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## Go North: Summer Fruit Focused Road Trips Might Be Just What The Doctor Ordered



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*If you're lucky enough to live within driving distance of these northern fruity locales, these road trip destinations might be ideal for a Covid-safe—and delicious—getaway.*



Summer blueberries in the sun JOHANNA READ, TRAVELEATER.NET

Covid-19 rates continue to rise in the U.S., and a key way to keep them from climbing higher is to keep at least six feet from anyone not in your household. That doesn't preclude travel, necessarily, so long as you do it right; National Geographic shares the [latest how-to-travel-safely advice from medical experts](#), for example.

Winters in the northern U.S. might be chilly, but they do create the perfect conditions for many summer fruits. Here are a few northern road trip destinations where you can enjoy summer 2020's fruitful bounty. A raspberry a day might not keep the doctor away, but perhaps these trips, done safely, can help.

## Seattle, Washington

Cherry lovers should also head to [Seattle](#) and Washington state, home to [Rainier cherries](#). They're a cross between the Bing and the Van varieties and were created back in the 1950s. Named for Mount Rainier, Washington's highest peak, they're as easy to spot as the mountain. Unlike other cherries, which are bright red or purple, Rainiers are a mix of golden yellow and pink blush. They're also sweeter than most other cherries. Find them at Seattle's [Pike Place Market](#) and at shops all over the state. They're best eaten fresh, though they're sometimes added to sweet and savory dishes too.



"A bowl of fresh, ripe Rainier cherries." GETTY

While you're at Pike Place, do look for [Oh My God peaches](#). The market's normal abundant free sampling is off this year, but buy a basket to eat elsewhere. One bite of these perfect peaches and you'll understand how they got their OMG name.

For a spacious place to stay, head to the edge of the city in the [Seattle Southside](#) neighborhood. There you'll find [Cedarbrook Lodge](#) on forested grounds. It's just a short drive from the airport with plenty of open spaces for walking in the fresh air. Rooms are dispersed in several two-story buildings making it easy to avoid crowded elevators. Chefs at their onsite restaurant, Copperleaf, are big on incorporating local seasonal products into their menus.

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