

# America the Beautiful: Hit the Road to Discover These Historic Sites

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Answer the call to the open road this fall.

America has it all—mountains, grasslands, beaches and deserts. There's no end to the picturesque gorgeousness that stretches across approximately 2,800 miles from east coast to west coast. Not only is America beautiful, it's full of fun and educational historic sites—some off the beaten path and some you've heard about. Here's a look at why you should add these historically significant destinations to your list.

## **Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia**

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For a slice of authentic American history, the 18th-century city of Colonial Williamsburg is a must-see. As the world's largest living history museum, this historic town features two art museums, four taverns, hands-on activities and guided tours. History suddenly seems more

real when you take a carriage ride, visit with actual tradespeople working with 18th-century tools and methods in the town's shops, shoot a musket and stroll around original buildings. **Stay in the historic Williamsburg area to make the most of your visit.**

## Shanghai Tunnels, Portland, Oregon

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Underneath Portland's Old Downtown lies the stuff of legends. The Shanghai Tunnels, passages that stories say once stretched for miles underneath the city, are dubbed thus for the common mid-19th-century practice of kidnapping and selling able-bodied men to ship captains. You can decide for yourself whether the stories are true by taking a tour and listening to the captivating oral history of the tunnels. **Earn Radisson Rewards points in downtown Portland so you can maximize that unique local vibe.**

## Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida

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Though historically speaking space travel is relatively new, a visit to the Kennedy Space Center can give you a vast appreciation for the history and imagination behind it. The center's attractions are organized chronologically, from space pioneers to current missions. You can also go to launch sites, see artifacts from moon landings, view the Atlantis space shuttle and even experience what a shuttle launch is like. **Book a hotel on Cape Canaveral so you can also easily swing over to the renowned Cocoa Beach.**

## Historic Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Established in the early 1800s, this National Historic Landmark hosts field trips, group tours, storytelling, military reenactments, exhibits and seasonal events. While there, you can also stop by Fort Snelling National Cemetery, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Other landmark sites in the area include St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center and Lock and Dam, Mill City Museum, Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery, Hennepin History Museum and the Bell Museum. **If you stay near the famed Mall of America, not only will you have oodles of shops and eateries to choose from, Historic Fort Snelling is a quick 10-minute drive away.**

## Page, Arizona

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There are quite a few breathtaking historical sites near this cozy small town in northern Arizona. Among them are The Navajo Village Heritage Center, Lees Ferry and the Powell Museum. And while you're at it, check out nearby Horseshoe Bend, the Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Glen Canyon, Lake Powell and Antelope Canyon. **Traveling with your loved one? Ask your hotel about romantic getaway packages for an unforgettable vacation.**

**Whether you're road-tripping or checking these destinations off the list one by one,**

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