

More and more of us are taking our dogs with us when we go on errands, day trips, and even coast-to-coast excursions. The reasons are simple. People love their pets and consider them members of the family. And it's now easier and more pleasant than ever to travel with your dog.

To help you decide on your next trip we have compiled a list of some of our favorite pet friendly cities and given you some tips on how to get there and what to do. So, Start Packing!

The fUR is flying!

Our Top 5 Travel Destinations

I. MIAMI

Miami is not only home to some of the most beautiful people in the world but it is also an incredibly pet friendly city, as we found out on our trip to this hip vacation spot. (We highly recommend you Do Not visit Miami in the summer...it's just too hot for both man and beast.)

Where to Stay?

Aqua Hotel

1530 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139
305.538.4361

Where the Jetsons meet Jaws on South Beach, Aqua is a new take on the hip hotel formula with sleek silver lines combined with the cool glow of backlit panels. Located in the hub of South Beach and a surfboard away from Lincoln Road Mall, Ocean Drive, the spicy nightlife and white sandy beach. We fell madly in love with the staff at the Aqua Hotel. They really love dogs here and will make you and your family feel most welcome.

There's no need to leave your best friend behind for your next getaway to this hot spot. Starting from \$135 per night plus tax and services we think this hotel is a great find. Package includes Welcome Basket for your pet.

Hotel Ocean

1230 Ocean Drive
305.672.2579

Located directly on ocean drive. This hotel offers treats at check-in and turn down. A comfy bed just for your pet and also has dog walkers available for \$19.95 a day. They only request that pets fit inside the elevator

and that pet owners are friendly and well behaved.

Loews Miami Beach Hotel

1601 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach,
Florida 33139
305-604-1601

All well-behaved dogs of any size are welcome. This upscale hotel offers their "Loews Loves Pets" program which includes special pet treats, local dog walking routes, and a list of nearby pet-friendly places to visit. While pets are not allowed in the pool, they are welcome to join you at the side of the pool or at the pool bar. There are no pet fees.

Shop and Eat

The News Cafe' Restaurant

Located on South Beach's famous Ocean Drive, this restaurant stands on one of the best people watching corners you'll ever find. It offers outside dining where you can let your pet rest under the table and staff will offer fresh water. Oh, and they are open 24 hours a day for delicious full course meals snacks or just about anything you might be craving.

Lincoln Road Shops

Miami Beach,

This pedestrian-only street mall in Miami beach will keep you and your pet busy for hours...it boast tons of dog-friendly establishments for eating and shopping. This was one of our favorite places to walk, shop and then sit back and relax for cocktail hour. Most restaurants will bring water for your pup.

Dog Bar

723 N Lincoln Lane, Miami Beach
(305) 532-5654 • www.dogbar.com

While in Miami you absolutely must visit the Dog Bar just off of Lincoln Rd. towards the end of the pedestrian street mall. This is the ultimate in doggie shopping. We loved the 'real' bar lined with ten doggie stools. Here dogs, and cats too, can get everything from gourmet treats to holistically balanced meals.

Bal Harbour Shopping Center

9700 Collins Ave, Miami
305-866-0311

An upscale outdoor shopping center where your dog is welcome in some of the stores and the outdoor restaurants.

Senor Frog's

3008 Grand Ave, Miami
305-448-0999

This patio restaurant is in the Coconut Grove area of Miami and offers a wonderful Mexican menu and a relaxing spot to enjoy. Be sure to try the fried ice-cream!

What to do?

Club Nautica

4000 Crandon Blvd
Key Biscayne,
Florida 33149
305-361-9217

You can charter any number of fishing boats for a half day or entire day or you can rent a powerboat. How great it would be to boat around Miami with



for you and your pet.

your dog!

Beaches & Parks

South Beach: (Miami Beach)

One of the best beaches in the world. Wide expanses of sand and surf with a long extensive and highly active boardwalk. Dogs are allowed on the boardwalk and along Ocean Drive during the day but are allowed on the beach only around sun down. Technically they are not allowed on the beach at any time...but...we heard from the locals that everyone brings their dogs for a beach romp just before sunset or very early in the morning. Still be cautious there have been reports of ticketing even on the boardwalk.

