

Your favorite vacation destination — August survey results



If you want to get great answers, just ask what people like to do on vacation! That's what we found out with last month's survey. Enjoy reading many of the responses we got. The answers are almost as good as being there!

My favorite vacation is go with my family in our trailer out of town, not because I do not like it here, just because I need to be out of the area to feel like I am really taking a relaxing time. It makes it very special because as a family we can have quality of time together and do what we like. We really enjoy.

When I was growing up we spent summers in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Lots of good memories and I'm sure that is where I got my love of water. Beautiful blue lake, we swam every day we could, ate lunch on the pier and, boy, it tasted really good.

The most beautiful destination I have seen was the island of Bali in Indonesia. Its cultural heritage combines Hinduism and ancient tribal beliefs with lots of old temples to visit. The beaches are lovely, white sand tropic post cards. It has jungle, volcanos and a great vacation infrastructure. The people are very friendly, the food is spicy and multi-cultural. I loved it.

Any location in the state of Alaska. For me it evokes feelings of complete and utter freedom with reflections of an older era. It is wild, raw and dangerous, unlike anyplace else on earth. From the first moment flying into Anchorage you witness the most beautiful snow-capped mountains. Top that with a boat trip down the Kenai River fishing salmon and soaking in the view. End at Valdez fishing for Halibut.

Hilton Head, South Carolina. It is a beautiful, peaceful and relaxing vacation. It has the beauty of Myrtle Beach but not the crowds.

Sleeping Bear Dunes!!! And Traverse City, Michigan-love the beautiful views & love the Wineries & B&B's!!! Climbing the Dunes is special because you've got sights on both sides!!! So much to see & do there!!

Bethany Beach, DE. We stay at a resort with a private beach and its heaven. Imagine every night falling asleep to the sound of waves crashing on the beach!

Puerto Rico is the best vacation spot ever. On an island of 100x35 miles you will find world's largest caves, a canyon, a salt lake, a rainforest, beautiful beaches. Indian deposits, the oldest New World cities, great museums, symphonic halls, designers' outlets. But best of all, the hospitality of the people.

My favorite vacation spot is anywhere that I can spend time with my family. A walk in the park, arcade, beach or exotic location, without my family it is not a vacation. The Bahamas would be nice though.

Litchfield Beach, SC is a great family destination for family members. We enjoy the ocean, pool, sunbathing, reading, exercising, shopping, dining on local fresh seafood. There's a wonderful small local Italian eatery ("Pastaria 811"), and we like to relax on the deck or hammock eating ice cream/yogurt ("The Creamery").

For a very fun and relaxing weekend get-a-way, if you enjoy small towns and antique car museums, then Auburn, Indiana is great. Both the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg Museum and the National Automobile and Truck Museum are both located in the original Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg factory. Plus downtown Auburn has a great variety of unique eateries to experience.

My favorite vacation is going to Germany. I knew a friend in the military and he took me to various cities around Germany. We also were able to take a chartered bus to Paris. It was cold but very exciting. I was able to bring in the New Year under the Eiffel tower. I visited the Louvre and took tons of pics.

My husband and I love Hawaii. Our favorite islands are Maui for the beaches and snorkeling. Also Oahu. The Cultural Center on Oahu is the place to go to learn about the Polynesian people. Also snorkeling on Maui is awesome, to see the different colors of fish and mammals.

My favorite vacation spot is a trip on a Carnival Cruise Ship. I love this as a vacation spot because it is an all-inclusive trip, so I do not have to worry about where I am going to lay my head at night or what food I am going to eat. Everything is included for you. Most importantly there are so many trips to choose from and you get to explore and experience the different cultures.

Big Cedar Lodge, Branson, MO. Wooded place with nature park, lazy river, golf, and lots of fun things to do. We got married at Silver Dollar City so it is a special place for us.

My favorite vacation spot is my home. I have time for pleasant conversations with neighbors. I get to appreciate the trees, do enjoyable projects around the house, read for fun in comfortable surroundings, and best of all, it's affordable.

Bonita Springs, Florida - It's a warm southern gulf coast city where my dog swam for the first time at age 10. Boston, MA is my favorite because that's the first vacation I took after I graduated college. After a two week vacation I decided to live in the New England area for 10 years and it's where I got engaged to my husband of 18 years and gave birth to my two kids. I still love going back.

