

Top In-Demand

States for Travelers in Spring 2025



Everything you look forward to enjoying on your spring travel adventures in states with high demand and top-tier, traveler-friendly facilities.





South Dakota

Must-See Places

Badlands National Park: Explore otherworldly rock formations and dramatic landscapes.

Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway: A stunning drive with waterfalls and lush greenery.

Custer State Park: Famous for its wildlife loop, where you can see bison, elk, and prairie dogs.

Jewel Cave National Monument: Take a guided tour through the fifth-longest cave in the world and explore the stunning calcite crystals.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally: Rock out at the world's largest motorcycle rally, held annually in August in Sturgis.



Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking Black Elk Peak, the highest point in the state.
- Rock Climbing the Needles at Custer State Park.
- Kayaking the flatwater of the Missouri River.

Cost of Living

- Approximately 11% lower than the national average.
- Housing is particularly affordable, with a median rent of around \$800/month.
- Lower cost of living than Colorado, Utah, or Wyoming while offering similar outdoor appeal.



Did You Know?

South Dakota has more miles of shoreline than Florida—yes, really!

Travel Alike States

Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado.



Washington

Must-See Places

Mount Rainier National Park: Watch the iconic mountain come to life as wildflowers start blooming.

Olympic National Park: Explore the lush Hoh Rainforest and rugged Pacific coastline.

Seattle's Pike Place Market: A must-visit for fresh seafood and lively street performances.

The Gorge Amphitheater: Nicknamed "Heaven's Amphitheater," this stunning location is one of the best music venues in the world

Tulip Festival in Skagit Valley – A breathtaking display of vibrant tulip fields.

Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking along the Columbia River Gorge.
- Kayaking in Puget Sound with views of Mount Rainier.
- Whale-watching tours off the coast.

Cost of Living

- No state income tax, but Seattle's cost of living is higher.
- Housing is more affordable in Spokane, Yakima, and Tacoma.



Did You Know?

Washington produces more apples than any other state in the U.S.!

Travel Alike States

Oregon, Colorado, Vermont



North Carolina

Must-See Places

Great Smoky Mountains National Park:

Stunning spring wildflowers and misty mountain views.

Biltmore Estate in Asheville: A historic mansion with beautiful gardens that bloom in spring.

Outer Banks: Serene beaches, wild horses, and iconic lighthouses.

Lake Norman State Park: Enjoy lakeside recreation including mountain biking, hiking, and paddling.

NASCAR Hall-of-Fame: A must-visit for racing fans.

Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking in Pisgah National Forest.
- Surfing and beachcombing along the Outer Banks.
- Whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River.

Cost of Living

- Lower than the national average, especially in smaller cities like Greensboro.
- Affordable housing options compared to other East Coast states.



Did You Know?

North Carolina is home to the first successful airplane flight—Kitty Hawk is where the Wright brothers made history!

Travel Alike States

Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia





Georgia

Must-See Places

Savannah's Historic District: Cobblestone streets, moss-draped oaks, and beautiful gardens.

Atlanta's BeltLine: A vibrant urban trail with parks, art installations, and top restaurants.

Callaway Gardens: A botanical paradise known for its spring blooms and butterfly conservatory.

Stone Mountain Park: Scenic views and outdoor adventures just outside of Atlanta.

Providence Canyon State Park: Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" with stunning red rock formations.

Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking and waterfall chasing in North Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains.
- Kayaking along the Chattahoochee River.
- Enjoying spring baseball games with the Atlanta Braves.

Cost of Living

- Affordable compared to other southern states, with reasonable rent prices.
- Atlanta has higher costs but offers top-tier healthcare opportunities.



Did You Know?

Georgia is the Peach State, but it produces more peanuts and pecans than peaches!

Travel Alike States

South Carolina, Florida, Alabama



Maine

Must-See Places

Acadia National Park: Stunning ocean cliffs, forested trails, and scenic drives.

Portland's Old Port District: Cobblestone streets lined with shops and fresh seafood restaurants.

Bar Harbor: A charming coastal town perfect for whale watching and waterfront dining.

Lighthouses of the Maine Coast: Visit iconic spots like Portland Head Light.

Moosehead Lake: A serene retreat for boating, fishing, and wildlife spotting.

Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking Cadillac Mountain for the first sunrise in the U.S.
- Sailing along the rocky coastline.
- Exploring hidden waterfalls in Baxter State Park.

Cost of Living

- Housing is more affordable than in Massachusetts and New York.
- Groceries and utilities are slightly above the national average.



Did You Know?

Maine is the largest producer of blueberries in the U.S.!

Travel Alike States

Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts



Montana

Must-See Places

Yellowstone National Park: Early spring brings active geysers and emerging wildlife.

Glacier National Park: Stunning alpine lakes and scenic drives before the summer crowds.

Bozeman & Missoula: Vibrant small cities with breweries, art, and outdoor culture.

Big Sky Resort: Spring skiing and epic mountain views.

Flathead Lake: One of the largest freshwater lakes in the U.S.

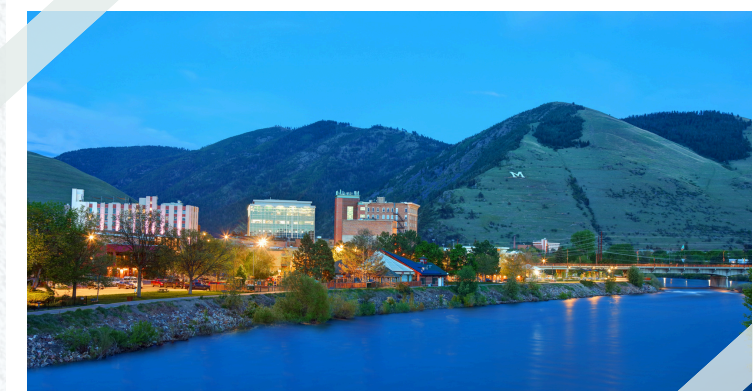


Top Outdoor Recreation

- Hiking through Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park.
- Fly-fishing in the Madison River.
- Wildlife spotting in Yellowstone's Lamar Valley.

Cost of Living

- More affordable than Colorado but slightly above the national average.
- Bozeman is pricier, but rural areas offer lower housing costs.



Did You Know?

Montana has more cattle than people—nearly 2.5 cows per resident!

Travel Alike States

Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado