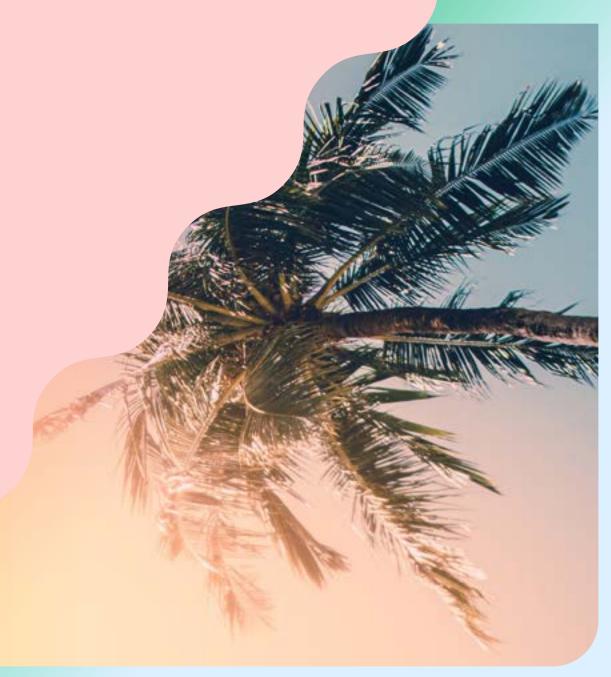
## Finding your inspiration

Your guide to top destinations around the world





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# For an unforgettable vacation, here are some <u>must-visit</u> destinations.

With a plethora of options available, enticing social media posts, and a multitude of travel companies vying for attention, selecting a vacation destination can indeed feel overwhelming.

To help you narrow down your travel options, we've chosen 10 of the world's hottest destinations. And if you still need help deciding, give us a call. We'll dig into your wanderlust and find your perfect escape.



#### Puglia, Italy





Nicknamed the breadbasket of Italy, Puglia is Italy's best food and wine producer. If you're a foodie, it's a must-visit, and there are loads of charming Masserias (farmhouse estates) which host guests for tastings. The southernmost region also has incredibly rugged, unspoiled beaches as well as idyllic ancient towns and rolling countryside.

Start your vacation in the region's capital, Bari, rent a car and make your way down the coast on a road trip. En route down the boot, stop by magical Monopoli, the whitewashed town of Otranto, and nearby Alberobello – where you could even stay overnight in one of Puglia's famous round-roofed trulli houses.<sup>4</sup> Venture further south and wind up in Lecce, or head further afield to visit neighboring Matera, the stunning cliff-side city you'll recognize from 007's No Time To Die.





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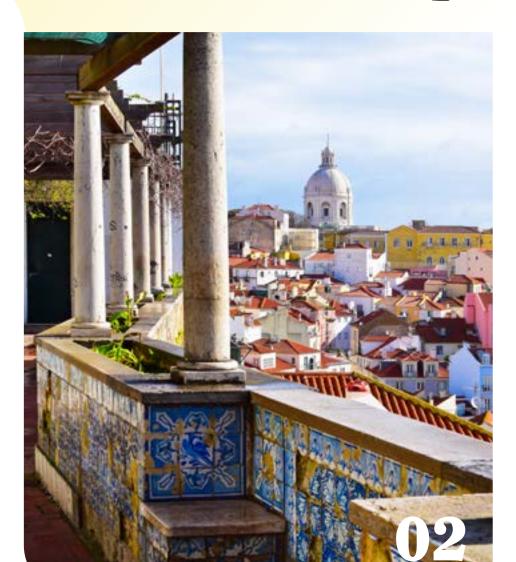
#### Lisbon, Portugal

The lively Portuguese capital is one of Europe's most loved cities, and for good reason. From sightseeing on its bright yellow trams to munching on seafood platters in the bustling Time Out Market and meandering through the pastel old town, there is so much to see and do here.