Biloxi, Ms. its a beach spot that is relaxing. and the town is small enough as not to make you feel rushed all the time. There's enough to keep you busy if you want to be. There's also a town down the road called Pass Cristian, Ms. and it is even slower paced! I like to be able to relax on my vacation and eat some good seafood that is fresh caught!

I enjoy going to Augustine in the fall after school starts back. It is a good time to relax in peace. Not as many children, historical adventures, and time to slow down. There are Arts and Craft shows near the exhibition areas. And, the fish are running the coast. Good for sight seeing and watching dolphins and sharks. Not a good time to swim!

My most favorite spot on earth is Panama City Beach. Just listening to the ocean and the breeze always rejuvenates my soul and has always been a saving grace for me. I love it.

My best friend owns a motel on the beachside. Even if it's only for a weekend, getting away from the house, taking it easy and relaxing, is the best vacation I can afford.

Las Vegas! I love heading to Vegas in the summer. A lot of people, hot weather, and a lot of fun!

My favorite vacation spot was in the Western Caribbean. A view of the water from the shade and a breeze created the most relaxing time in recent memory.

My favorite vacation spot is Aruba. I been to traveling to Aruba over 13 years. Started with a "girls only" vacation for 10 years. Boy, the stories and memories we have there are endless. A few years ago my family and partner started to travel there, they were so in love with the island, like me. We both ended up purchasing our own timeshares. It's so nice to have a family, fun-filled vacation to an amazing place. Though we don't need to go to a special place to have such wonderful memories, its a time that we all put aside to do things together as a family and to keep making memories. That alone is EVERYTHING!

My favorite vacation spot(s) is/are the Sunset Beach, NC/ Myrtle Beach, SC area. There are a lot of things to do for all age groups. My wife and daughter like the beaches and shopping, and I like the fishing and restaurants. There always seems to be something interesting to see or do, even after having gone there for the last several years.

Rome. Full of museums, history, and coffee shops, it is perfect for exploring, enjoying, and learning. Even just watching the traffic patterns is beautiful. Dolce Vita.

I love road trips especially the ones we took to our favorite beach. Cocoa Beach is a beautiful beach and the area is full of attractions. One hour away from Orlando and Mickey and 20-30 minutes to Cape Canaveral. But the best part of driving to Cocoa Beach was crossing the waterways from the mainland, knowing we would be headed for lying in the warm sun and swimming in the calm warm ocean. You see the beautiful clear blue sky, and sometimes pelicans fly by. We have also seen dolphins as we crossed the waterways going into Cocoa Beach. I only want to worry about sun screen, and which book to read by the shore. The beach is my favorite destination.

Anywhere in the mountains! North Carolina, Tennessee, North Georgia, beautiful water falls and cool weather! Especially in the fall when the leaves are changing! Preferably a quiet log cabin with a hot tub near the water, hiking close by and small quaint towns with unique shopping! Bed and Breakfasts with unique rooms are also wonderful!

Vacations mean different things to different people. If

destinations are important, then my garden and home are my vacation. If for physical rest and relaxation, what better than a shady hammock and fresh lemonade? If for mental rest, I can do that by closing my eyes and thinking of home.

Any small lake in the Adirondacks of New York or in northern New England. The ever-changing light on the water as the day goes on, and the stillness at night of the glass-like water always moves me. I was blessed to have experienced this as a kid and doubly blessed to now experience as an adult.

Since I live in Colorado...I love going to the Rocky Mountains. When it is 90 degrees in Denver - it is always cooler at 12,000 feet.

My favorite vacation is floating down a river on an inner tube with my family and friends and passing a rope swing on the way and swinging ourselves out into the river. And then drying off and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers at the campsite while watching the sun set deep in the heart of Texas.

My favorite spot so far has been Costa Rica. My daughter took me there for my 50th and we couldn't have done it any better. We stayed at 3 different hotels and even took excursions. I ziplined through the cloud forest for my 50th, went river rafting and climbed to the base of a volcano. We also had the chance to visit some school children in a two-room school house. They greeted us with an our National Anthem which was so special for both parties. And we were the younger ones on this trip. What a blast we had, beautiful country, beautiful people and will go again with my husband the next time!

Smoky Mountains

My family's favorite vacation spot is Sanibel Island. Love the fact that it is a small island with absolutely nothing but the beach, pool, bicycling or walking on the beach. Had a lot of family time and being away from the hustle bustle helped clear our minds from stress.

