

# The 50 Best Places to Travel in 2025

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Where to go in the year ahead? According to nearly two dozen staffers at *Travel + Leisure*, the best destination for 2025 might just be one of the most beautiful islands in the Caribbean, or an undiscovered corner of Europe, or a remarkable nation in Asia that's about to become even buzzier thanks to a certain HBO show.

For T+L's Where to Go in 2025, our staff vetted nearly 120 qualified contenders, debating the merits of not only what's new, but what feels like *right now*. To make it on our list requires more than just a hotly anticipated opening or two. These are places that feel of the moment, whether that's because they offer unparalleled access to the outdoors, a cultural immersion you can't find anywhere else, a pulse-quickening hit of excitement, or the sort of blissful luxury only a true five-star property can deliver.

Each of these 50 noteworthy destinations may have their own distinct allure, but all are worthy of a closer look in the year ahead. In fact, the well-traveled staff of T+L is hoping to check out more than a few of them in the coming months. Who knows, maybe we'll see you out there? — Edited by [Paul Brady](#) and [Alisha Prakash](#)



— Destination by Category —

## — For Cultural Immersion —

### Budapest, Hungary

In 2023, the [W Budapest](#) opened in the Drechsler Palace, one of the grand palazzos that line the city's Andrassy Avenue, a tony commercial thoroughfare that is, like the palace itself, a UNESCO World Heritage site. With its punchy contemporary design, the hotel has become a calling card for a more cosmopolitan Budapest. A wave of new luxury hotels has emerged to complement venerable stalwarts like the [Four Seasons](#) — this past summer saw the launch of the [Kimpton BEM Budapest](#) in a former 19th-century residence, and, in November 2023, the [Dorothea Hotel](#), part of the Autograph Collection. But Budapest's most spectacular draw might be Városliget — or City Park — the site of Heroes' Square, built in 1896 to celebrate the country's first millennium. The park, after years of neglect, is now the recipient of a \$1 billion restoration that includes new cultural spaces like the House of Music Hungary and the Museum of Ethnography. "Time and investment have turned Budapest into a very exciting city," said T+L A-List advisor [Gwen Kozlowski](#), of Exeter International. "From tiny vintners to food insiders to Jewish-history specialists, Budapest can speak to a variety of travelers." — [Peter Terzian](#)