

Lonely Planet guidebook lists 500 must-see places

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A travel guidebook company has released its list of the best places on Earth to visit. It is the Lonely Planet's "Ultimate Travel List". It ranks 500 of the must-see places to add to your bucket list. It is only the second time this list of unmissable

travel experiences has been issued. The guidebook company said its guide is, "designed to be a companion to your armchair travels or the tool to refuel your wanderlust". It added that the book, "features more than 200 new destinations in a picture-perfect wish-list, each ranked in order of brilliance." Lonely Planet said: "The list contains a mix of knock-out new openings, sights that have upped their game, or places more relevant to the way we travel now."

Top of the list and the number-one travel destination is the ancient city of Petra in Jordan. The guide said: "The treasured UNESCO Heritage Site of Petra is the must-see ultimate experience on our list. Once nearly lost to the outside world, the sandstone city is now one of the most loved places on the planet." It recommended readers, "rediscover the city's eternal air of mystery in the early morning or in the hours before closing when it's at its most atmospheric". The Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador was second on the list, with the spectacular sandstone monolith Uluru in Australia being third. Lonely Planet says the book has something for everyone in every corner of the world.

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Writing

We should all travel to as many different countries as we can. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

travel / guidebook / bucket list / experiences / companion / armchair / destinations / ancient / treasured / ultimate / planet / eternal / mystery / atmospheric / coast / book

True / False

- A guidebook has listed 500 places for lonely people. T / F
- The article suggested people add some of the places to their bucket list. T / F
- There are 200 new places in the second edition of the travel guide. T / F
- Lonely Planet said its guide included places that have many games. T / F
- The top destination on the list was in Jordan. T / F
- The guide suggested visiting the top site at lunchtime. T / F
- The Galapagos Islands was second on the list of 500 places. T / F
- Lonely Planet said there are four corners in the world. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. released | a. advised |
| 2. ultimate | b. everlasting |
| 3. companion | c. very old |
| 4. mix | d. guide |
| 5. relevant | e. cherished |
| 6. ancient | f. issued |
| 7. treasured | g. impressive |
| 8. recommended | h. greatest |
| 9. eternal | i. combination |
| 10. spectacular | j. related |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of travelling?
- How important is travel?
- What is the best country you have been to?
- What is your country like to visit?
- Which is best - guidebooks or the Internet?
- How much of a 'wanderlust' do you have?
- Are there any bad things about travelling?
- What's the best sight you've been to?

Phrase Match

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. 500 of the must-see places to | a. destination |
| 2. 200 new destinations in a picture- | b. corner of the world |
| 3. The list contains a mix of knock- | c. add to your bucket list |
| 4. sights that have upped | d. experience on our list |
| 5. places more relevant to the way | e. out new openings |
| 6. the number-one travel | f. air of mystery |
| 7. the must-see ultimate | g. their game |
| 8. rediscover the city's eternal | h. for everyone |
| 9. the book has something | i. we travel now |
| 10. in every | j. perfect wish-list |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Petra, Jordan?
- What do you know about Uluru, Australia?
- What do you know about the Galapagos Islands?
- What can visitors do in your town?
- Which countries would you not like to visit?
- How many countries would you like to visit?
- What questions would you like to ask Lonely Planet?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. h	3. d	4. i	5. j
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. b	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Petra

You think Petra is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Galapagos Islands, New York City or Uluru.

Role B – The Galapagos Islands

You think the Galapagos Islands is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Petra, New York City or Uluru.

Role C – New York City

You think New York City is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Galapagos Islands, Petra or Uluru.

Role D – Uluru

You think Uluru is the best travel destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the Galapagos Islands, New York City or Petra.

Speaking – Destinations

Rank these with your partner. Put the best destinations at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • The Himalayas | • Petra |
| • Stonehenge | • The Pyramids |
| • Mount Fuji | • The Taj Mahal |
| • Machu Picchu | • New York City |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.