

8 Charming Small Towns To Spend Memorial Day In

Consider your itinerary set.

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Memorial Day Weekend, as you're aware, is the unofficial start of summer and if you're itching to safely satiate your much-stifled wanderlust, a small-town getaway might just be the solve. Escaping to a low-population city comes with its obvious perks: fewer crowds, more charm, and access to off-the-beaten shops and activities. It's the kind of holiday that leaves you restored, which *we'll take* right about now.

Although vaccine numbers are up and infection rates are going down, if you're vaccinated and ready to travel, remember to wear a face covering where required, practice social distancing, and wash your hands regularly (you know the drill by now). Also, be sure to check out local guidelines and listings before visiting, many destinations are now requiring reservations ahead of time and other businesses are still closed.

All that said, continue ahead for eight charming small towns scattered across the U.S. that would make for an idyllic Memorial Day Weekend getaway.

Newport, Rhode Island



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If a seaside getaway piques your interest, pack your bags and head for Newport, Rhode Island. The area is renowned for its Gilded Age mansions and sailing culture. Book a room at [The Wayfinder](#), a dog-friendly hotel that's imbued with a relaxed, free-spirited energy. Soak in the sun at the property's Poolshack and enjoy bites like poke bowls and fresh ceviche. Once you head into town, you'll want to navigate your way to historic architectural highlights like [The Breakers](#) and Marble House (both of which offer picnic experience on the grounds). You can take in a breath of fresh salt air via Newport's 3.5 mile Cliff Walk, a unique way to view the city's magnificent architecture. On the culinary front, [The Black Pearl](#) and Clarke Cooke are favorites and if you're in the mood for a wine tasting, pay a visit to [Newport Vineyards](#). Lastly, don't leave without embarking on a sailing cruise; you can make arrangements with SightSailing through the front desk at The Wayfinder.

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