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20 Best Places to Travel in April

These are the best places to visit in April in the United States and around the world.

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Looking for an April getaway? The first full month of spring brings flowers to many places around the world, including the world-famous cherry blossoms that paint Japan pink each year. There's still time for snow sports fans to get in a few runs, but we have suggestions for travelers who are more than ready for sunshine and warm weather, too. Here are the best places to travel this April in the U.S. and around the world.

Orange County, California



Huntington Beach in Orange County, California. PHOTO: ADRIAN RUDD/TRAVEL + LEISURE

Known as the home of [Disneyland](#), Orange County, about 30 miles south of Los Angeles, is a beautiful spring destination. With 42 miles of Pacific Ocean shoreline, Orange County offers beaches, surfing, charming coastal towns, and luxe resorts. There's enviable shopping and dining at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach Fashion Island. April is the perfect time to go whale watching in Dana Point, and cruising around [Newport Beach](#) in a Duffy Boat is always fun. Golf courses at [The Resort at Pelican Hill](#) and the [Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach](#) offer challenging layouts and water views. Huntington Beach, known as Surf City, features a popular pier and lively downtown.

Where to Stay: The [Pendry Newport Beach](#), [Balboa Bay Resort](#), [Lido House](#), [Autograph Collection](#), and [VEA Newport Beach Resort & Spa](#) are great options for a home base in Orange County. [The Ranch at Laguna Beach](#), set in lush Aliso Canyon, is ideal for a wellness-focused trip.