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# The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2023

Where to go in 2023, according to T+L editors — for a breath of fresh air, a big-city adventure, or a glimpse at the future of travel.

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With much of the world reopened, 2023 is shaping up to be the year travel officially bounces back. We made our list of the 50 best destinations for 2023 a little differently this year: We asked *Travel + Leisure's* editors where *they* want to go in the months ahead. Some are raring to get back to Japan, while others have the Trans-Bhutan Trail on their lists. Still more are planning a sail around Greenland, a wine-tasting trip on California's central coast, and a visit to France's next big wine region (which is, as it happens, tiny).

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A few up-and-coming culinary destinations made our list, as did a remarkable piece of art, the size and scale of which boggles the imagination. While many of the team's picks are remote, breathe-in-that-fresh-air kinds of places, our list doesn't skimp on cities where the hustle and bustle is part of the fun.

But with so many choices now back on the map, there are as many styles of trips as there are places to explore. That's why, for the first time in recent memory, we've broken our list of best places to go into categories.

The hope is that, whatever it is you're after in the year ahead, you'll find it in one of these 50 places. And who knows? We may just see you there.

— Edited by Paul Brady and Maya Kachroo-Levine



## New Zealand



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After a stringent lockdown, New Zealand has at last dropped all travel restrictions. Happily, the country is becoming more accessible than ever, thanks to the nonstop flights between New York and Auckland that [Air New Zealand](#) launched in September. (That long haul has also gotten comfier, thanks to the airline's [Economy Skycouch](#) seats.) Wondering if those 17 hours in the air will be worth it? Auckland continues to evolve with no shortage of dazzling new places to stay. The 99-room [Hotel Britomart](#), lined in timber and exuding Zen calm, is at the heart of Auckland's Britomart District, nine blocks of historic warehouses converted into shops and restaurants. [Mawhiti Walheke](#) is a luxurious modern guest pavilion on a vineyard-covered island a short ferry ride from the city. And New Zealand's spectacular landscape finally has a showstopper of a property to match it: [Flock Hill](#), a fully serviced four-bedroom villa on a sheep ranching station in the Southern Alps region of South Island. — [Peter Terzian](#)