



# Top 10 US travel destinations for 2014

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Planning a vacation in the US next year but aren't sure where to go? After all, it's a big place! For the fourth year running, our travel experts have scoured the States to make the decision a bit easier for you.

While Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2014 covers global must-sees, including Chicago and Texas, here we delve a bit deeper and showcase the top 10 places in the US that should be on travelers' radars in the coming year. There's something for all – beachcombers, nature lovers, beer aficionados, history buffs, road trippers, dice rollers – from every corner of the land. Whether quietly emerging destinations or perennial favorites, these places have new or timely angles that make them prime for visiting in 2014. So whatever your upcoming dream vacation, we've got some U-S-of-A inspiration for you.

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## Cumberland Island, GA

One of the most underdeveloped places in the US, Cumberland Island is magical. Picture virgin beaches, windswept dunes, feral horses, wild turkeys, tiny fiddler crabs, beautiful butterflies, skittering armadillos, mossy old oaks, breathtaking sunrises... that's Cumberland. Most of this unspoiled paradise, the largest of the Sea Islands in terms of continuously exposed land, is national seashore. On the ocean side are 18 miles of pristine sandy beach you'll have all to yourself. The rest is maritime forest, marsh, mudflats, tidal creeks, and astounding ruins of the Dungeness mansion, once owned by the Carnegies. The whole lot is laden with hiking trails – 50 miles of 'em – and backcountry camping is permitted.

St. Mary's is the island's gateway, and where the mainland facilities and ferry terminal are located. Stafford Beach has some of the best sands in the South (excluding Florida, of course), and the magnificent old Greyfield Inn houses non-campers and the only restaurant on the island.



Camping under the oaks on Cumberland Island. Photo courtesy of [National Park Service](#).

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