Lummas Park

Ocean Drive
Miami Beach,

This park borders the ocean in the Art Deco district of Miami Beach. Dogs must be leashed in the park

Flamingo Bark Park

Flamingo Park in Miami Beach is a great spot with lots of dogs and general urban activity and great people watching.

Amenities include paved walkways, benches, shade trees, waste dispenser stations, and specially designed drinking and spray fountains for dogs and their owners. Bark Park admission is free.. Flamingo Park closes at midnight, and although the dog runs do not have their own lighting, they benefit from the street lights along Michigan Avenue, giving the Flamingo Bark Park its own SoBe nightlife! The Flamingo Bark Park is on the west end of Flamingo Park, behind the handball courts, with parking and a street entrance at the corner of Michigan Avenue and 14th Street.

Rickenbacker Causeway heading towards Key Biscayne

Although the busy highway often seems to close to the beach, the sandy islands afford a very scenic view of Miami and the bay. Full access for canines is always allowed. This is one of Miami's premiere dog beaches and early beachgoers are blessed with wide expanse of open shallow water to romp .It is best to keep your dog on-leash when not in the water and always bring proof of rabies vaccination when using this park.

Pet Sitters

While Miami has tons of things to do with your dog you simply can't bring them everywhere. Luckily there is no shortage of pet walkers and sitters in the area. One that we can recommend is:

Miami Beach Dog walking and Pet Care

305.389.7204
www.miamibeachdogwalking.com

Their prices are extremely reasonable and walkers are pleasant and professional. Be sure to ask for Aaron and tell him the Animal Print sent you.

2. PORTLAND, ME

If you're looking for a laid back vacation spot look no further than Portland, ME. This is a city just two hours north of Boston. Its 65,000 residents have a secret. If you visit there, you'll be invited to share in the secret. There's no stopping it, and before long you will be enchanted by Portland, Maine. This little city has style, and the area is open and easy on its visitors. It's a place where seagulls

perch on rooftops overlooking shop-lined streets and proud merchants still sweep their sidewalk and greet you as you pass by.

Where to Stay

Eastland Park Hotel

157 High Street, Portland, Maine
888.671.8008 • www.eastlandparkhotel.com

You pamper your pet...and the Eastland Park Hotel will too. This hotel welcomes your family and the family pets from the moment of arrival and throughout their stay.

At check-in your dog or cat will receive their very own welcome amenity. This amenity includes a personalized letter from the General Manager's dog, highlighting all the hot spots around town for your pet to visit during their stay. You will also receive a pet room-service menu offering cooked-to-order items from our kitchen and a water dish made for traveling for you to keep. Felines will enjoy cat treats and a catnip toy. The Eastland's standard pet fee is \$25 per stay.

Inn at St. John

939 Congress Street, Portland, ME
Toll-Free: 800-636-9127
www.innatstjohn.com

The Inn at St. John is a most unique 100-year old Inn noted for its European charm and quiet gentility, centrally located in Portland Maine just a short walk to the Old Port, Waterfront, and Arts District. Take pleasure in tastefully decorated rooms with traditional and antique furnishings. Enjoy complimentary continental breakfast, free parking and value rates. All rooms offer free local calls, cable



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Dogs run foot-loose and fancy free at Camp Unleashed

the outdoor tables

Bice

158 E. Ontario Street, Chicago
312-664-1474

This cafe allows dogs at the outdoor tables, most of which are covered with an awning or umbrellas. Bice is one of Chicago's top rated restaurants.

Scot's

1829 W. Montrose Ave • 773.528.3253

The Ravenswood neighborhood's only dog-friendly predominantly gay bar offers original artwork on the walls and show tunes on the sound system. Afternoons and early evenings are best for finding room for you and your four-legged friend.

