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The Best Places to Visit in February for Couples: Weather & Travel Guide

Escape the winter weather or escape to a winter wonderland—either way, you'll be in heaven.

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December and January may be the happiest times of the year, but between family travel, gift-giving and end-of-year scrambles at work, they can also be the most stressful. That makes February a great time to travel. And the best places to visit in February can help you both recuperate from a busy month and build excitement for the year ahead.

Wanderlust seekers eager to escape the winter blues will want to consider a February vacation to warm destinations like the sun-kissed beaches of St. Barts or coastal wineries of Santa Barbara. But cold and cooler-weather destinations are also at their peak, as February is the best month to travel to remote regions like Patagonia. No matter what travel trends you usually follow, you'll find that the best countries to visit in February celebrate everything from culture and outdoor adventure to annual festivals. While there's rarely a bad place to go on vacation, the 10 destinations below highlight some of the very best places to visit in February for an enviable winter getaway.

St. Barts

If you're looking for the best places to travel in February to live like a VIP for a few days, it's hard to think of an island more fitting than St. Barthelemy, i.e. St. Barts. While lodging and food on the island are quite pricey year round,

February is less expensive than December and January—which are high season on the island—and less crowded than March, which hosts several regatta festivals.

You can reach St. Barts on a 35-minute ferry ride from St. Martin, making it surprisingly accessible among exclusive Caribbean islands. And since every beach on the island is both free and public, you can spend your days relaxing in the sun without dropping a dime. (You'll want to save those dimes for Le Sereno, Bonito or one of the island's many other in-demand restaurants, anyway.)

Things to Do: St. Barts beaches are all public, so if you rent a car, you'll be able to visit gorgeous shorelines like Shell Beach, Combier Beach and Saline Beach. Hikers should find the trail to the gorgeous natural pools (called the Grand Fond, near Saline Beach) and those who prefer to lounge in the sun should snag a day pass at beach clubs like [Le Barthelemy](#) or Gyp Sea Beach Club. Fortunately, St. Barts has perfect warm honeymoon weather basically year-round.