

The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2020

Whether you're traveling solo or planning a family vacation, here are the 50 best places to visit in 2020.

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What makes a place worth visiting *right now*? That's what we at *Travel + Leisure* ask ourselves when compiling our annual list of the 50 best places to travel. Is it a show-stopping new hotel? A once-in-a-lifetime celebration? A critical mass of [game-changing restaurants](#)?

For definitive answers on the best vacation spots of the moment, we hit the books, scouring tourism statistics, scoping out major events, charting new flight routes, and logging hotel debuts. We take stock of the most compelling new restaurant openings, scroll through the Instagram posts of our most well-traveled pals, and mine our inboxes for tips. We also survey our vast network of travel experts — T+L's [A-List travel advisors](#), first, plus trusted writers, hospitality insiders, and other industry pros — to see what places they have their eyes on.

The result is a list of must-visit vacation destinations, and with something to suit every interest — food, shopping, culture, history, and nature — one is bound to spark your wanderlust. We've got traveler favorites like [Costa Rica](#) and [Austria](#), which are making waves in the months ahead. There are vacation spots still flying under the radar, like a tiny coastal surf town in Denmark, or Guyana, a South American idyll that has a fraction of the crowds of its neighbors. There are even places in your own backyard worth a closer look — who would've guessed just a few years ago that Oklahoma City would become *this* red-hot?

Ahead, *Travel + Leisure's* 50 best places to travel in 2020, listed in alphabetical order. If you already have travel plans lined up for the coming year, share your vacation destination picks with us on social media with [#TLBestPlaces](#).

31. Maldonado Department, Uruguay

The playground of South America's elite is catching on stateside. The buzz began picking up with the arrival of [Sacromonte Landscape Hotel](#), a high-design vineyard retreat with 12 mirrored cabins. Now, creatives are flocking to [Campo](#), a new artistic community where an on-site gallery, café, and food lab, Canteen, opened just weeks ago. Nearby, [Garzón Sculpture Park](#), a nearly 400-acre parcel that's part outdoor museum, part nature preserve, will host its first exhibition in December 2020, featuring site-specific works by African artists created in partnership with NIROX Sculpture Park in South Africa. And in José Ignacio, [Bahia Vik](#) just added new bungalows and a spa. Still to come: the Museum of Latin American Art, slated to open near Punta del Este in 2021. —*Siobhan Reid*