



UNFAMILIAR Destinations

**68 Unfamiliar
Destinations In The
United States That Are
Worth Visiting**
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Introduction

It's my birthday today, May 31 and on my birthday, I like to give the gifts :-).

Oftentimes, we forget about the small places right in our own backyards.

I think it's 'cause its sexy to travel internationally and far away. I'm just as guilty as you perhaps are in this respect.

In 2017, I started to document daily, cities/towns/places that are not often visited. Actually, it turned out that it was a chronicle of many of my travels as I've been to all the places.

I came up with 365 for the entire year and documented them at www.UnfamiliarDestinations.com.

There are 68 of these that are in the United States. This volume documents these 68 places.

I hope you will find them interesting and hope that you will visit them at some point very soon.

Have a wonderful day.

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68 Unfamiliar Destinations In The U.S. That's Worth Exploring

How The Information Is Laid Out For Each City

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1. 45th Parallel Marker, Torch Lake, Michigan USA

The 45th parallel is the half way point between the equator and the north pole. Not many people have seen this point on the earth and some of the ones who have, have just driven over the latitudinal line without even noticing it.

2. Kermit, Texas USA

This town is the name that people call me all the time, so naturally when I was in New Mexico and saw a sign leading to it, I had to follow it. The town is actually more famous than you think as its named after Kermit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the U.S. Not much to see here, but its cool to visit a town with such a name.

3. JAL, New Mexico USA

JAL, New Mexico is a really tiny town that you can explore while getting to know New Mexico. It's pretty small, not much to do there and you can take a photo with the tiger at the beginning of town.

4. Portland, Maine USA

If you've been to Portland, Oregon, then you definitely must visit Portland, Maine as the only thing in common the two cities have is the name Portland. Enjoy what New England has to offer in Portland, Maine.

5. Reno, Nevada USA

Most will go to Las Vegas, Nevada for gambling, however, Reno, Nevada USA has just as good gambling and a few other things to see as well.

6. Seward, Alaska USA

Seward, Alaska is famous for being the cruise ship port. It does however have a few things to see including a glacier which you can actually walk on. Check it out when you visit.

7. Hood River, Oregon USA

This place is cool. It sits on the edge of the beautiful Columbia River that separates Oregon from Washington state. It has great wines and the views are pretty amazing. Yup, it's worth visiting.

8. Unclaimed Baggage, Scottsboro, Alabama USA

When your luggage does not make it on your flight, and does not link up with you ever again. After 90 days alone, it heads to Unclaimed Baggage, Scottsboro, Alabama USA.

9. Multnomah Falls, Oregon USA

Oregon has some natural beauties as you explore the state and quite a few of them are waterfalls, the Multnomah Falls, Oregon is one of them. You'll see what I mean once you make it there. It takes your breath away.

10. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA

Well, it is the home of Liberty Bell. It's also one of the characters in the Rocky movies and it is the hometown of Patti Labelle. Plus it has a ton of history as well as being the capital of the nation at one point.

11. Augusta, Maine USA

Augusta Maine is worth visiting as it is the capital of the state and it's always worth it to see the State Capitol building. Plus you must have some chowder as that's a favorite food in the New England states.

12. The Staten Island Ferry, New York USA

The Staten Island Ferry plies between Staten Island and New York City in the U.S. It's free and a great way to see New York City from the waters surrounding it, plus you get an amazing view of the Statue of Liberty.

13. Southern California Logistics Airport, Victorville, California USA

This is one of the places airplanes go to die. It's also a place where modifications are done to airplanes and also testing is done with new airplane engines. So that means if you love aviation or just want to see old planes, its worth a visit.

14. Zzyzx Road, California USA

Just so you can pronounce it. I saw this on the map and wondered what its all about. I was real impressed once I got there. And yes, its a real place with its own ZIP code. You should heard Google Maps pronounce it :-).

15. St. Paul, Minnesota USA

St. Paul is that other city in the Minneapolis/St. Paul moniker. It's the twin city as most know it. Actually for years I figured it was one place called Minneapolis/St. Paul rather than two very vibrant cities which they are indeed.

16. Fort Myers, Florida USA

You don't hear much about this town, but you'd be surprised when you visit to see what it has to offer. Two famous people lived right across the street from each other in this town; Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. And you can visit their estate when you visit.