My favorite vacation is to take a cruise. There is something so special about getting on that big, beautiful ship, and literally leaving your worries behind as you sail away to beautiful Caribbean waters. No traffic, no driving, no airports. Its a great way to connect with loved ones.

My favorite vacation spot is Wildwood Crest, NJ... Each year my sisters (we have 7 sisters and 7 brothers) get together for a week of fun. No boyfriends, husbands, or boys.....just crazy girls. We rent 4 hotel rooms . We enjoy grabbing a chair early to soak up the sun, swim or set up camp on the beach. We love to shop shop and shop. A girls dream....

Cape May is a great place to go for food, crabbing,dolphin watching, and so much more ...

CRUISES to anywhere! You'll always have a clean room, good food, and fun whenever you want. Plus, it gets pre-paid, so you have nothing to worry about all vacation!

White sandy beach with the family-I grew up where our family used to picnic a lot at the beach with plenty of foods and it's like a festive and so much fun.Vacationing and spending time at the beach brings back those childhood memories again.

My favorite vacation spot is at my Mom's house. She makes it very relaxing for me and makes sure I don't do anything since I am on vacation. Mom always makes her home feel like I am at a 5-star resort, complete with all the amenities, maid service, restaurant, jacuzzi tub and of course all the attention you need. Oh I might also add personal chauffeur too.

After the grandkids go back home, it's in the spa under our covered deck ... quiet starry nights, dim lights, soft music. Can't beat it! Totally inexpensive, too!

Cape Cod is always fun. Close to home, lots to do. The beaches are beautiful. Have spent many family vacations there and hope to continue to do so for many years to come...

My favorite vacation destination is anywhere near the ocean. I have been to Jamaica, Belize, Roaton, Hawaii, Mexico, and Virgin Islands. They all have awesome beaches. Mexico may be my favorite for being the least expensive with wonderful people and many outdoor activities. What makes a vacation special is the memories of days in the sun having adult beverages poolside and in little cantinas. Taking day trips to out of the way villages and of course the local cuisine. I love old architecture so enjoy going to cathedrals and Mayan ruins. Yep- nothing better than being in the tropics!

The beauty of Yellowstone National Park is, to me, beyond description. For as many visitors there are each year to the park, we humans have left only a small blended in footprint there. God's beauty in the raw, natural form, this should be the place on everyone's bucket list.

Everywhere. My travels around the world have taught me that every place has something new and great to discover. My favorite vacation destination is wherever my next vacation is planned! But I do have to give a shout out to Vegas.

Yellowstone National Park, without a doubt. Nature's beauty..... (mountains/vast plains/rivers/waterfalls/gysers/mud pots/hot pools). Picturesque! And the roaming wildlife (bison, black bears, grizzlies, elk, pronghorn, foxes)! Hiking, star gazing...and the list could go on. Sensory overload **at** its best!

My home in the country. Every year I make plans for vacation and this year I thought: Why not enjoy my home? We have a beautiful house on a 16 acre property on the hill. I enjoy my evenings and weekends here, but this year I took extra days off and enjoyed my home with my 7 year old son and dogs and my husband. We took the time to walk up and down the hill with our dogs and enjoyed beautiful sunrise and sunset outdoors. Enjoyed the full moon evening and staying up late nights, watching movies and then watching the moonlight while lying awake in the bed and not worrying about waking up in the morning. Bought extra groceries and made delicious meals. Had uncle and aunt visit us from Chicago and they all enjoyed my delicious cooking and the beautiful amenities at my house. I feel satisfied to have enjoyed my house thoroughly and not missing the beauty it has to offer.

In 1999 my wife and I went to Disney World in Florida. We left on Christmas morning. The park was beautiful. Christmas lights on Main street. And we saw shows. Then I realized that I was at a world attraction. I was blown away...

My favorite vacation destination is Disney. There is so much to see and enjoy. Epcot is one of our favorites. Walking around the world and seeing other countries' traditions is wonderful.

Spending time with my family is what makes the experience so rewarding and memorable.

Access to sights, activities, and experiences are vital to a good vacation - and I find all of these in San Antonio, Texas. Six Flags is great if you want excitement, the Riverwalk is amazing for casual experiences, and nearby Natural Bridge Caverns and Wildlife Ranch for the inbetween.

My favorite summer get away is at the Pomme De Terre Lake in Missouri. I go with friends who have a place there, and it always gives us a chance to catch up on things. It is so peaceful and the pace is slower. Since there aren't as many lights as in the city, the stars are brighter, and it always seems like there are more of them! Best of all, I can't get phone service so it forces me to unplug for a few days. I always feel refreshed and recharged when I get back from trips to the lake.

