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Best Places to Travel in 2022 for the Resilient, Ever-Optimistic Traveler



A year ago, we skipped our annual “Where to Travel” shortlist for obvious reasons. Many of us were lucky to travel at all in 2021, even if it meant packing up the car and driving a few hours away—much less flying to, say, [Perth](#), which topped the [2020 list](#) before we knew what was coming our way. For 2022, we’re bringing this one back with a bit of [optimism](#). That doesn’t mean we’re all comfortable boarding a plane or even venturing past the county line just yet. But with travel journalists and industry pros finally getting back to work, we’d be remiss not to celebrate the domestic and international destinations they cover and serve.

For your own personal “if and when you’re ready,” consider these destinations for a break from it all. For this list, we spoke to some of our favorite travel experts and picked some of our own top spots. It’s a blend of places we’ve been wanting to recommend for years on end—as well as places we’ll escape to (or even revisit) when the time feels right.

Here’s to proverbial bluer skies and calmer waters in 2022—and beyond. See you out there!

4. Oslo, Norway

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The “[capital of Scandi-Cool](#)” gets more incredible with each visit. Newly opened, the [Munch Museum](#) is the latest addition to Oslo’s ever-evolving fjord front, showcasing the work of Norway’s most famed artist (that’s Edvard Munch, alongside the work of his contemporaries). This and the iconic [Oslo Opera House](#) welcome tourists to the modern [Bjørvika](#) development, which is rising up from a former highway junction and container port. Here and in the adjacent, trendy [Oslobukta](#), you can sauna [on land](#) or [afloat](#)—or eat at one of the city’s newest hotspots, like [The Vandelay](#), a laidback launch from Esben Holmboe Bang, the chef behind 3-Michelin-starred [Maaemo](#) (right around the corner).

Head west to old town Frogner for the most exciting Oslo opening in 2022. The five-star, 231-key Art Deco hotel [Sommerro](#)—featuring an onsite theater, the city’s first rooftop pool and terrace, a trio of eye-popping restaurants, and immaculate interiors. Planned for September 2022, it’s already being booked into 2024.

