

# Top 5 of the Safest Cities in the U.S. that are Perfect for a Weekend of Family Fun

When you're looking to move, travel, or vacation, ensuring your family's safety is one of your highest priorities. However, when moving, traveling, or vacationing, the last thing you want to have to worry about is safety.

Thankfully, in this article, we'll review the top safe cities in the United States, showcasing the greatest places you can rest and play without worry.

## 5. Gilbert, AZ

Gilbert, Arizona, is a suburb southeast of Phoenix. In 2019 the FBI Crime Statistics listed Gilbert, AZ, as the 2nd safest city among 100 of the largest cities. There are about only 85 violent crimes a year per 100,00 people.

Gilbert is a quick 28-minute drive from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. This city is a great place for families who like to be outdoors. It does not rain much in the area, but you do want to make sure you bring your sunscreen because it is the desert, and the sun can be brutal.

A few things you and your family can do in Gilbert are:

- Gilbert Farmers Market. This is in downtown Gilbert and takes place every Saturday from 7 am to 11 am. It has over 60 vendors in the spring and summer, and over 100 in the fall and winter.
- Gilbert Historical Museum. This is in the HD SOUTH building and was the original Gilbert Elementary School in 1913. It explores artifacts of the town's history. It is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Gilbert Rotary Centennial Observatory. They are open Sunday through Thursday evenings next to the Gilbert Public Library.
- Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch.
- Freestone District Park.

The nearest neighboring city, Mesa, has other museums like the Idea Museum and the Arizona Museum of Natural History. Another neighboring town, Chandler, features Tumbleweed Ranch, which is quite adored by local families.

## 4. Raleigh, NC

Raleigh, North Carolina, is known for its many universities and is the capital of the state. In 2019, there were only 998 reported violent crime incidents out of a population of over 474,000.

A few family-fun activities in Raleigh would be:

- Marbles Kids Museum. This is in downtown Raleigh and requires reservations in advance. They have multiple exhibits, IMAX movies, and activities to enjoy.
- Pullen Park has playgrounds, boat and train rides, a carousel, an outdoor cafe, and more.
- Frankie's Fun Park. This is an indoor event center filled with arcade games, laser tag, bumper boats, mini-golf, go-karts, and more for your family to enjoy.
- JC Raulston Arboretum has 13 major gardens, and often holds events, monthly activities for kids, and tours.

## 3. Burlington, VT

Burlington, Vermont, is a city that rests on the shore east of Lake Champlain. The city has only 169 reported violent crimes in 2019.

A few things for you and your family to do in Burlington is:

- Church street marketplace. Enjoy a few clocks from many different shops.
- Ethan Allen Homestead Museum has daily tours filled with History and exhibits that are by appointment online. Reserve your spot online today. Children under the age of 5 are granted free admission.
- Burlington Greenway is a popular summer attraction that runs from Oakledge Park to the Winooski River. This is friendly for bikers, runners, and those just walking along.
- Island Line Trail. This is a 14-mile bike and pedestrian path that goes in the middle of the lake. There are bikes for rent at Local Motion's Trailside Center.

South Burlington is right south of Burlington and holds even lower violent crime rates. This makes it great for your family to stay in, and is a very short distance to all of the activities offered in Burlington.

## 2. Plano, TX

Plano, Texas is a city in North Texas that borders Dallas and Fort Worth, TX. Only 5.1% of the population falls below the poverty level. It has almost no violent crime, which helps it be popular with young professionals and families.

One thing that Plano is known for is the outdoors. There are over 60 parks, trails, and nature preserves within the city of Plano.

Here are a few more things to consider doing with your family in Plano:

- Interurban Railway Museum is a free history museum in Downtown Plano. It is open Monday through Saturday, and has a 1920s model of what the city looked like.
- Heritage Farmstead Museum has tours of the grounds built in 1891! There are over 10,000 artifacts that relate to Blackland Prairie life in North Texas from 1890 to 1920. They also have many programs and summer camps.
- Henry's Homemade Ice Cream. A homemade ice cream shop that has people talking from all over.

And if you need a few more activities for you and your family, Dallas and Fort Worth are a short drive away.

## 1. Virginia Beach, VA

Virginia Beach, Virginia is a coastal city in Virginia that is the point where Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic ocean. Virginia Beach is known to be safe thanks to the poverty rate of just 8 percent, less than half the national average.

A few things you can do with your family in Virginia beach is:

- 3 mile boardwalk filled with food and shops.
- Bayside First Landing State Park, which marks the arrival of the Jamestown colonists from 1607.
- Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center.
- Military Aviation Museum. This museum holds a very rare World War I collection of original and replicas of aircraft. They also hold air shows every once in a while for your family to check out!
- Grommet Island Beach Park and Playground. This park holds over 15,000 square feet of family-friendly fun.

Truth Finder

TruthFinder is a great tool for figuring out who your neighbors are so that you have their information for emergency contact purposes. Typically the app is used for background checks and other information lookup reasons.

However, in this case, it can come in handy if you ever need some help from or need to help the people living close by in your community.

## Conclusion

When vacationing, the last thing you want to do is worry. Considering the remarkable safety ratings and activities available, these five cities are some of the best places for your family to vacation or explore. All of the cities featured on this list make amazing places to visit, play, and, if you're in the market, even live.

Hopefully, this has helped give you some ideas of fun places to take your family in the near future. But, remember, like the old saying goes, "safety first!" For more tips, tricks, and advice like this, sign up for our campaigns or download our app!