

## 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.

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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?

So, we ask you: where will your travels take you this year? On a wine-soaked [river cruise](#) through Portugal? To a *ryokan*-style [luxury hotel](#) in a serene corner of Kyoto? To a chic cabin in Maine for a feast of oysters plucked fresh from the sea?

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

## 33. New Brunswick, Canada



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New Brunswick's Acadian population suffered a massive blow in 1755, when more than 14,000 members of North America's oldest French-speaking community were forcibly expelled from Canada's Maritime region. Today, Acadians living in New Brunswick – the only officially bilingual province in Canada – are driving tourism by raising awareness of their history and traditions. At Origines, a seaside restaurant overlooking the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Campbellton-raised chef Benjamin Cormier creates five-course, Acadian-inspired tasting menus that use local ingredients like seaweed and oyster mushrooms. In Moncton, Black Rabbit is a pop-up turned fine dining restaurant that serves traditional Acadian comfort food like *râpure*, a casserole made from grated potato, onion, and chicken. Learn to make some of these recipes at the Village Historique Acadien, a living museum comprising more than 40 restored buildings, including a tavern and a school. Or head to the family owned Distillerie Fils du Roy to try an absinthe called *Courailleuse* that's made using techniques from the 1850s (don't leave without also sipping *Gin Thuya*, which has won gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition). At the year-old Cielo Glamping Maritime, travelers sleep in fully insulated geodesic domes, each equipped with a private patio and a wood-fired hot tub. In the warmer months, the property can organize paddle boarding excursions on the bay to forage for oysters. —*Siobhan Reid*