

Hidden European Destinations to Visit This Summer

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Looking for an unforgettable European getaway? Explore under-the-radar destinations like Dhermi, Albania, and Namur, Belgium.

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Americans plan to spend over \$452 billion on summer travel this year, with 117 million travelers who anticipate spending \$3,861 on average, for trip expenses.

That's according to a NerdWallet survey, which also found that about 30% of those travelers are still in debt from the trips they took last year.

If you're headed to Europe, you might be able to avoid the crowds and still get a rewarding experience from some of these lesser-known destinations recommended by the travel site [European Best Destinations](#):

Dhermi, Albania

Dhermi is a charming Mediterranean hidden treasure on the Albanian Riviera with azure waters and breathtaking beaches where you can enjoy swimming, snorkeling or paddleboarding. Wander the hillside village with its traditional stone houses, stunning sea views and historic churches.

Riga, Latvia

Riga combines historic charm with a modern, vibrant atmosphere, making it a favorite for globetrotters seeking a unique and inspiring destination. Known as the "Paris of the North," Riga offers a rich blend of art, culture, innovation and world-class gastronomy.

Ålesund, Norway

This coastal gem is celebrated for its unique Art Nouveau architecture, dramatic

landscapes and vibrant maritime culture. Nestled between fjords and mountains, Ålesund offers an unforgettable mix of natural wonders and cultural charm.

Namur, Belgium

A city experiencing a true renaissance, Namur is evolving into one of the most dynamic and forward-thinking destinations in Europe. Namur is now a thriving hub of innovation, sustainability and culture, attracting both travelers and investors looking for a city on the rise.

Antipaxos, Greece

The pristine paradise of Antipaxos is a hidden gem in Greece where turquoise waters, untouched charm and serene luxury await. Wander scenic trails through olive groves and vineyards and indulge in the island's renowned wines and fresh seafood at the seaside taverna with stunning views.

Other places to consider include:

- Monaco
 - Dubrovnik & Cavtat, Croatia
 - Olhao, Portugal
 - Bath, U.K.
 - Istanbul
 - Ascona, Switzerland
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