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Travel Destinations That Are Actually Begging for Tourists

You may have heard about over-tourism; some cities, countries and other spots around the world are fed up with tourists, and begging them to stay away. It's unfortunate for people who like to see the world, but understandable from the locals' viewpoint. There are, however, a few places on the planet that are actually begging for visitors.

Swipe through to learn about places that want you to visit.



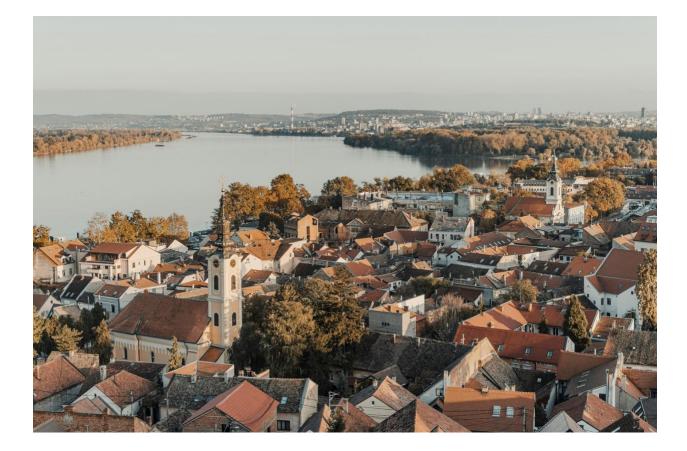
Greenland

This stunning and chilly territory welcomes visitors who want to go dog sledding and see massive icebergs. Travelers also enjoy seeing Greenland's incredible wildlife, including polar bears, musk oxen, whales and as many as 254 bird species. Budding anthropologists enjoy exploring traditional Inuit villages.



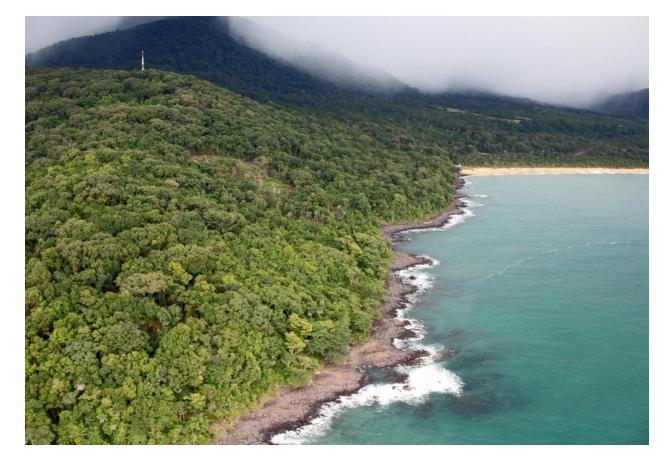
Morocco

This North African nation has a rich history with Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. Its history is fascinating and its natural beauty is breathtaking. Consider Tangier, an easy hop from Southern Spain, movie-famous Casablanca or spectacular Marrakesh. The country is happy to welcome visitors.



Serbia

Located in the Balkans area of southeastern Europe, Serbia offers verdant national parks with mountains, rivers and canyons, plus the cultural vibrancy of big cities. Belgrade is beloved for its nightlife, while Novi Sad has an admirable art scene and the intriguing, 17th-century Petrovaradin Fortress.



Sierra Leone

The beaches of the Freetown Peninsula in this West African nation are breathtaking. Don't miss the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary and other protected areas. The Banana Islands offer snorkeling, scuba diving, and guided forest walks. The country has expended considerable effort to build the infrastructure, such as a solar-powered airport, necessary to welcome tourists.



Georgia

A blend of Eastern Europe and West Asia, this Caucasusian nation is working to help independent travelers navigate the country more easily. Don't miss Vardzia, a huge, 12-century cave monastery. Kakheti is an ancient wine region, and the capital city, Tbilisi, offers diverse architecture and cobblestone streets.



Panama

Tourism income is crucial to Panama's rural communities, so consider visiting the Central American nation, taking in the country's beautiful rainforests and lovely coastlines. See two oceans in one trip, and take in the famous canal.



Portugal

Many tourists hit the big spots—Lisbon and Porto—but some of the smaller towns are calling out for visitors, too. Consider Aveiro, known for its canals and architecture. Faro is a coastal city with plenty of old-world charm. Evora offers visitors a look at well-preserved Roman ruins.