Fall in love with the city by seeing it from its rooftops at the top of the striking Elevador de Santa Justa tower. Then spend your vacation exploring the city's personalityrich boroughs, each with their own distinct charm and atmosphere. Make sure you add daily coffee and pastel de nata breaks and stop for long leisurely lunches and waterside dinners, too. If you've got longer on vacation, you could even plan a trip to the nearby beaches and world-renowned surf spots.



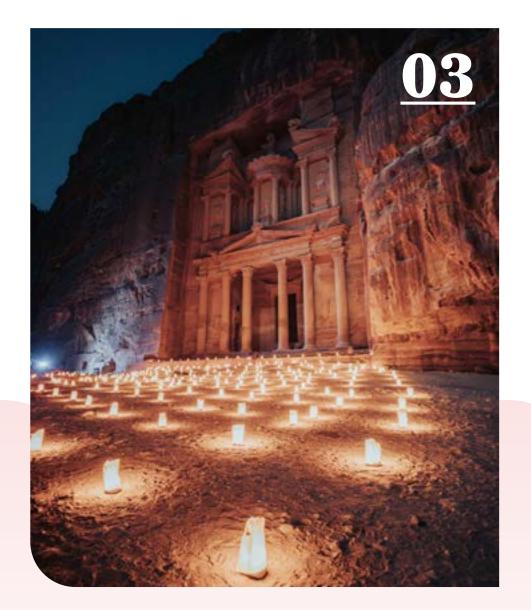




#### Amman, Jordan







As the capital of Jordan, Amman is the gateway to many of the country's more famous destinations – think Petra, the Dead Sea and Wadi Rum. Far more than just a stopover, though, this forward-looking Middle Eastern city deserves recognition all on its own.

Venture up Jabal al-Qala'a hill to explore the ancient citadel, home to the Roman Temple of Hercules ruins for a solid dose of history. Downtown, amid schools, coffeehouse, and mosques, is another must-see relic: the 6,000-capacity ancient Roman Theater, which gives Rome's Colosseum a run for its money.





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#### Samaná Peninsula, Dominican Republic

If you're craving a blissful beach break with a side of activity, book a vacation on the Samaná Peninsula in the Dominican Republic. To the northeast of this colorful Caribbean island, the peninsula is famous as a humpback whale-watching destination and for harboring the highest concentration of coconut palms per square meter in the world.<sup>5</sup>

Stay in the charming town of Samaná, where the waterfront promenade overlooks Samaná Bay, and you'll get a front-row seat for whale watching season, which runs from January to March. Alternatively, book accommodation a stones throw from unspoiled tropical shores in Las Galeras or Las Terrenas. Here, the laidback vibe and low-key hotels are a welcome step away from the big glitzy resorts elsewhere on the island—so you get a flavor of authentic Caribbean life.







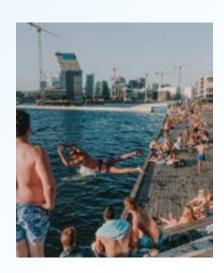
#### Oslo, Norway

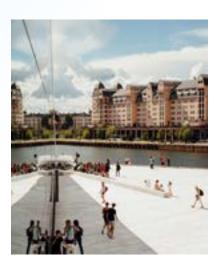




Vibrant, verdant, and awash with vitalizing activities, Oslo is the Scandi city on everyone's lips this year.<sup>6</sup> On the southern coast, at the head of the Oslofjord, Norway's capital city is very much defined by its natural surroundings. While you're here, take a dip in the fjord, cycle along the harbor, or go island hopping. There's water-based activities galore.

If you prefer to stay on dry land, the museums are excellent. So are the parks, galleries, and moody music venues. The city is something of a cutting-edge cultural hub, and the food and creative scenes really do live up to their hype.