ChicagoLand Tails "Best Of" Outdoor Cafe's and Bars

• Bordo's Eatery and Sauce

2476 N. Lincoln, Chicago (773) 529-6900,

• 1st Runner Up: Deleece

123 Southport Avenue, Chicago (773) 325-1710, www.Deleece.com

• 2nd Runner Up: Brasserie Jo's

59 W. Hubbard St., Chicago (312) 595-0808, www.BrasserieJo.com

Bars

• Guthrie's

1300 W. Addison, Chicago (773) 477-2900,

• 1st Runner Up: Cody's

1658 W. Barry, Chicago, (773) 528-4050

• 2nd Runner Up: Ten Cat

3931 N. Ashland, Chicago (773) 935-5377

place for you!

Where to Stay?

Soho Grand Hotel

310 West Broadway, New York
212-965-3000

This hotel is VERY pet-friendly and there are no size restrictions at all for dogs. The hotel is located in the artistic heart of New York's cultural capital SoHo, and within an easy walking distance to the surrounding neighborhoods of Tribeca, Greenwich Village, Little Italy and Chinatown. Amenities include 24 room service and a fitness center. Bellboys carry dog treats, there is a dog room service menu, doggie day care is provided. It's also one of New York's super chic hotels." There are no pet fees.

Novotel - New York

226 West 52nd Street, New York
212-315-0100

Each guest checking in with a pet will be given a Royal Canine/Novotel Pet Welcome Kit. Located in the heart of Midtown, Manhattan's theater district on 52nd and Broadway. Offer spectacular views of Times Square from the 7th floor Cafe Nicole.

W New York- Union Square

201 Park Avenue South
212-253-9119

The W Hotels have recently begun rolling out the red carpet for both large and small dogs. They provide welcome bags. Hotel Concierge can arrange for dog walking services, pet sitters or spa appointments. Hotel location adjacent to Union Square Park, which gives guests a wonderful place to play with their pets and dogs are allowed to roam free.

Policy: Fee: \$25 per day; \$100 cleaning fee

per stay.

Fun things to Do

Horse & Carriage Rides

59th Street and Fifth Avenue

You and your pooch are welcome to hop on the horse and carriage rides for a tour of Central Park and NYC. The carriage driver will also supply a blanket for humans (and possibly your pooch!) if it is a little chilly outside. Carriages are available seven days a week after 10am, weather permitting. Rates are \$34 (for a half hour) and up. The carriages are located at the south end of Central Park, at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue (up to 6th Avenue).

SHOP

Did you know that there are a whole host of great place you can shop with our pooch in tow? Here is a list a few you might have heard of:

Restoration Hardware

935 Broadway

They love having dogs in the store!

Bloomingdales

100 Third Avenue

Yup. Bloomies lets you shop with your leashed dog.

Tiffany & Co.

727 Fifth Avenue

Diamonds are a girls best friend and now she can bring her other best friend.

Saks Fifth Avenue

611 Fifth Avenue

Clothing store where you can shop with your leashed dog.

Barney's New York

4. NYC

If you're in the mood to shop and pamper your canine companion, then NYC is the

660 Madison Avenue
Clothing store where you can shop with your leashed dog.

EAT

Barking Dog Luncheonette
1678 Third Ave.
10128
212-831-1800

NYC's upper east side is the home of this nice casual dog-themed restaurant. Pets allowed in outdoor café and they even have a "dog bar" water trough in case your best friend gets thirsty.

Grey Dogs Café
33 Carmine Street
10014
212-462-0041

You and your dog can share a cold one and maybe a sandwich at this spot in New York's Greenwich Village area

How to Get Around

Pet Taxi
212-755-1757

When you want to get around town without driving, there are numerous taxi cabs. A typical New York yellow taxi cab is supposed to pick up people with pets, however, they don't always stop if you have a pooch. Don't feel too bad, many NY cabs don't stop even for people without pets! However, with a little advance planning, you can reserve the Pet Taxi. They can be rented for just about any type of trip...but be sure to make advanced reservations.

