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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](#).

12. Caesarea, Israel



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The happy marriage of antiquity and modernity is drawing more visitors to [Caesarea](#), a coastal town and national park in northern Israel on the site of a 2,000-year-old Roman harbor. The new King Herod Visitor's Center, named for the port's founding monarch and built in the massive arched vaults that once stood beneath a temple, displays recent archaeological finds, such as colorful mosaics and gold coins recovered from shipwrecks. Admire the ancient harbor from a table at [Helena Restaurant](#) — a seaside fine-dining spot that features locally foraged ingredients and Israeli wines — then wander the ruins of bathhouses or explore submerged Roman breakwaters, columns, and cargo along the snorkeling and scuba diving trails at the [Old Caesarea Diving Center](#). Spend the night at the newly renovated [Dan Caesarea](#), a posh midcentury resort built by French banking scion Baron Edmond de Rothschild. —*Sara Toth Stub*

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