

Top 20 Beautiful Places In The World

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and this planet sure offers a lot to behold. From the warm blue waters of the tropics to cold clear waters of the arctic, there is beauty in every climate and continent. So with that in mind, let's take a look at our picks for the top 20 most beautiful places on Earth.

20. Krabi, Thailand

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krabi_Province

You will find Krabi on the Andaman coast in southern Thailand. In the waters here, you'll find magnificent limestone karsts. These karsts are gigantic, naturally occurring pillars rising like towers from the calm waters that surround them. The best view is from climbing the mass of stairs up to Tiger Cave Temple, a Buddhist temple perched high on a hilltop. The town of Krabi also offers bustling shops and restaurants as tourism increases to these absolutely breathtaking views.

19. Sossusvlei, Namibia

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sossusvlei>

In the Namib-Naukluft National Park in Namibia lies the Namib Desert. Sossusvlei is a salt and clay pan, whose smooth vast surface is surrounded by striking red sand dunes. While the views are beautiful enough in dry years, it is in the years where the rains are plentiful that the pan turns into a stunning lake. Not only are the dunes reflected in the waters gorgeous, but thousands of birds photographers the world around flock here during the wet years, trying to capture the beauty.

18. Blue Lagoon, Iceland

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Lagoon_\(geothermal_spa\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Lagoon_(geothermal_spa))

Located between Reykjavik and Keflavik International Airport lies this literal and figurative hotspot. Blue Lagoon is a very rare manmade geothermal spa created from the water used by a nearby geothermal power plant. The waters are pumped up from pockets near underground lava flows to create electricity and heat fresh water for the city. The waters which are rich in a variety of minerals, including silica and sulfur, are visited for medicinal and recreational purposes and are considered beneficial for certain conditions.

17. Apenzell, Switzerland

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canton_of_Appenzell_Innerrhoden

Guarded by Mount Santis lies the rolling green hills of Appenzell. Here you will feel as if you have been plopped into a fairytale. The area is steeped so much in tradition that you will still find horse-drawn carriages and lovingly carved chalets. The town is constantly celebrating holidays and festivals and is filled with a rich and vibrant culture that brings even more beauty to its idyllic location.

16. Arches National Park, USA

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arches_National_Park

Red rocks and blue skies are the main striking features of Arches National Park. Located in eastern Utah, this park contains over 76,000 acres of land across the Colorado Plateau and overs unique rock formations carved by the elements into a brilliant landscape. Probably the best way to experience Arches is with a ranger's guided tour. Not only will they bring you to the highlights, but they will give you amazing information about the geology and history of these beautiful formations.

15. Cappadocia, Turkey

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cappadocia>

Cappadocia is an amazing region in Turkey that boasts geologic and cultural features. Here you can find entire cities carved into the distinctive rock and mountains that define the region. In fact, you can find cave houses to stay in during your visit. The unique topography of the region is set off by something you might not expect, hot-air balloons. Hot air-ballooning is extremely popular, especially in the town of Goreme, and is a must if you want to take in even more of the stunning topography of the area.

14. Banff National Park, Canada

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Banff_National_Park

Known for its stunning glacial lakes and the imposing Canadian Rockies, Banff National Park will take your breath away. Established in 1885, the area was originally made a national park when there was a land dispute. The park includes mountains, lakes, forests, and glaciers, all in

stunning balance and contrast with one another. While a beautiful destination all year round in winter months, the area also offers skiing as well as a variety of other winter sports.

13. Plitvice Lakes, Croatia

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plitvice_Lakes_National_Park

Situated halfway between the capital and the coast of Croatia, the Plitvice Lakes are a series of 16 lakes all linked by stunning waterfalls. Natural and manmade walkways provide trails to see around and over the lakes, dense forest, and ever-present mist from the waterfalls. The Plitvice Lakes are a sight to see all year round, but they are particularly stunning in the fall, reflecting the colorful branches of surrounding trees.

12. Bora Bora, French Polynesia

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bora_Bora

Combining the stunning beauty nature offers and the decadence of luxury hotels, Bora Bora is a delight for all senses. Surrounded by turquoise waters, coral reefs, and bright schools of fish, the land contains a dense jungle, one of the most stunning in the world. The abundance of beauty, combined with the luxury the islands' common thatched-roof villas have made this spot a destination for honeymooners and vacationers the world over.

11. Niagara Falls

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niagara_Falls

On the border of the U.S. and Canada are three majestic waterfalls. With a vertical drop of over 50 meters, these falls are some of the most powerful in the world. While you may not be able to go over them in a barrel anymore, ferries will bring you to the base of the falls where you can feel their power for yourself as you are pelted by water and mist from the falls.

