



Keep Summer Rolling with These August Travel Ideas

We've got your sunflowers, your starry nights, and your oysters. Get them before the season's over.

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This month, we do not lament the fleeting days of summer—there is still *much* to do and plenty of fun places to travel this August. The big headliner, of course, is Canada, which finally opens up on August 9th to vaccinated visitors from the US. Keep an eye out for cheap flight deals to whisk you up north (might we suggest the vastly underrated Toronto?) or get to planning your road trip across the border.

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But if you're staying close to home, we've got you covered there too. Dabble in sunflowers and honey-laced gin in Vermont, catch the Perseid meteor shower in Nevada, and eat seafood—all the seafood—in Rhode Island. Get out there and make the most of it.

Stop and smell the sunflowers in Woodstock, Vermont

Everybody's always fawning over Woodstock, New York, but does anyone ever ask how Woodstock, Vermont is doing? The answer is incredibly well, thank you very much. The charming town (chartered in 1761, 15 years before the Declaration of Independence) is in full bloom—literally, at the Billings Farm and Museum, where Master Gardener Benjamin Pauly of the Woodstock Inn & Resort created a 20,000-square-foot sunflower house. There you can see thousands of sunflowers growing from 18 inches to 14 feet in height.

The Instagrammer's dream blooms through early September but peaks in mid-August, with a pollination festival on August 28 and 29 where you can learn about bees and butterflies. (Another hot-tip: For a honey-themed tippie post-visit, the Barr Hill Distillery in nearby Montpelier makes an award-winning gin finished with raw honey extracted right from their farm.) If you take a pic at the sunflower house and post it with #SunflowerSelfie, tagging the farm, you'll be in the running to win a 4oz block of cheese.