

The 20 Best Places to Travel in 2020

Destinations that are a must-see in the year to come—and that are destined to be international hotspots by the end of the next decade.

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It's our favorite time of year, conferring with our network of travel experts all over the world as we dream up a shortlist of destinations that have captured our attention and imagination. This time, however, we're taking a different track—not only thinking about where is inspiring and upwardly trending for the year to come, but which places are destined to be international hotspots by the end of the next decade.

Expect to see some classics, staples, and foolproof destinations on this list (try as we might, there are a handful of stalwarts that always seem to find their way onto our bucket list). But alongside the tried-and-true, there's a new league of cities and countries emerging—places that have made their way to the forefront of our and our trusted experts' minds as we start thinking more critically not only about how we treat our planet, but how we treat each other. Get your passports ready—here, BAZAAR's list of must-visit destinations for 2020.

2. Botswana



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While many southern African countries monetized the safari as an economy of scale, Botswana leaned into exclusivity instead of volume, championing singular, upmarket experiences for the few instead of midrange camps for the many. The strategy paid off as the peaceful nation has garnered an international reputation for its roaring population of wildlife versus a small huddle of tourists. We, however, are most excited about the re-opened **Jack's Camp**, perched atop a marshy islet in the middle of a vast salt pan. Proffering desolation in thick **brushstrokes instead of a palette of wild beasts, Jack's set the regional trend for over-the-top luxury in spite of its location. In 2020, the tented lodge, helmed by Natural Selection of Namibia's Shipwreck Lodge fame,** will be completely reborn as a souped up version of its former self,

complete with a quad-bike excursion to the romantically dubbed Lost Island of the Boababs where guests can more closely reconnect with the earth.

The 2020 opening of Xigera, **Red Carnation's flagship safari enclave**, is also perking up many an antenna. Wil Smith, founder of Deeper Africa, also has his eye on Bushman Plains Safari Camp in another corner of the Okavango Delta. **"It's Botswana's first safari camp owned and operated exclusively by the San people. It boasts all the amenities one would expect from a first-rate safari camp, but unlike other lodges, Bushman Plains also offer the kind of guiding and knowledge-sharing that only the San people can provide."**

"If you are exploring Northern Botswana during the dry season (June to October) the Linyanti Wetlands are not to be missed," recommends Teresa Sullivan of Mango Safaris. **"Matriarchal herds of elephant 100-200 strong can bring you to tears with their tender family structure. The famed lion populations of Savuti rule the grasslands, and this is a prime area to spot African painted dogs. Keep your eyes out for Little Duma Tau by Wilderness Safaris opening in August of 2020. It is going to be something."**