

5 LOW-HASSLE VACATIONS



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The best trips don't require ten-mile hikes or red-eye layovers. These five vacation styles deliver scenery, culture, and comfort — without the crowds, stairs, or stress. Each one is handpicked for travelers who want adventure at a gentler, more civilized pace.

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European River Cruising

DANUBE · RHINE · DOURO

Unpack once and float past castles, vineyards, and medieval towns. Small ships (under 150 guests), step-free decks, and English-speaking guides. Everything included.

Best time to go: May–June or September–October

02

American National Park Train Tours

GLACIER · GRAND CANYON · YELLOWSTONE

See the West's greatest parks from a vintage rail car — no driving, no altitude hikes, no packing and unpacking. Guided stops at every lodge. Majestic scenery every mile.

Best time to go: Late May through early October

03

Accessible All-Inclusive Caribbean

TURKS & CAICOS · ARUBA · BARBADOS

Flat resorts, beach wheelchairs, and one price for everything. Choose properties with senior-friendly certification and accessible rooms with grab bars and roll-in showers.

Best time to go: December–April (dry season)

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Small-Ship Coastal Cruising

ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE · MAINE COAST · PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Boutique ships (under 100 passengers) dock at small ports bigger ships can't reach. Slower pace, naturalist guides, and farm-to-table dining onboard every night.

Best time to go: June through September

05

Escorted Cultural Tours

ITALY · JAPAN · PORTUGAL

Let someone else handle every logistic. Groups of 12–20, private motorcoaches, no-stair hotels, and guides who carry your bags. Tour operators: Tauck, Road Scholar, or Collette.

Best time to go: April–May or September–October