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## Where to Travel in 2022

The 22 locations that should land on your bucket list this year.



he pandemic has certainly taught us a lot about ourselves and the world, but we've unlearned quite a few things as well—like how the "work hard, play hard" ethos might not be the healthiest of mantras. We've rediscovered balance and the truly important things in life, and travel is very much a part of that, whether it's voyaging across oceans to see family we've missed or venturing across continents to reconnect with places we've so enjoyed before.

Work and play are no longer mutually exclusive as we look toward a future with hope. We're not going full digital nomad, but we're certainly keen to check off a greater number of destinations in the upcoming year than we have over the last two. As such, we've organized this list—22 places to see in '22—to suit every version of travel you can cram into your calendar: small hops for a quick weekend or midweek jaunt (and a handful of hassle-free choices if COVID variants continue to crop up), longer leaps for when you want to spend seven or 10 days with real palm trees as your Zoom background, and finally, far-flung adventures perfect for that well-deserved sabbatical; your reward for powering through what is hopefully the last of these strained and stress-filled years. Because let's face it, a Catch-23 doesn't make a whole lotta sense.

## Ireland



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2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the constitution establishing Ireland as a free state. On this centennial year, new openings, elevated experiences, and ease of travel make the Emerald Isle an obvious destination (when traveling from the United States, you clear customs before you land). Cashel in County Tipperary has always drawn visitors to the Rock of Cashel, a dramatic grouping of medieval buildings dating back to the 900s, but the Cashel Palace Hotel, a new Relais and Chateau property that opens in March of 2022, promises to make the site more than just a day trip. The 18th-century Palladian manor has been meticulously restored with 42 rooms, a luxury spa, fine dining, and sprawling greens to roam.

Continue the castle-life cosplay at the stunning <u>Dromoland Castle</u>, a restored 16th-century castle in County Clare, grandly appointed but with such warm hospitality. Of the many experiences on offer, golf is surely a draw for the beautifully maintained course on its grounds, and the locally sourced food is exquisite, but try the falconry for a truly unique experience. Dublin's food scene is worthy of a several-days-long crawl to experience the creativity, variety, and quality (particularly the seafood) on display. You will not find a better fish and chips than at <u>Fish Shop</u>, a tiny counter-only airy spot with a great wine selection. Between dining destinations—which you can walk to, as Dublin is small enough to cover serious ground by foot—soak up the city's incredible literary legacy (Joyce! Wilde! Yeats! Beckett!) with a visit to the newish <u>Museum of Literature</u>, MoLI for short.