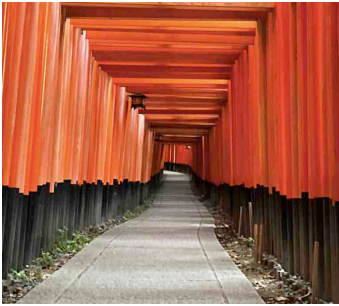


## Top 25 travel destinations for 2022 revealed

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Foreign travel has been beyond most of us for the past 18 months because of restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. However, there are signs of hope for us to resume our sojourns to exotic and faraway places. The

National Geographic magazine has released its list of the top 25 travel destinations for 2022. The list is split into five categories: adventure, culture and history, family, nature and sustainability. George Stone, Nat Geo's executive editor for travel, explained the rationale behind the list and how covid-19 helped shape it. He said: "In many ways, the pandemic provided a moment for travellers and communities around the world to reflect and regroup on how we explore the world."

The list includes a visit to London's Tin Pan Alley, famed for its music history, and a tour of Hokkaido, Japan, renowned for the unique heritage of its indigenous Ainu people. For nature lovers, exploring Namibia's Caprivi Strip is recommended for its abundance of natural wildlife. Mr Stone said the pandemic has made people choosier about their vacations. He said: "People are going to be making much more conscientious choices...so we wanted...specific ideas about what is a unique, revealing and safe destination for the year ahead." He added: "These superlative destinations speak of resilient communities, innovative conservation efforts, and thrilling opportunities for future exploration."

Sources:  
[usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) / [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) / [nationalgeographic.com](https://www.nationalgeographic.com)

### Writing

It is essential for us to visit other countries.  
Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

foreign travel / coronavirus / pandemic / signs / hope / exotic / culture / editor / way / visit / music / history / heritage / indigenous / choice / unique / thrilling / exploration

### True / False

- 1) The article says no one has travelled in the past year and a half. T / F
- 2) National Geographic divided its recommendations into five categories. T / F
- 3) Nat Geo said coronavirus affected the choices on its list of 25 places. T / F
- 4) Nat Geo said the pandemic let travellers think about future travel. T / F
- 5) A place in Japan that is famous for music is on the Nat Geo list. T / F
- 6) Nat Geo suggested people who love nature could go to Namibia. T / F
- 7) People are getting pickier about where they want to go on vacation. T / F
- 8) The article says there are few exciting destinations left to visit. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>restrictions</b> | a. well known  |
| 2. <b>sojourns</b>     | b. reasoning   |
| 3. <b>split</b>        | c. create      |
| 4. <b>rationale</b>    | d. exciting    |
| 5. <b>shape</b>        | e. visits      |
| 6. <b>famed</b>        | f. pickier     |
| 7. <b>unique</b>       | g. limitations |
| 8. <b>choosier</b>     | h. unbeatable  |
| 9. <b>superlative</b>  | i. distinctive |
| 10. <b>thrilling</b>   | j. divided     |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What are the top three places on your travel list?
- c) Where would you recommend people visit in your country?
- d) Would you rather visit London or Japan?
- e) How much of a nature lover are you?
- f) What safety concerns do you have when you travel?
- g) What thrilling holidays have you had?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Nat Geo?

## Phrase Match

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. travel has been beyond most of us       | a. indigenous Ainu people      |
| 2. there are signs of hope for us          | b. behind the list             |
| 3. The list is split                       | c. we explore the world        |
| 4. explained the rationale                 | d. famed for its music history |
| 5. reflect and regroup on how              | e. opportunities               |
| 6. London's Tin Pan Alley,                 | f. into five categories        |
| 7. renowned for the unique heritage of its | g. choices                     |
| 8. recommended for its abundance           | h. for the past 18 months      |
| 9. making much more conscientious          | i. of natural wildlife         |
| 10. thrilling                              | j. to resume our sojourns      |

## Discussion – Student B

- How important is travel to you?
- What's the best place you've been to?
- What's your country like as a travel destination?
- Has the pandemic affected your travel plans?
- What places do you think are exotic?
- Which of Nat Geo's five holiday categories are most appealing to you?
- Is it better to take vacations in your own country?
- Where will you go on your next holiday?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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| 6. a | 7. i | 8. f | 9. h | 10. d |

## Role Play

### Role A – Kyoto

You think Kyoto is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least enticing of these (and why): Hawaii, London or Patagonia.

### Role B – Hawaii

You think Hawaii is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least enticing of these (and why): Kyoto, London or Patagonia.

### Role C – London

You think London is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least enticing of these (and why): Hawaii, Kyoto or Patagonia.

### Role D – Patagonia

You think Patagonia is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least enticing of these (and why): Hawaii, London or Kyoto.

## Speaking – Destinations

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| • Niagara Falls           | • Bhutan    |
| • Kyoto                   | • Hawaii    |
| • London                  | • Patagonia |
| • Namibia's Caprivi Strip | • Sydney    |

### Answers – True False

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| 1 F | 2 T | 3 T | 4 T | 5 F | 6 T | 7 T | 8 F |
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.