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National Parks Without Crowds

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Vacationers around the world have always cherished their national parks for fresh air, natural beauty and abundant wildlife. But during the heavy summer-travel months, popular destinations as far-flung as Yosemite in California, Germany's Black Forest and South Africa's Kruger Park feel more like parking lots than nature preserves. Want to stay off the beaten path? Check out some of these scenic oases instead:

North America

The Appalachian mountain range tapers off into the rocky cliffs and sheltered coves of Newfoundland's Terra Nova National Park. Canada's easternmost park boasts lush rolling hills, bogs, hiking trails and white-water canoeing on the North West River. South of the Canadian border, visitors to Ohio's Cuyahoga Valley National Park can view the landscape on horseback or via the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Visit historic sites like the Everett Road Covered Bridge or the Hale Farm and Village, where potters and glass blowers offer demonstrations.

South America

Need an escape from the outrageous nightlife at Copacabana Beach? Journey to Lencois Maranhenses near the northern Brazilian city of So Luis. Visit the world's only desert dotted with thousands of natural lakes. Walk amid dunes, turquoise lagoons and deserted beaches. For those who prefer the mountains, Chorro El Indio in the Venezuelan Andes features cacti, mesquite and a 1,500-meter-tall waterfall that seems to spill from the clouds.

Africa

Dinosaur tracks and petrified dunes are among the top attractions at Waterberg Plateau Park, 300km from the Namibian capital, Windhoek. Sharp-eyed viewers can also spot leopards and cheetahs in the wild. Looking for a more tropical environment? Last year Mozambique declared Quirimbas Archipelago a national park, protecting its coastal forest and marine wildlife. More than 50 kinds of coral live in its waters, making it one of the world's richest--and most underexplored--coral reefs.

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