

# VIA ROAD TRIP

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In a world that was shuttered by the pandemic, anxiety about traveling ANYWHERE reached a peak. Necessary business trips were undertaken with considerable apprehension. Journeys people once took for sheer pleasure looked threatening and dangerous, even irresponsible. Even with the dread that may accompany it, travel is a liberation. The things and places and people we love have been out there all this time and now we are no longer chained at home with a leg-iron.

It's comforting to be vaccinated and to go where everyone else is vaccinated, too; but there are ways to regulate trips to places where vaccines are less available and still stay safe while ensuring you don't become a super-spreader yourself. Travelers can avoid crowded settings, wear masks and dine outside in places where the climate allows them to do so.

As the virus comes under control, we will set forth with renewed vigor. The entire world is before us. We may start with wandering steps; slow, cautiously and uncertainly. But think of it. A year ago, many of us feared to venture any farther than the grocery store; now we are given back a whole planet to explore, however gingerly. The travel boom of 2021 has started. After more than a year of going nowhere, we're all now yearning to go somewhere.

### ENJOY THE TRIP -- IT'S WELL DESERVED!



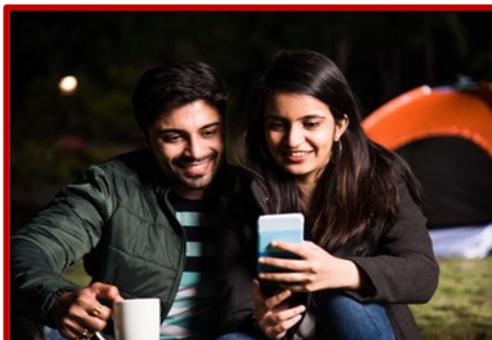
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### TRAVEL FORECAST 2021

*AMERICANS WILL TAKE TO THE  
OPEN ROAD*

*excerpted from USA TODAY TRAVEL, MAY 2021*

In a survey of over 10,000 Americans, USA Today found that Americans have plans of increased travel this year. What's surprising is that most people (76%) are planning to travel more than they did in 2019. The difference from two years ago is that travelers' values and priorities are shifting—focusing on safety, cost-effectiveness and more accommodating travel options.

A majority of respondents (63%) said they'd feel safer traveling in an RV, bus or car as opposed to flying. Of people planning to travel by road, 61% plan to travel over 500 miles and 34% plan to travel closer to home (100 to 400 miles).

Increased road travel will provide more opportunities for Americans to visit states and areas they might not have otherwise. The most popular states that will be visited in RVs, buses and cars in 2021 are anticipated to be California, Florida, Arizona, Texas and Oregon.



# POST-COVID FAMILY TRAVEL

## Where to Go and What to Do

The phrase "family vacation" might sound like an oxymoron—especially after spending more than a year in very close quarters. (Thanks, 2020!) But there are plenty of places that offer fun for the whole family, even as we still navigate travel restrictions and social distancing requirements associated with COVID-19. Here are some suggestions for creating memories and having fun, post-COVID.

One of the most time-tested family vacation ideas, a theme park vacation is a surefire way to delight everyone in your family. California's Disneyland, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, California's Great America, Knott's Berry Farm and Universal Studios have all reopened (with restrictions, of course) just in time for summer fun.

For many people, there's no better idea of a family vacation than a week or more at the beach. You can take your pick of sunny beaches in California. For family beach getaways Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk combines theme park amusements with beach fun; Pismo Beach and Morro Bay have the big waves for surfing activities; and Malibu, Newport and Oceanside beaches combine shopping, sun and fun.

Dubbed "America's Best Idea," the country's national parks are also one of the best family vacation ideas anywhere in the U.S. From California to Arizona, national parks such as Yosemite and Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest and Death Valley, provide some of the best scenic views and wilderness experiences in the world. Reservations may be required, so visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) for more information.

What makes a road trip one of the best family trips isn't just the scenery or wherever your ultimate destination may be. It's also a chance to spend hours at a time together—in the car, at roadside attractions, at rest stops and restaurants. Telling bad jokes, playing car games, forcing your kids to listen to "real music" for a change: It's all part of building memories they'll remember when they have their own kids.

Summer vacations this year might mean staying a little closer to home. Creating the perfect staycation for your backyard will guarantee the kids will have a good time and want to be repeat guests each summer. Backyard games, s'mores, and sleeping bags give your family the tools you need to reconnect while camping out on your next backyard staycation.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT Fleet Maintenance

Maintenance is a big part of choosing the right charter bus company. It's an aspect you never want to have to think about while you're on your journey. A big part of any trip is making sure everything is working properly and you and your group are safe.

Passenger safety is our number one priority. VIA's maintenance team averages 15.4 years of industry experience. Their "behind-the-scenes" role in operations is vital to the success of our company. Our meticulous maintenance processes reflect our commitment to providing safe and reliable services to our customers. We will always take every effort to make sure that the passengers on board our vehicles are afforded with the necessary level of care and attention that they deserve.

We are proud of our maintenance team and confident that they will always keep our equipment running safely on the road each and every day. Because of them, your trip is worry-free!

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