

Cancun, Mexico Tops List of Holiday Destinations Most Visited by Americans

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Ever wondered where exactly Americans go on holiday? US travel company Expedia has published a list of the top ten cities (outside the US) that Americans travel to on their holidays with Mexico's Cancun taking the top spot and London coming second.

The top 10 consists of #10 Nassau, Bahamas, #9 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, #8 Barcelona, Spain, #7 Montego Bay, Jamaica, #6 Rome, Italy, #5 Toronto, Canada, #4 Paris, France, #3 San Juan, Puerto Rico, #2 London, England and #1 Cancun, Mexico.

While it's no surprise to see European hotspots like Paris and Rome in the list, 6 of the 10 destinations are elsewhere in North America, 4 of which are Caribbean Islands. Of course, for Americans traveling abroad, destinations like Jamaica and Puerto Rico provide a change of scenery and tropical sun without flying too far afield. All the destinations on the list are from either North America of Europe.

Flights from the US to the most visited destination of Cancun, Mexico are (comparatively) short and cheap and Expedia notes that its 14 miles of beaches and carnival-style nightlife make it a popular party destination for students every Spring Break. Expedia cites the Playa Tortugas and Playa Delfines beaches, Mayan Ruins and Coco Bongo superclub as must-visit attractions for first time visitors.

London is also extremely popular with US visitors, with placing second on the list. Though the English capital is a popular destination in its own right, Expedia notes that many US visitors use it as a gateway to Europe, stopping there for a day or two to see the sights before traveling further afield to cities like Barcelona, Rome and Paris. Expedia singles out Royal highlights like Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Tower of London, alongside The British Museum and the West End as must-visit destinations for Americans visiting the city for the first time. It also picks the Tate Modern, The London Eye and the city's East End nightlife as must-visits for returning travelers.

Expedia got their list by analysing the hotels and flights that their US customers book to destinations outside the States.

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