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10 Insanely Affordable Spring Destinations



Is a spring getaway in the cards for you? These budget options are best visited March through May.

The Best Spring Destinations on a Budget

From a recovering Caribbean island chain to spring skiing at a famous mountain, these 10 spring destinations are wallet-friendly this year.

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El Salvador



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While many travelers tend to overlook this small Central American country due to safety concerns, it offers over 186 miles of coastline, is extremely affordable for Americans, and can still be a safe destination to visit.

Why It's a Steal: The country recently converted to U.S. currency, so you don't have to worry about any exchange rates here. For those worried about safety, consider taking a group tour, like the [Best of El Salvador](#) with [Intrepid Travel](#) (again, offering up to 20 percent off bookings made in March). The tour includes all accommodations, a private minibus, and some meals and activities.

For those looking to go at it alone, hotels in the capital city of San Salvador, like the [Sheraton Presidente](#), are under \$150 per night. Or you can stay in a beach town like El Tunco at [Boca Olas Resort Villas](#) for under \$160, and even a coffee plantation at [Hotel Mision de Angeles](#) for under \$110.

Flights are cheap over spring break, with three new direct flights (a total of 14 direct options from North America) from Los Angeles, New York, and Houston. Rates for a round-trip flight during these months average around \$350 to \$400 round-trip from Los Angeles, Boston, and D.C., Newark, and New York City.

Don't Miss: El Salvador is home to 25 volcanoes and 14 lakes, with three distinct regions to explore. On Intrepid's tour you can take a city tour of San Salvador, visit the famous *Joya de Ceren* (also known as the "Pompeii of the Americas") archeological site, and travel along the *Ruta de las Flores*—a route of colonial and indigenous villages. Other inexpensive El Salvador tourist activities include hiking the Santa Ana volcano, visiting a coffee plantation, taking an indigo workshop, and surfing along the famous Pacific Coastline.

Editor's Note: The U.S. Department of State lists [El Salvador as a level three travel risk](#) due to crime. If you're planning a trip to El Salvador make sure to exercise caution.

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