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It's that time of year again — school is out and you're headed on your ultimate summer vacation. Whether you're traveling with friends, family, a partner or solo, these 10 affordable summer destinations won't disappoint. They may even leave you some extra money to save — or spend while you're exploring the world.

Some general tips for affordable summer destinations: Travel on Tuesday or Wednesday for the cheapest fares; July 9 is considered the most expensive day to fly of the summer; airfare to Europe is cheaper than ever this summer.

### **Poland**

Summer is the perfect time to explore everything Poland has to offer. Whether you're experiencing Krakow's music and film festivals or Wroclaw's Market Square, cheap airfare and comfortable weather will make this affordable summer destination worth the longer flight.

*Why it's a steal:* Round-trip flights from major U.S. East Coast cities are around \$700 for summer, according to Airfarewatchdog. Since summer is peak season, this is quite the deal for trans-Atlantic travel.

Visitors can enjoy inexpensive nightly hotel rates thanks to the favorable exchange rate. Look at DoubleTree Hotel Wroclaw, [Hilton Garden Inn Krakow](#) or H15 Boutique in Warsaw — all which have average nightly rates below \$150 for summer.

*Don't miss:* Whether it's the capital Warsaw or the Baltic city of Gdansk, Poland is earning itself a spot on many bucket lists this summer.

Notable summer events include the midsummer tradition [Wianki Festival](#), [Gdnask Shakespeare Festival](#) and the popular [Live Music Festival](#) in Krakow.