of Americans (43%) in a recent Tripadvisor survey believe travel activity will rebound within three months. With Americans no longer settling for staycations and local trips, it appears true vacation getaways are coming back en vogue.

Over two-thirds of Americans (67%) are planning to travel this summer (June 1 - August 31), which is a 17% increase from those who traveled this spring (March 1- May 31). Millennials are the most excited to get back out there with the vast majority (72%) of the generation planning trips. Although many still plan to drive to their destination (43%), 19% plan to fly, up 4% from this spring.

Americans are done with quiet staycations and hanging out idly in their homes; they're excited to get out and about. Compared to the first week of January, hotel searches are up 65%, searches for experiences (attractions and tours) increased by 78%, and restaurant searches are up 53%¹.

What's hot this summer?

- Of those planning to travel, **74% of Americans will take a domestic trip** and 13% will travel internationally.
- **Americans ready for longer R&R**, with 29% taking a weeklong trip and 28% vacationing for 10 days.
- **Most popular travel weeks** begin June 21 and June 28, timed around Independence Day.
- **Summer splurge**: Over half (53%) of Americans plan to spend more on trips this year vs. last summer, rising to 66% for millennials. Globally, Americans are the biggest summer spenders, planning to shell out 9% more than the average traveler around the world.
- **Hottest amenities**: Clean hotels, free cancelations, hotels with restaurants.

Beach destinations continue to shine this summer, with travelers most interested in sunny Florida and Mexico. Their choice of where to stay reiterates that desire: the most popular accommodation types for 2021 summer trips are all-inclusives and beach resorts.

Most popular destinations for Americans this summer (and what to do in each²)

Top 10 destinations this summer	Highly-rated hotel that's still available	Most booked experience	Highly-rated restaurant
1. Cancun, Mexico	Le Blanc Spa Resort Cancun	Best ATV Tour, Five Ziplines and Cenote Swim with Lunch and Transport Included	El Timón de Cancún
2. Orlando, Fla.	The Delaney Hotel	SEA LIFE Orlando Aquarium	La Luce
3. Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Ocean 22 by Hilton Grand Vacations	Polynesian Fire Luau and Dinner Show Ticket in Myrtle Beach	42nd Street Bar And Grill
4. Key West, Fla.	Havana Cabana at Key West	Key West Sunset Sail with Full Bar, Live Music & Hors D'oeuvres	Seaside Cafe at the Mansion
5. Miami Beach, Fla.	The Standard, Miami	City Half Day Tour of Miami by Bus with Sightseeing Cruise	il Pastaiolo
6. Las Vegas, Nev.	Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas	Las Vegas Helicopter Night Flight with Optional VIP Transportation	Edge Steakhouse
7. Playa del Carmen, Mexico	Banyan Tree Mayakoba	Buggy Tour in Playa del Carmen with Cenote Swim and Mayan Village Visit	Nørdic
8. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	Vista Encantada Spa Resort & Residences	Cabo San Lucas - Beach and Desert 4x4 ATV Tour	Panache Restaurant
9. Tulum, Mexico	Aha Tulum	Selva Maya Eco Adventure Park: Ziplining, Hanging Bridges, Rappelling and Cenote	Loco Tulum

10. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic	Dreams Macao Beach Punta Cana	5 tours in 1 - Horseback Riding / City Tour / Cacao Farm / Zipline / Dune Buggy	Montserrat Manor Restaurant
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Globally, nearly half (48%) of travelers are planning summer trips, with more than a third (38%) staying domestic and less than one in ten (9%) venturing internationally. Luxurious destinations like Bora Bora and Dubai top the list of most searched international destinations this April, while Greece and Iceland gained the most momentum in the last several months.

METHODOLOGY

The data cited in this release was gathered and analyzed from two key sources:

- A Tripadvisor Consumer Sentiment Survey, based on data drawn from an online survey of over 2,500 consumers, in partnership with Qualtrics, conducted between April 1 through April 8, 2021 across six countries - U.S., UK, Australia, Italy, Singapore and Japan
 - Generations cited are broken down by the following age ranges:
 - 57 - 75 (Baby boomer)
 - 41 - 56 (Generation X)
 - 25 - 40 (Millennials)
 - 18 - 24 (Generation Z)
- Site behavioral data sourced from first party traffic data on the Tripadvisor platform, gathered during the week commencing March 22, 2021, for searches made by U.S. travelers from January 1, 2021 through March 26, 2021 for travel between June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

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1. Hotels, experiences, and restaurants traffic sourced from first party traffic data on the Tripadvisor platform, gathered during the week commencing April 12, 2021, for searches made by U.S. travelers from the first week of January 2021 compared with the first week of April 2021.
2. Most popular experiences in each destination based on bookings on Tripadvisor made between June and August 2020. Highly-rated hotels and restaurants sourced from Tripadvisor Popularity Index as of April 19, 2021.

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* Source: SimilarWeb, unique users de-duplicated monthly, December 2020

** Source: Tripadvisor internal log file

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