5. Dog Camps and Organized Canine Adventure Trips Best Friend Weekend Getaways

Blue Sky Dogs
212-531-DOGS(3647)
www.blueskydogsny.com

Blue Sky Dogs has one of the most unique ideas we have seen in this area...organized, DOG & OWNER TRIPS with other dogs and owners! Join in on a Blue Sky Dog "Best Friend" weekend getaway and escape from the everyday for an unforgettable trip with your best friend. Blue Sky Dogs Best Friends Weekends offer busy owners and their canine companions worry-free, all-inclusive getaways to scenic destinations throughout the region that welcome our four-legged friends.

Leave the planning to them and they will whisk you away for weekends that include beautiful dog-friendly accommodations, fun activities, delicious meals, and dog-friendly transportation options, all exclusively planned and operated by Blue Sky Dogs. Best Friends Weekends operate year-round to various dog-friendly destinations throughout the tri-state and New England area.

Guess What...they have some fantastic trips just around the corner!

Block Island - May 13th - 15th, 2005

Brief Description of Trip: Whether you've been to Block Island before, or this is your first time, you and your best friend are in for a real treat. With miles of beaches and trails for exploring, a cute town for strolling,

friendly things to do on Block Island, and you choose what you'd like. We'll have maps, ferry schedules and the like to help you on your way. And, of course, we'll have something planned each day that you're welcome to join in on - it's completely up to you!

What's Included: Two nights of quaint B&B accommodations at The Gothic Inn in the heart of Old Harbor and a quick walk to the beach, Welcome Reception Friday evening, expanded Continental breakfast each morning, outdoor dinner on Saturday evening, goody bag and guided directions on things to do in the area.

Dog-friendly transportation to Block Island is not included. Most ferries to Block Island are dog-friendly - we'll have schedules and ticket information available.

Call 212.531.DOGS(3647)

There is also a trip planned to STOWE, VERMONT for the late summer/early fall. And another to the Catskills this July

Call 212.531.DOGS(3647) or visit them online at www.blueskydogsny.com and sign up to receive information about upcoming trips

Dog Camp

Camp Unleashed
West Stockbridge, MA 01266
Phone/Fax: 518-781-0446
www.campunleashed.com

Escape to the country and enjoy a re-energizing retreat in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. Hike with your dog off-leash in a safe, forested setting; take refreshing swims together in a stunning spring-fed lake; try new activities and have a relaxing massage, too!

Camp Unleashed takes place on the 40-acre grounds of Camp Mah-Kee-Nac, a boy's summer camp since 1929, in Lenox, MA.

(Below) Dogs practicing agility at Camp Gone to the Dogs. Photo's by Steve Surfman



Dog Runs

Union Square Dog Run: 15th St. & Union Sq.
Washington Square Park: 5th Ave., Waverly Place, West 4th St., between McDougal & Thompson Sts., south side of the park (behind building)

Madison Square Park: Madison Ave. To 5th Ave. between East 23rd St. & East 26th St.

Riverside Park (3 runs): Riverside Dr. at West 72nd, West 87th, West 105th.

Theodore Roosevelt Park: Central Park West at West 81st St.

and dog-friendly ferries coming and going, our Best Friends Weekend on Block Island will be truly memorable. We'll be staying at a historic dog-friendly B&B in the center of town and the weekend will offer plenty of options from romps on the beach, to hiking, lighthouse visits and more!

Accommodations: The Gothic Inn Bed & Breakfast, Old Harbor, Block Island
Activities Offered: We're structuring our Block Island Best Friends Weekend in a casual, do as you please format. That means we'll give you a complete guide to dog-

Activities and Workshops

- Agility • Alternative Veterinary Medicine • Canine Massage How-to • Clicker Training
 - Dogs in Art History • Freestyle • Frisbee
 - Heart-to-Heart Communication • Nature Hikes • Practical Grooming • Reliable Recalls
 - Swimming and Water Games
 - Tellington Touch • Understanding Your Dog Plus, campfires, movies and arts & crafts!
- Optional add-ons (additional charges may apply)

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