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# The 23 Best Places to Go in the U.S. in 2023

*From the American West to vibrant islands in the Caribbean.*

For most Americans, domestic travel has long been something of a rite of passage—packed car rides to [national parks](#), short flights to theme parks or beach rentals, and maybe some longer [milestone trips](#) to otherworldly places within the fabric of the American landscape (Alaska, Hawaii, the Rockies, Puerto Rico)—all checked off of a long list over the years. But recently, domestic travel became something more: a lifeline in [a pandemic](#), a reminder of how fun it can be to sow your travel seeds at home, and a phenomenon that's irreversibly transformed so many towns and cities around the country.

That's why this year we've expanded our forward-looking list of the best places to go by dedicating an entire iteration to the United States, and taking a magnifying glass to the most exciting places in our backyard; both buzzy up-and-comers, and longstanding favorites with a reason to shine again. Led by news and destination trends from this year—and those we can already see coming to fruition in 2023—this list is packed with exciting new builds and success stories, from culinary and hotel renaissances to reinvigorated neighborhoods and comeback kids in the aftermath of COVID-19's peak.

These are the 23 best places to go in the U.S. in 2023— from the American West to the U.S.-territory islands of the Caribbean. And don't forget to visit [our global list of international destinations to visit next year](#), vetted by *Condé Nast Traveler* editors based in the U.S., U.K., Spain, and India. —*Shannon McMahon and Jessica Puckett*

## Hudson Valley, New York

About 90 miles north of Manhattan, New York's [Hudson Valley](#) has seen a burst of hospitality openings over the last decade, making it a top weekend getaway for city dwellers. And while it has already gained a reputation for its excellent culinary and shopping scenes, now the valley is becoming a bonafide wellness destination. The end of 2022 saw the opening of [Wildflower Farms](#), an [Auberge Resort](#) in Gardiner complete with a farmhouse-style spa, and a renovation of the 30,000-foot-spa at regional stalwart [Mohonk Mountain House](#). The new year brings [The Ranch Hudson Valley](#) (from wellness pioneers [The Ranch Malibu](#)) to a historic estate near Tuxedo Park for three- and four-day wellness programs with hiking, fitness classes, massages, and a plant-based diet. Also rumored to open in 2023 is Soho Farmhouse, the bucolic brand's first opening outside of the U.K.— said to be set in a historic manor house in Rhinebeck with a restaurant in the stone barn and a spa.