

The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2022

From far-flung destinations to hometown favorites, 2022 is the year to get back out there and turn your dream trips into reality.

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Planning new adventures as a new year approaches is always a thrill, but finding the best places to visit in 2022 is unique. After two years of border closures, cruise cancellations, and [travel restrictions galore](#), 2022 is the year we hope to get back out there, uninhibited (albeit [vaccinated and COVID tested](#)), return to our favorite destinations, and cross new ones off our lists.

Though the hospitality industry was hit hard by the pandemic, many properties used the forced downtime to renovate rooms, add new amenities, and expand outdoor spaces to offer even more once guests return. 2022 is when many travelers will venture further from home, and even overseas, for the first time since the start of the pandemic, finally reaping the benefits of these valiant efforts.

Although COVID variants remain, regulations are still evolving, and precautions must still be taken, many of the destinations we chose for 2022 offer what we believe travelers are looking for in a post-pandemic world, from hotels with private accommodations to destinations teeming with [fresh-air activities](#). Others, like [Las Vegas](#), are for those who are ready and raring to make up for all the social time they missed — with a few splashy headliners, including [Adele](#) and the Raiders, thrown in for good measure.

As [cruising makes its comeback](#), we included unforgettable places to see by water, from Antarctica to the Nile, and as hard-hit destinations like Italy and Asia recover, we found the buzziest reasons to return. Of course we didn't forget about all the stateside gems we got to know while domestic travel was surging, from Alaska and [California](#) to Florida and Michigan.

Our 2022 list is alphabetical (not ranked), and it doesn't hold back, with aspirational trips as far away as India, Mozambique, Qatar, and even [space](#)— but we're also including hometown favorites, like Walt Disney World and its new [Star Wars hotel](#); the wellness retreats of beautiful Sedona; and the simple pleasures of [small-town](#), farm-to-table living in Franklin, Tennessee. Because no matter what type of trip you've been dreaming of, we want to help you turn 2022 into the year you get back out there and make it a reality.

31. Newport, Rhode Island



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Newport is considered one of the sailing capitals of the world. It is home to the largest fleet of [America's Cup 12 Meter yachts](#), most of which are available for charter. In May, the coastal town is welcoming a Sailing Museum that is sure to solidify that title. Over the past few years, a slew of hotel openings have closed a much-needed gap for luxury accommodations, including [Hammett's Hotel](#), [Brenton Hotel](#), and [The Wayfinder Hotel](#). The [Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection](#) is debuting the property's highly anticipated transformation conceived by Dallas-based design collective Swoon — the lobby, dining room, and shared areas are now complete with guest rooms finishing early next year. Renowned beverage executive Maxwell Britten has joined the team as chief cocktail curator with James Beard award-winning chef April Bloomfield, who cooks up a selection of elevated pub-inspired dishes. And don't miss [Giusto](#), at Hammett's Hotel, which serves up excellent Italian with a Rhode Island twist. — *Scott Bay*