17. Springfield, Missouri USA

I don't think many people go to Springfield, Missouri and I'm not sure why. It's a small town with what looks like a vibrant downtown area in the stages of early development. It's a University town which has beautiful buildings so its worth seeing in a small town US sense of the word.

18. Sanibel Island, Florida USA

Be notified when a new unfamiliar destination is added. Why This island is actually quite popular by the locals in the surrounding areas, but still not so familiar with others. Its really a beautiful...

19. San Xavier, Arizona USA

Just want to be somewhere different? Check out this Indian Reservation as it has a lot to offer.

20. Mojave Air and Space Port, California USA

If you're an airline junkie, then you have to visit the Mojave Spaceport at some point. If nothing else but to see the airplanes that have been mothballed there. The drive alone up there is totally worth it too.

21. Palm Springs, California United States

This city sits in the desert. Its pretty cool to see it too as there is a huge mountain on one side of the city and the plains in which the city is built right next to it. I'm always amazed at how it all works whenever I visit. It's pretty dry and hot out here, but yet still there are beautiful golf courses, well manicured lawns and then bone dry desert right next door. The combination of all this is worth seeing for yourself.

22. Jefferson City, Missouri USA

Jefferson City, Missouri USA is a university town (Lincoln University) located in the Midwest of the country. With a vibrant downtown and many historic buildings, its worthwhile visiting. It is also the state capital, so you can explore the Capitol Building which is just next to the Missouri River. Plus its got an old prison you can visit too.

23. Montgomery, Texas USA

This is the birthplace of the Texas flag, so if you want to learn a piece of Texas history, stop by.

24. Indianapolis, Indiana USA

Indianapolis, Indiana, Circle City, is the 10th largest city in the U.S. it is also home to the Indianapolis 500 car race.

25. Anchorage, Alaska USA

I think that most people don't really spend time in Anchorage. They land and head to the cruise ship port in Seward or head up to Denali, but don't really explore the city itself. So its time...

26. Long Beach Airport, Long Beach, California USA

You are perhaps wondering why an airport is an unfamiliar destination. Well, this airport still has the same terminal from the early 1940s. The only other one I know of with a similar 1940s design is at Hobby-Airport, but that terminal is now a museum. The one in Long Beach is still in use!

27. National Harbor, Fort Washington, Maryland USA

This area sits just outside of Washington D.C. and you more than likely have never been there although you've perhaps been to the nation's capital city. It's a whole different experience when you visit, plus you see the span of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and enjoy the attractions.

28. Santa Clara, California USA

Santa Clara, the small town next to the large city of San Jose. See, you've perhaps been to San Jose, but never Santa Clara, right? It sits in the heart of Silicon Valley and actually has a few things to do that will surprise you. You should next time you are in the area.

29. Hotel El Convento, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

It's not every day you get to visit a convent. Albeit one that's not been a convent since 1903. Take a look at Hotel El Convento when next in San Juan.

30. Providence, Rhode Island USA

Providence is the state capital of Rhode Island. The architecture alone makes this city which sits on the rivers worth visiting.

31. Everett, Washington USA

Everett is a quiet coastal town which is home to the Boeing company. But it has more to offer than the Boeing plant and its tours as an attraction. With its huge coastline you can enjoy amazing views, great seafood and great cool weather. Not to mention the smell of pines.

32. Pawtucket, Rhode Island USA

I happened upon the charm of Pawtucket, Rhode Island while driving through Rhode Island. It's pretty amazing what you see when you turn off the main road.

33. Pier 14, San Francisco, California USA

Pier 14 is just a pier that's just not well visited in San Francisco. Most people go to the Ferry Terminal Building and walk to the other piers in the area and ignore pier 14. Don't.

34. Mukilteo, Washington USA

The coastal town of Mukilteo, Washington is one of the many hidden gems of Washington State.

35. Seven Magic Mountains, South Las Vegas, Nevada USA

The Seven Magic Mountains is located just outside of Las Vegas, Nevada USA. You can see it from the highway (I-15). Pretty cool to see. Go check it out.

36. Catedral de San Juan Bautista, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

This Cathedral is mostly frequented by locals. My cab driver told me about this gem that is not on the radar of most visitors to Old San Juan.

