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From our favourite UK spots to tropical destinations, these are our favourite destinations for a springtime escape

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As winter comes to an end and we tentatively pack our bulky coats away, our minds turn to where we'll be soaking up the sun on our spring holidays. Where to go on holiday between the months of March and May depends on exactly what you seek from a trip. Are you ready to don the swimwear on [Portugal's best beaches](#) as things heat up? Feast along [Paris' streets](#) with a chic jacket over your shoulder until the sun sets and things get nippier? That said, the sun's not for everyone, and there's no judgment if you're craving a few extra chilly days under billowy duvets – consider checking out a Norwegian cabin if that's the case. From long-haul adventures on Africa's tip to the best places for short-haul sun, this is where to go on holiday this spring, according to our expert editors.



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I'm a country girl at heart, but if I had to commit to spending one season in the city for the rest of my life, it would be spring. Though it's my favourite time of year in London and Paris, there's something extra special about the blossom-dusted streets of Manhattan come the end of April showers.

Whether you're taking a moment to listen to a saxophonist under Whisper Bench Tunnel in Central Park, catching rays of sun with a San Ambroeus cappuccino in Nolita's Elizabeth Street sculpture garden, or wandering down Fifth Avenue or through the West Village under a canopy of magnolias, every corner of the city feels reborn. It's also arguably the best season (and city) to dress for: boots and loafers, twilly scarves and ponchos, cable knits and light cardigans all coexist comfortably. The downtown designer sample sales are the perfect opportunity to stock up on those florals between bopping down SoHo's cobblestones and grabbing a slice of pizza at the nearest joint.

Where to stay: With its kooky design and tucked-away but if-you-know-you-know feel, [The Mark](#) on the Upper East Side is a stone's throw from Central Park and a no-brainer for those after a smart boutique hotel stay. I'm also jonesing to stay at [Fouquet's](#) in Tribeca, which – alongside its own restaurant that nods to its century-old counterpart in Paris – is a ten-minute walk from the best dining spots in the neighbourhood, like Frenchette and the Odeon. The rooms already fulfil my *toile de jouy* dreams, and that rooftop looks straight out of *Gossip Girl*.

