



TOP 10 DREAM DESTINATIONS FOR ECO-TOURISTS

The year of 2017 was named the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development by the UN. Sustainable holidays are growing in popularity among all eco-tourists. A Dutch association called Green Destinations has established a list of the Top 100 sustainable destinations. Some of them however are located in countries that are among the biggest polluters, yet are known for extensive efforts to protect the environment. Tourism-review.com brings the top 10 such destinations in alphabetical order.

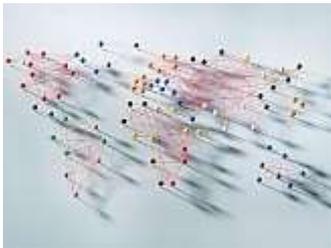
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RECORD NUMBER OF FOREIGN TOURISTS THANKS TO BRAZILIAN OLYMPICS

South American visitors accounted for the largest share of foreign tourists who visited Brazil in 2016. This conclusion was presented by the Statistical Yearbook of the Ministry of Tourism.

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TOURISM COMPETITIVENESS INDEX SHOWS DYNAMIC CHANGES

For the past 11 years, the World Economic Forum (WEF) has been carrying out an in-depth analysis of travel and tourism competitiveness of 136 economies around the world. This year has been a turbulent year in tourism. The top countries in the ranking (Spain, France, Germany) retain stability. But many countries have gone through changes in various aspects.

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ALGARVE TOURISM FACES LONG-TERM PROBLEMS

The Algarve region registered increased tourism numbers last year achieving all-time records. According to the Report on Tourism and Air Transportation in Portugal published recently, the reasons for the previously stagnating Algarve tourism are still there.

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MOST POPULAR LONG HAUL DESTINATIONS AMONG GERMAN TRAVELERS?

Germans generally prefer spending holidays in their own country. However, many of them want to get to know new cultures, in Europe and beyond and opt for long haul destinations.

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HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IN ANDALUSIA IS GROWING WHILE EMPLOYMENT GOES DOWN

The number of visitors coming to Andalusia increased by 13% between 2008 and 2016, accompanied by an increase of 16.5% in the number of overnight stays, two indicators of growth for the Andalusian hospitality industry. The sector, paradoxically, has experienced a 7.74% decrease in its labor force, resulting in 2 732 fewer people working in local hotels in 2016 than in 2008.

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NEW PACKAGE TRAVEL DIRECTIVE WORRIES EUROPEAN TOUR OPERATORS

On the 25th of November in 2015 the new Package Travel Directive was adopted. It entered into force on 31 December 2015 and the EU Member States have to transpose it by 1 January 2018. The directive will be applicable from 1 July 2018

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WINE TOURISM – MAIN ASSET OF ITALIAN OFFER

Italy is a wine heaven and many people worldwide are aware of it. Wine tourism is experiencing continuous and fast growth in country. Last year, 14.2 million travelers visited the Apennine peninsula for degustation of the world's finest wine. Moreover, over 90% of the wine routes registered an increased or stable sales, and arrivals. The segment of the industry generated a €3 billion turnover in 2016.

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