We took our first trip to Hilton Head this year and loved it. We had always visited less developed beach locations and we were not sure that a planned, gated community was for us. A friend convinced us to give it a try. The island is very bike friendly and other than trips to the seafood stand, we did not need to drive anywhere. We stayed in Sea Pines resort where you can relax or do many fun activities. We took advantage of 2 free hours of tennis a day, offshore fishing, and the beach club access. The

island was developed to leave a canopy of live oaks that makes riding bikes comfortable any time of day. We will be going back. The Dominican Republic. Beautiful white sand beaches, aquamarine colored water, friendly people, and plenty of water sports and outdoor activities to keep you active. Plus you don't have to break the bank to get there.

People normally see a vacation as somewhere on the beach, taking a flight and staying in a different state or going to an amusement park or a museum. Me, I look at a vacation as not being a work. It could be relaxing in the back yard with a nice cold drink in my hand, or taking a nice long drive and just breathing in the air.

As long as I'm not at work, it's considered a vacation. This "staycation" is special to me because rather than being at work, it allows me to spend time with my kids. It allows me to just relax and not have to worry about the day to day tasks that need to be handled at work. Even though Bermuda or Jamaica sounds nice, I think "staycations" are just as good!

Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Yellowstone Natl Park. Nothing can beat that beauty. I have seen it in snow and summer heat. The sight of a buffalo covered in snow is amazing. The smoke rising of the hot springs- beautiful. I would love to be able to rent a cabin there and wake up to elk and deer outside the window.

HOME!!! Summer is the best time to make your vacation destination your home. Summer is filled with fun festivals in close small towns or suburbs, free musical festivals and great outdoor fun like the dog parks, children's parks and swimming pools. Great weather to go relax and see your favorite summer team play or see a free movie at a local park or you can just hang out with friends at your place or theirs and BBQ!

There is nothing better to escape the heat than a long weekend in Mentone, Alabama. We have a small family reunion there and rent three wonderful houses on the brow of the mountain. It is the perfect place to reconnect with each other and family. I always leave Mentone feeling recharged and ready to take on the world!

My husband and I went to Central Europe this year to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We visited Budapest, Esztergom, Bratislava, Vienna, Cesky Krumlov, Tabor, and Prague. The cathedrals and castles we visited were amazing! The artistry and architecture were truly inspiring. We are hooked on Europe!

Ogunquit, Maine. In between the rocky cliffs there are small private sandy beaches. The Marginal Way is a pedestrian walkway built on land donated to the area with intent to preserve the beautiful coastline. It's one of the most breathtaking views I've ever seen. Early morning walks, watching the sun come up and the wave crashing over the rocks, fishermen and surfers, riding the waves can't be beat. Year after year, I never tire of the scenery.

The town is full of restaurants and shops. There's a beautiful old library to visit, antique stores and the Ogunquit Playhouse. Short day trips to Portland or Portsmouth, also add to the fun with many historical sites to visit. The Lighthouse in York, is another short coastal drive from town. A week in this town each year is never enough to enjoy all it has to offer!

One of my favorite vacations was a trip to Charleston, SC. with my mom. I wanted to see things I had read about in novels that were set in the SC Low Country. We toured the Charleston Tea Plantation, the Angel Oak, Stella Maris Catholic church and Fort Moultrie, and the best restaurants...

One August we traveled from our home state of Florida to the Pacific Northwest. It was such a relief to escape the mid-90's with high humidity and enjoy days with temps "climbing" to the 60's! We drove from Washington to Northern California, seeing forests, mountains, lakes and the Pacific Ocean instead of strip malls and gas stations. Welcome change!

Italy in September is magical: the people are friendly (even if you do not speak Italian), the sites are interesting (Rome!: Amalfi Coast!: Venice!), the weather is perfect, and you cannot have a bad meal.

My favorite vacation destination is anywhere I can take my camper, my husband and my dog. Oh, and my fishing pole too.

My vacation was a family reunion in California. It has been over thirty years since my family's the last reunion. We shared a long weekend together in California with loved ones from all over the country, listening to entertaining stories which seem to supply much to laugh about, playing games, taking pictures and just having fun together. Of course, you cant miss the beach or Disneyland while in California. My family and my cousin's made the most of every single second we had together. It was a blast :)