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## 10 US College Towns Worth Visiting Even If You Don't Have a Kid There

*Plus, everything to do, see, eat and where to stay while you're there*

Whether you're a football fanatic, arts aficionado or are always on the lookout for a charming, new-to-you city to explore, college towns have so much to offer in terms of culture, hospitality and quintessential American charm. The following destinations not only make excellent day trips from your favorite major city, but are also worthy of a long weekend getaway, no matter if it's the home of your alma mater or greatest sports rival. This list offers a small taste of the many idyllic college towns peppered across the U.S. that are widely considered some of the best for their beauty, picturesque downtowns dotted with local businesses and amenities beyond the campus boundaries.



### Charlottesville, Virginia

Home to the only university in the U.S. to receive a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation (The University of Virginia), Charlottesville promises natural and historic beauty at every turn. Plus, the area has a thriving wine scene that can be traced back to Thomas Jefferson's aspirations to produce old-world varietals at his famed residence, Monticello. It's also a great destination for golfers, art enthusiasts and hikers seeking an enthusiast's getaway from spring through early winter.

**Where to Stay:** Don't miss the chance to stay at the recently reimagined [Keswick Hall](#), complete with a Jean-Georges outpost, Pete Dye-designed golf course and luxe estate rooms and suites. Warning: You'll be tempted to stay on property all weekend long.