37. Warwick, Rhode Island USA

Most go to Providence and Newport, Rhode Island USA try Warwick next time.

38. Puerta De San Juan, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

A visit to Old San Juan in Puerto Rico must be accompanied by a visit to the Puerta De San Juan (Gates of San Juan).

39. Sacramento, California USA

Gold Rush and railways and the state capital; head to Sacramento, California USA for it all.

40. Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse, Maine USA

If you want to see one of the more beautiful sights in the state of Maine then check out the Bass Harbor Lighthouse.

41. Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, Seattle, Washington USA

I've been to Seattle many times and you may have as well. But have you made it to see the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks. You should.

42. Salt Lake City, Utah USA

This city is very beautiful and worth visiting if nothing else to experience other cultures, people, beer and religion.

43. Kennebunkport, Maine USA

I never thought about this place beyond the fact that an ex-U.S. President had a vacation home here. But its really worth visiting this tiny town in the New England part of the U.S.

44. Minneapolis, Minnesota USA

Minneapolis is not one of those places you say, let's visit. However, if you do you'll have a great experience.

45. Montgomery, Alabama USA

The city of Montgomery, Alabama is the capital of the state of Alabama in the U.S. It has a tremendous amount of history just waiting to be told and explored. Go!

46. Point Roberts, Washington USA

Point Roberts is actually located in the U.S., but you can only access it by road from Canada.

47. Luckenbach, Texas USA

If you want to visit a town with a population of three, then check out Luckenbach, Texas.

48. Huntsville, Alabama USA

Most would not think to visit Alabama at all. I suggest you consider Huntsville, Alabama and then move from there.

49. Manchester, New Hampshire USA

Manchester, New Hampshire is a pretty quiet town in the New England states in the U.S.

50. Sausalito, California USA

Sausalito, California is that city you see across the way from Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, but never end up going over there. Just cross the Golden Gate Bridge and turn right.

51. Portsmouth, New Hampshire USA

Portsmouth, New Hampshire USA is a pretty amazing coastal town in the New England part of the U.S. It's worth a visit.

52. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Pittsburgh has long since shaken its steel persona.

53. McMinnville, Oregon USA

This area is dedicated to wines as its part of the Portland Wine Region in the Willamette Valley.

54. Yoder, Kansas USA

Yoder, Kansas is the center of the Amish settlers in Kansas. It's a really tiny town though.

55. Hutchinson, Kansas USA

Hutchinson, KS USA is a quiet town in the midwest with salt. Yes, salt, lots of it. It's more than likely where your salt on your table comes from as Morton is based there.

56. Birmingham, Alabama USA

Birmingham, Alabama is rich with the Civil Rights Movement History. Take a visit to experience it for yourself.

57. Fredericksburg, Texas USA

A taste of Germany in Texas is Fredericksburg, Texas.

58. Fairbanks, Alaska USA

You don't have to go to Iceland to see the Northern Lights, you can see them in this unfamiliar destination, Fairbanks, Alaska USA.

59. Guam, Time To Visit The Island

Guam is not a place where most Americans head although it is easier than most imagine, but it is far away from the U.S. mainland. Plus when you return you go back in time.

60. Buffalo, New York USA

Buffalo, New York USA is the home of Buffalo Wing; just one reason to visit.

61. Santa Fe, New Mexico USA

Hobbs, New Mexico. A place to enjoy some time out of the big city.

62. Tucson, Arizona USA

Tucson a mix of desert and aviation geekery. Either way, its worth visiting.

63. Bryan/College Station, Texas USA

Bryan/College Station is a college town in Texas with a Presidential Library. Check it out.

64. San Antonio, Texas USA

Come check out San Antonio, TX, the home of the Alamo.

65. Hobbs, New Mexico USA

Hobbs, New Mexico. A place to enjoy some time out of the big city.

66. Houston, Texas USA

The 4th largest city in the U.S. is usually not one of the places that comes to mind when you think of visiting a U.S. city, but it should

67. The Bronx, New York USA

The Bronx, not the first place you think of when you visit New York, but its worth visiting.

68. Waco, Texas USA

Waco, Texas, yup, its a pretty place. You should check it out.

There you have it, 68 places, you've perhaps never even heard about or visited. Have you been to any of them?