10. Blue Ridge Mountains, USA

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Ridge_Mountains

The Blue Ridge Mountains are the southernmost section of the massive Appalachian Mountain Range, reaching from Georgia to Pennsylvania. The Mountains are named for their bluish appearance, which is caused by the isoprene released by native trees. There are two different national parks you can visit to see the Blue Mountains; Shenandoah and the Great Smoky

Mountains. You can also enjoy the views from the stunningly scenic Blue Ridge Parkway that connects 469 miles between the two parks.

9. Santorini, Greece

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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Santorini>

Santorini's beauty is iconic. White houses line narrow streets nestled along cliffs and coastline. The blue-domed churches mimic the color of the sky and sea. Panoramic views surprise you around almost every corner. Santorini is immediately identifiable, but familiarity doesn't make it's beauty any less. The towns of Santorini are filled with shops and restaurants as people flock there to see what is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful places in the world.

8. Great Barrier Reef, Australia

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Barrier_Reef

Off the coast of Queensland Australia, this ecosystem is the only living thing on Earth that can be seen from space. While it is visible from space, the best view is from the water. The Great Barrier is actually made of over 3000 individual reefs, corals, and islands. It is home to thousands of species, many of which are endangered. This is why a large portion of the reef is protected as a World Heritage Site.

7. Victoria Falls, Zambia/Zimbabwe

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Falls

Victoria Falls' native name is Mosi-oa-Tunya, which roughly translates to "The Smoke that Thunders." The name is apt given that this is the largest water curtain in the world, and the falling water can be heard from up to 40 kilometers away. It's spray, which rises 400 meters into the air, can be seen from 50 kilometers away and causes an endless number of clouds and rainbows. The falls are surrounded by dense jungle, and a natural basalt wall across from the falls offers the best views of this wonder.

6. Mauna Kea Beach, Hawaii, USA

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaunaoa_Bay

On the biggest island of Hawaii, we find the golden sands and shallow waters of Mauna Kea Beach. This beach offers a slowly sloping seafloor that gives swimmers of all ages and skills a

comfortable and enjoyable swim. It is truly the most idyllic version of a beach. Furthermore, it is connected to the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, so it is never as crowded as public beaches, meaning you can spend less time trying to find a decent spot and more time taking in the beauty that surrounds you.

5. Amalfi Coast, Italy

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amalfi_Coast

Sheer plunging cliffs, sparkling blue sea, nooks of golden beaches and secluded coves. The Amalfi Coast in Campania Italy feels like you are walking through a romantic painting. The coast stretches 50 kilometers along the coast from the port of Salerno to the cliffs of Sorrento. The beauty of the landscape is also extended to the towns and cities that dot the coast with brightly colored buildings, beautiful history, and amazing food.

4. Maroon Bells, USA

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maroon_Bells

Just outside of Aspen Colorado lies the jewel of the Rocky Mountains: Maroon Bells. This is easily one of the most photographed spots in America. With two beautiful peaks on the sides of Maroon Lake's staggeringly clear waters. This spot is beautiful in a different way every season. Fields of wildflowers in spring and summer, the fiery colors of autumn, the stillness and silence of snow. The lake is best accessible by the numerous hiking trails that lead to it. For beauty as awe-inspiring as this, the hike is well worth it.

3. Grand Canyon, USA

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Canyon

One mile deep, 18 miles wide, the Grand Canyon's immensity lends to its splendor. Whether you see it from a viewing platform, a hiking trail, or from the rapids, the grandeur of the canyon is astonishing. Layers of rock are clearly visible, serving as a reminder of both the fierceness of nature and wonder of how it could form such magnificence. If you want to appreciate the beauty, with fewer of the tourists, we recommend you take some of the hiking trails along the northern rim as they are typically less crowded.

2. Angel Falls, Venezuela

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_Falls

Angel Falls is located in Canaima National Park and is one of the most popular attractions in Venezuela. At 3,212 feet, this cascade is 19 times higher than those at Niagara falls. The astonishing beauty of the falls is framed by dense forest and the bright faces of the cliffs it descends from. If this amazing spot looks familiar to you, it may be because it was the direct inspiration for Paradise falls in the Pixar film Up.

1. Machu Picchu, Peru

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machu_Picchu

Built sometime around 1450, Machu Picchu was occupied by the Inca for almost 100 years by the time Spanish explorers reached Peru. After the Spanish conquest, this city was forgotten for a few hundred years, leaving much of the architecture untouched. The hike up to the city is stunning in its own rite. In addition to taking in the beautiful views of the distinctive mountains, and the striking architecture of the city, you could also have the pleasure of being photobombed by an adorable llama.

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All of the world's vast diversity has led to so many different styles and types of beauty. We can find beauty in the world all around us, but these 20 locations offer some of the most stunning and magnificent sights on the planet. Each one offers a distinct beauty that you will never forget. Do you think we missed anything that should have made the cut? We'd love to hear from you in the comments below! Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow on Twitter to receive all the latest videos and lists. Don't forget to like and subscribe if you enjoyed the video, and we'll see you next time.