

5 Best Getaways for Mother's Day



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It's that time of year, when we show our moms just how much we care. If travel tops your mother's wish list, here are five vacations that will make the perfect gift.



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Planning a special getaway for that special mom this year? Check out these ideas for some fabulous locations—and have a great trip!

Best Cruise Destination: Bermuda

Cruise ships visit this lovely, temperate island in the Atlantic and stay for several days, giving you a chance to really experience the pink sand beaches and fabulous shopping. Visit the Crystal Caves, check out the glass-blowing artists at The Bermuda Glassworks, shop for the beautiful purple-blue stone Tanzanite in some fabulous local jewelry, and be sure to try the famous local rum concoction—a Dark and Stormy. Locally caught seafood is the item to order at any of the area restaurants—the taste of that fresh fish is truly fabulous. Many cruises to this port leave from New York, so you can easily add on an overnight stay in the Big Apple that includes dinner and a show.

Best Beaches: Riviera Maya, Mexico

Just a short drive from the crowded and touristy Cancun, quiet and beautiful Riviera Maya has white sand beaches and gorgeous turquoise water that's always warm and pleasant for a swim. Stay at the incomparable Zoetry Paraiso de la Bonita where the Endless Privileges price includes virtually everything for your stay—a private, chauffeured airport transfer, gourmet meals and snacks, 24-hour laundry service, a Catamaran sail, unlimited worldwide calls and a stay in an absolutely fabulous suite, many of which come with a private plunge pool. Enjoy sparkling wine and fresh fruit daily in your plunge pool with a view

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of the ocean—a truly relaxing and decadent experience!

Best City Stay: Savannah, Georgia

With its beautiful live oak trees draped with Spanish moss, historic mansions and scenic river, Savannah is a wonderful place to visit. Stay at the River Street Inn, a lovely old hotel with views of the river, stroll River Street to shop for bargains and pick up some delicious Southern pralines at Savannah's Candy Kitchen for a snack, just be sure to purchase an extra box to take home! Then drop in for dinner at the atmospheric Pirate House restaurant where the history of shanghaied sailors from a hundred years ago will keep you highly entertained. Order shrimp and grits for a true Southern culinary experience.

Best Spa Experience: Relache Spa at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee

From the moment you enter the beautiful glass doors of this spa, you will be pampered from head to toe by the courteous and friendly staff. Spend time in the sauna, have an incredible hot stone massage, enjoy a manicure and pedicure, then relax by the pool (indoor or outdoor) with a mint julep for the perfect day of indulgence.

Best Resort: Barnsley Gardens Resort in Adairsville, Georgia

Drive through the gates of this marvelous resort only about an hour north of Atlanta and you will feel as if you have arrived in paradise. With charming, individual cottages, an inviting freshwater pool, a small but lovely spa and an incredible array of activities from horseback riding to archery, you will enjoy every minute. Have dinner at the Rice House Restaurant where they specialize in locally sourced ingredients, and be sure to try the fried lobster appetizer—incomparable!

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After a lifetime of travel, Jan Ross can pack a bag and hit the road with very little notice, although she will always have a little black dress and some snazzy shoes in there. She loves to travel with her husband of more than 35 years as he is a great photographer and she is often way too busy having fun to think about taking pictures. Active travel or relaxing, she is up for it all!

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