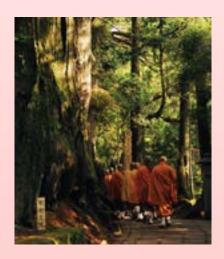
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#### Kii Peninsula, Japan



Japan's Kii Peninsula is the country's top spot for intrepid travelers. Right at the south of the island of Honshu, away from the island's more famous cities, Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima, the Kii Peninsula is breathtakingly remote, beautiful, and mountainous.

There are two main attractions here: the Buddhist Kōya-san temple complex and the ancient Kumano Kodō pilgrimage trails<sup>7</sup>. So, lace up your hiking boots and explore thousands of years of history as you embark on an adventurous stay, visiting shrines, local villages, and huge cedar forests.





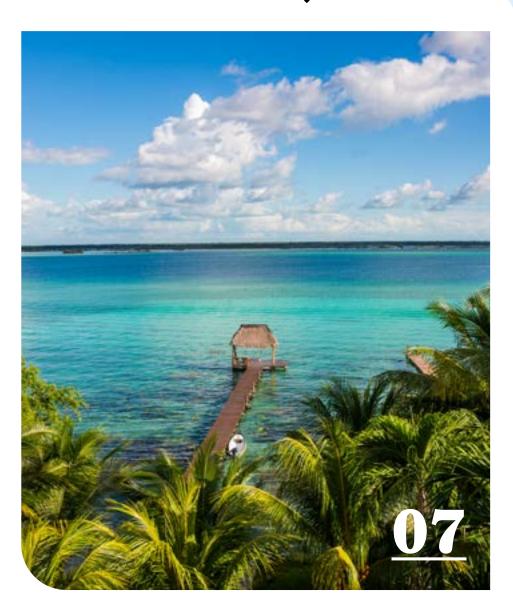


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#### Chetumal, Mexico



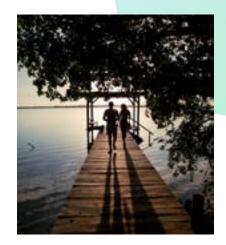




If you've done the big beach party destinations on Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, consider Chetumal instead. This small coastal city is right on the border of Belize, which makes it a superb choice if you're planning a multi-destination vacation.

Like neighboring Tulum, the city is ideal for exploring many of Mexico's most impressive Mayan ruins, think Oxtankah and Kohunlich, and there is a great Maya Museum in the city. The peaceful waters of Laguna Milagros and the dense tropical jungle mean there is plenty to keep you entertained and, of course, the local food is a selling point all on its own.





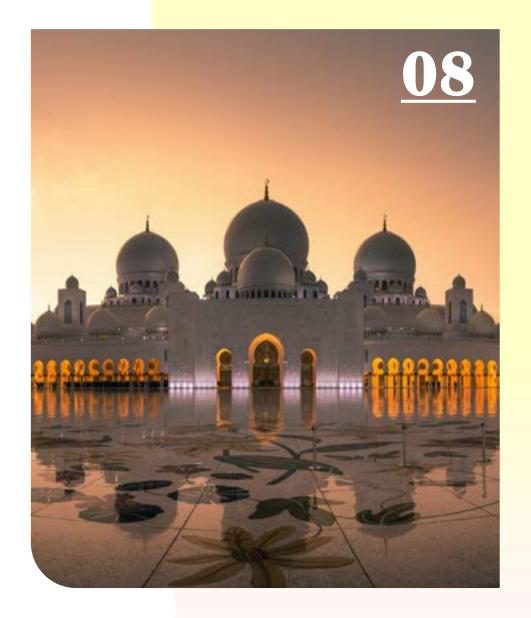
#### Abu Dhabi, UAE

Abu Dhabi is fast emerging as a real contender for the most popular Middle Eastern city crown. While neighboring Dubai continues to draw a glamourous party crowd, Abu Dhabi has a more grown-up, cultural experience, with all the indulgent luxuries you'd expect from the United Arab Emirates.

