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16 Best Places to Travel in September 2024

Here are the best places to travel in September in the United States and around the world.

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Ready to plan a last-minute summer getaway or an early fall vacation? We've got you covered. We selected 16 of the best places to travel in September, based on my personal favorites and some local insights. September is the start of a broader "shoulder season," when school has begun and therefore most vacations have ended. Fewer crowds (and lower prices) make this a great time to travel to European destinations like Norway, Greece, and Italy, while exciting festivals and events offer plenty to do closer to home in North Carolina and Colorado.

Santorini, Greece



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After the bustling summer season, visitor numbers will taper off in September, but the sea and the weather are still warm, and restaurants and hotels are open at least through the month. Known for gorgeous sunsets, Santorini has been called the most Instagrammable Greek Island, although every island boasts an abundance of photogenic places. Stunning resorts are also numerous, and T+L readers voted for several Santorini resorts in the 2023 World's Best Awards. Whether you enjoy Santorini on land with a walking tour, from the Aegean with a sunset cruise, or in a restaurant sipping local wines, you'll find many ways to appreciate Santorini in September.

Where to Stay: World's Best Awards winner Andronis Luxury Suites features private infinity pools. Andronis Concept Wellness Resort offers 28 recently renovated suites and villas. World's Best Awards winner Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection's guest rooms, suites, and villas come with heated plunge pools. The Santo Collection offers two new four-bedroom luxury villas.