

## **National Geographic Announces 'BEST OF THE WORLD 2022' List, Unveiling 25 Extraordinary Places and Communities To Inspire Your Next Trip**



Photo by Paul Sutherland, Nat Geo Image Collection[/caption] **WASHINGTON (Nov. 18, 2021)** – As international travel restrictions lift and the world slowly emerges from the pandemic, National Geographic today has revealed its annual list of the [25 must-see destinations](#) for the next year. Profiling inspiring places, communities and experiences, this year's list comes at a big moment. The pandemic has transformed when, where and how we see the world. With the return of travel, National Geographic is rethinking what it means to be a traveler and the impact of those choices. What remains unchanged is the organization's commitment to travel stories that illuminate our beautiful world and the diversity of communities and people within it. Framed by five categories—Nature, Adventure, Culture, Sustainability and Family—selections on the 2022 list honor national parks and wildlife, outdoor activities and experience, green travel and destinations going it right, and multigenerational destinations and journeys. From the “next great safari destination” of Caprivi, Namibia, to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on Maryland's Eastern Shore, to the ancient tea mountains and traditions of Yunnan, China, this year's list is a reminder that there is much out there to inspire us. Moreover, this year's list celebrates the 50th anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, with 10 World Heritage-designated sites featured. “While the pandemic stalled many of our travel plans for nearly two years, our appetite for new and impactful journeys has only grown. In many ways, the pandemic provided a moment for travelers and communities around the world to reflect and regroup on how we explore the world,” says George Stone, executive editor of National Geographic Travel. “With this year's list, Nat Geo takes a look at what's different, new, and inspiring—from the new Seine River bike trail in France to Chimanimani National Park, a new national park in Mozambique that signals the country's environmental commitment. We're excited to share these 25 extraordinary places that will define our upcoming itineraries.” The list was created, researched, reported and written in collaboration with National Geographic *Traveler's* international editorial teams, which serve millions of readers through their magazines and websites in more than a dozen offices around the world. The “Best of the World 2022” list is available online now at [NatGeo.com/BestOfTheWorld](#), where readers will be transported to each destination through spectacular photography and reporting. Additionally, on Instagram, Nat Geo is inviting social media users to share photos of places they consider to be the “best of the world” and tag them **#BestOfTheWorldChallenge**. Beginning Dec. 3, National Geographic's @natgeoyourshot account will feature the team's favorites. Press materials, including stunning visuals of destinations, available [HERE](#). **National Geographic's “Best of the World 2022” list:** **CULTURE** Jingmai Mountain, Yunnan, China (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler China*)\* Tin Pan Alley, London, England Hokkaido, Japan\* Procida, Italy Atlanta, Georgia, United States **SUSTAINABILITY** Ruhr Valley, Germany (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Germany*) Parque Nacional Yasuni, Ecuador (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Ecuador*)\* ?ód?, Poland (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Poland*)\* National Columbia Gorge Scenic Area, Oregon/Washington, United States Chimanimani National Park, Mozambique **NATURE** Caprivi Strip, Namibia (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Italy*) Northern Minnesota, United States Lake Baikal, Russia (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Russia*)\* Belize Maya Forest Reserve Victoria, Australia (*nominated by National Geographic Traveller U.K.*) **ADVENTURE** Seine River Bike

Trail, France (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler France*) Costa Rica (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Korea*) Nepisiguit Mi'gmaq Trail, New Brunswick, Canada Palau (*nominated by National Geographic Traveller India*)\* Arapahoe Basin, Colorado, United States **FAMILY** Danube River Cruise (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Romania*)\* Lycia, Turkey (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Turkey*)\* Granada, Spain (*nominated by Viajes National Geographic*)\* Bonaire (*nominated by National Geographic Traveler Netherlands*)\* Eastern Shore, Maryland, United States \***UNESCO designated sites**: Asterisk denotes UNESCO-designated status for this destination; 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention. **National Geographic Partners** National Geographic Partners is a joint venture between The Walt Disney Company and the National Geographic Society. Every year, a portion of our net profits is distributed to the nonprofit Society to fund work in the areas of science, exploration, conservation, and education. This unique partnership creates a virtuous cycle of storytelling and exploration that inspires people to act, enlightens their perspective, and often provides the spark to new ideas and innovation. For more information, visit [natgeotv.com](http://natgeotv.com) or [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com), or find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Pinterest](#). **Media Contacts**: Caitlin Holbrook, [caitlin.holbrook@natgeo.com](mailto:caitlin.holbrook@natgeo.com), (716) 225-0502 Anna Kukelhaus, [anna.kukelhaus@natgeo.com](mailto:anna.kukelhaus@natgeo.com), (202) 258-8020 Janean Ruttner, [janean.ruttner-ND@natgeo.com](mailto:janean.ruttner-ND@natgeo.com), (909) 677-8989