

Into the Blue

A photograph of a person standing on a surfboard in the ocean at sunset. The person is shirtless and wearing shorts, holding a surfboard leash. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the water. The surfboard is white with a black leash and is positioned in the foreground, angled towards the right. The water is a deep blue with some white foam from the surfboard's movement.

Wading into a glassy lake, paddling toward an ocean sunset, rigging up a sailboat, or casting a line—however you greet summer, water is a must.

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📍 **SITTEE RIVER, BELIZE** One of the first things you might notice on the Jungle River Tour with **HAMANASI RESORT** (rooms from \$333; excursions \$65) in Hopkins, Belize, is the noise: Brilliantly colored birds ranging from parakeets to keel-billed toucans sing in the canopy of trees above, quite the soundtrack as you canoe down the coastal Sittee River. Also keep an eye out for bobbing saltwater crocs and green and orange iguanas.

📍 **MOHICAN RIVER, OHIO** Prefer a relaxed day on the water? Rent inner tubes from **MOHICAN ADVENTURES** (\$15) in central Ohio and float along the Mohican River. The lazy 7-mile route winds through dense forest and sun-filled ravines. Reserve an extra tube for your cooler full of food, or stop at one of the snack bars on the riverbank. When night falls, bed down in one of Mohican Adventures' cabins (from \$100 for up to seven people).

📍 **MAY RIVER, SOUTH CAROLINA** History buffs will love exploring the May River in Bluffton, South Carolina, aboard the *Grace*, one of the few gas-powered pre-World War I yachts left in the U.S. The boat was recently restored—to the tune of \$1 million—by **MON-TAGE PALMETTO BLUFF** (rooms from \$275; sails from \$50) and now sports everything from a new engine to a fresh coat of paint. Enjoy a glass of champagne and hors d'oeuvres on a sunset tour, or sample wines on the *Sommelier Sip and Sail*.

📍 **MISSISSIPPI RIVER** While river cruising got its start in Europe, it's making inroads in the U.S. on waterways like the Mighty Mississippi. On **AMERICAN**