From opulent Islamic architecture in the shape of the marble-clad Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, to contemporary culture in the Louvre Abu Dhabi, there are numerous sights to see in the city. You might want to mix things up with a few days just relaxing and turtle spotting on the beaches, or head into the desert and push your adventures up a notch with dune bashing, Formula One racing, and camel riding.<sup>8</sup>



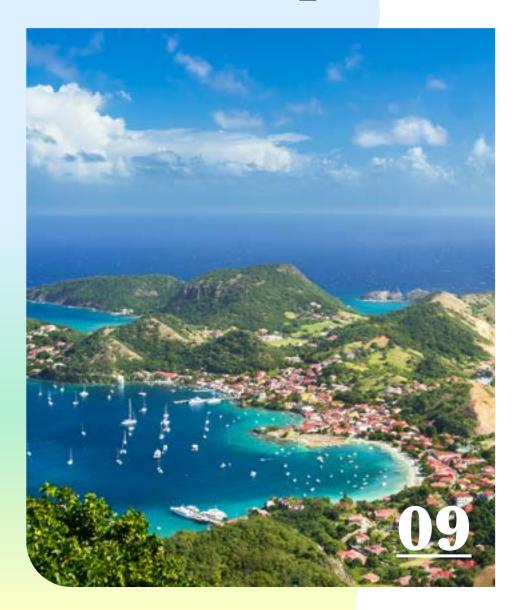




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#### Guadeloupe





Gorgeous Guadeloupe is one of the few Caribbean destinations that remains blissfully off the general tourist radar. The French overseas territory is an archipelago of 12 islands and its lack of fame has absolutely nothing to do with a lack of natural beauty, which it has in abundance. Lush volcanic hills and white sandy beaches are reminiscent of St. Lucia without the crowds, and its French-Caribbean heritage means its cuisine is delicious and culture, vibrant.

Spend your time here between the two main islands, Grande-Terre and Basse-Terre. The sheltered south coast of Grand-Terre is arguably the best beach spot, with excellent snorkeling opportunities to boot. The rainforest in Basse-Terre is ripe for adventure if that's your thing. Don't miss the lively capital, Pointe-a-Pitre, too.





#### Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

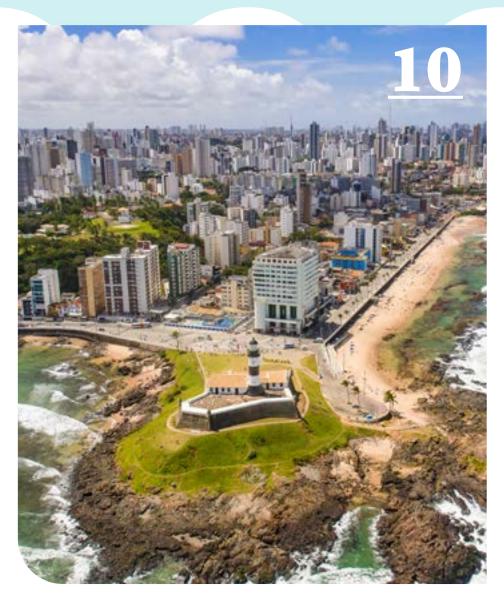


A melting pot of Portuguese, Brazilian, and African influences, Brazil's Salvador da Bahia is a city that truly moves to its own beat. This colorful coastal spot is physically beautiful—with pastel colonial architecture, cobbled streets, and sweeping golden beaches—and is full of an energy and tropical atmosphere you won't find elsewhere in Brazil.

Head north from Rio de Janeiro to spend a few days exploring the Bahia region from your Salvador base. Make sure you see the UNESCO protected historic center, take a boat out to visit remote spots of Ilha dos Frades and Morro de Sao Paulo<sup>9</sup>, and join the locals for drinks and a dance at one of its many festivals.







### Still undecided? Speak to us

As avid globetrotters ourselves, we love nothing more than a chat about vacation plans with fellow travelers. We want to help you make memories that last a lifetime, by building a show-stopping vacation itinerary to a dream destination.

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