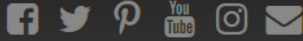


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# 15 Best (and Safest!) Places to Travel Alone

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Traveling alone lets you set your own pace, visit exactly where you want, explore off-the-beaten-paths, and meet locals along the way. These destinations are as safe as they are exciting and fun to visit.

## Montreal



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Although pretty much everywhere in Canada is great for traveling alone—it's a safe country, easy to navigate, and shares a common language with the United States—Montreal is an especially great destination for solo travelers. It's close to the U.S. (less than an hour's flight from most of the northeast and accessible via direct flights from many American airports), but it also has an exotic flair, providing a kind of French immersion without having to cross the Atlantic. Though Montreal is officially a French city, almost everybody is fluently bilingual in both French and English. This means American visitors can find themselves in a fairly European-style destination, surrounded by the sites and sounds of French culture, but they can always communicate in English as needed. Montreal is a very walkable destination, but the public transportation is also easy to navigate, including buses, subways, and a public bike system, Bixi. The city offers the charm of Old Montreal, along with some of the best food in North America, great museums, incredible fashion, fantastic street art, and much more. There's lots to experience for free and overall it's a pretty affordable destination. A great city for the solo traveler!