

Spring Break Trip

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Few things are as memorable over the course of your college career than a great spring break trip. Spring break trips can be iconic events, good fun to some, amazing to others, and even life-changing, depending on who you're with and where you go. Contrary to popular opinion, great spring break trips don't have to take place in Cancun or on South Padre Island. However, for a good spring break trip to occur a few quality ingredients must be included.

A good destination is an absolute must for a great spring break trip. If you have a spring break trip to the next town over from your university or to your hometown you may have fun, but it won't have that intangible quality that makes spring break trips different from any other trips you'll take over the course of your college career. Warm locations are popular, especially for those living in cold climates, but a spring break ski vacation can be just as much fun as a spring break surfing vacation, and sometimes less expensive. Wherever you go, it should be somewhere vibrant and new; going back to your old stomping grounds just won't do, nor will a retirement community in the Arizona desert. Once you have your location picked out, you'll need to arrange transport. The classic spring break trip is a huge road trip, filled with miles of midnight driving and truck stop bathroom breaks in the middle of the night. If you have enough companions to rotate drivers every three or four hours you can travel a lot of the country pretty quickly if you drive straight through, or you can stop along the way if you're feeling a bit more adventurous. Of course, road tripping is difficult if you're going to, say, Hawaii, but it's usually more exciting and less expensive than air travel if you're headed somewhere within the U.S. Finally, to cap off a good spring break trip you're going to need to take along the right companions. Sometimes the best traveling companions aren't necessarily your best friends; great friends can be terrible to take with you and vice-versa. Invite along people whose personalities are good matches to yours, as this is more important when traveling together than when hanging out together. If you show up to Orlando two days late, are you going to be worried? Will your friends freak out? Are you going to want to party all night while your friends will just want to go to sleep? Do they want to skydive while you want to play golf? Compatible friends, good transportation, and a great location are all of the ingredients you need to cook up a great spring break trip.