

Escape the winter blues: 10 must-visit summer destinations in the Southern Hemisphere

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As a Southern Hemisphere dweller, living just eight-odd degrees south of the equator in Bali, Indonesia, I highly recommend venturing southward during these months for warm temperatures, natural wonders and world-class hospitality. Here are 10 of the best places to start planning a trip for next year during summer in the Southern Hemisphere, aka America's winter.

Jose Ignacio, Uruguay



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As in-the-know beach towns go, Jose Ignacio is one of the coolest. The windswept Uruguayan paradise is a hot ticket in the festive season of the country's summer and just beyond. In fact, much of the former fishing village is closed for the rest of the year. But when it's open for business, it's something special (think: yoga, gallery shopping and long alfresco beachside lunches by day with even longer dinners under the stars accompanied by abundant wine from nearby producers, such as Bodega Garzon). Foodies should be sure to journey to chef Francis Mallmann's romantic Restaurante Garzon, while design fiends should take a short drive to the seaside city of Punta del Este.

TPG tip: The 49-room Bahia Vik Jose Ignacio has everything you might need to enjoy a relaxing beach holiday, but when it's time to explore the rest of town, its complimentary bikes are ready to ride. Rates start at \$500 per night in the summer.