



Best time to travel and where....

Asia

Japan — Tokyo

Spring, is March to May, is probably most popular. Autumn is September to November and is also a great time to travel. Mid-winter, December to February, can be bitterly cold, while the sticky summer months of June to August can be awful.

China — Beijing, Shanghai

Spring is March/April, autumn is September/October and these are the best times to visit China.

Hong Kong - November and December is the preferred time, with pleasant breezes. In January and February the temperature can drop. March and April are warmer temperatures but as the year progresses into May, the air becomes uncomfortably sticky and humid, and by September you can expect cyclones.

Vietnam — Ho Chi Minh, Hanoi - The South has two seasons: the wet, May to November, and dry December to April. The hottest and most humid is from February to May, however it is much cooler Dec – Jan in Hanoi.

Thailand — Bangkok

The best time is between November and February.

Malaysia - It is hot all year round, but best to avoid November to January, which is the rainy season.

Singapore - Go any time, as climate is no major consideration.

Indonesia — Bali - The cooler, dry season is from April to October and is seen as the best time to visit, as the rest of the year is quite humid.

Philippines — Manila - Best time is from the middle of December to the middle of May.

India — Delhi - October to March tend to be the most pleasant months over much of the country. The trekking season in the Indian Himalayas runs roughly from April to November.

Africa

South Africa — Johannesburg - Summer can be too hot; spring being the preferred time to travel.

North Africa — Kenya - January to February is the main tourist season, with hot and dry weather with rains hitting from March to May.

Maldives - December to April bring extra sunshine and this is the dry season. Between May and November, it's still warm, but the skies can be cloudy, humidity is higher and rain is more likely.

Europe

France — Paris - Spring offers the best weather in May, with Autumn starting to get cold for the winter in the Alps and Pyrenees.

Netherlands — Amsterdam - Summer is most popular; spring for tulips.

Spain — Madrid, Barcelona - The ideal months to visit are May, June and September. Winter along the southern and south-eastern Mediterranean coasts is mild.

Italy — Venice, Rome, Florence, Milan - Spring is April/May and is Italy at its best, with Autumn from October to November. The ski season can last from December to March.

Greece — Athens, islands - The best time to visit is spring, June being pleasantly warm. Mid-June to end of August is high season, with more ideal conditions from end of August to mid-October.

Turkey — Istanbul, Gallipoli - Spring — April to June — and autumn — September to November are the best times to travel, especially along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts.

Russia — St Petersburg, Moscow - July and August are the warmest months but can be the dampest.

Eastern Block — Czech Republic, Hungary - May, June and September are the prime times to visit, with April and October getting colder.

Austria — Vienna, Salzburg - Summer (high season) is from July to August, and winter is in full swing from December to March.

Germany — Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich - Preferred time to visit is from May to October.

Switzerland — Lucerne, Zurich - Summer lasts from June to September and the Alps open from late November to early April.

Sweden — Stockholm - Late May to late July brings plenty of sunshine, with August being hot and wet.

Norway — Oslo - May to September, it is at its best. Midnight-sun days, when the sun never drops below the horizon, extend from 13 May to 29 July.

Finland — Helsinki - Warmer months are from May to September, with snowfalls from November.

Egypt — Cairo - Summer, being June to August, can be quite hot, with winter being the preferred time to visit.

United Kingdom

England — London - Cold and short days are from November to February, making April to September the best time to visit.

Ireland — Dublin, Belfast - Weather is warmest in July and August. Outside those months, there can be miserable weather.

Scotland — Edinburgh, Glasgow - Best time is between May and September (April and October are acceptable).

Wales — Cardiff - Spring and autumn are probably the best times to visit.

Americas

Alaska — Denali National Park - June to August is seen as warm, peaks being July to mid-August. May and September offer quite mild weather and are seen as off peak. October may see blizzards, with November to February for snow.

Canada — Ontario, Toronto - Spring, summer and autumn are ideal warm weather for touring. If you want to ski, head over for winter. Warmest months are July and August.

United States — California, New York - East Coast — summer (June/September) is most popular but most crowded, so autumn and spring are preferred.

West Coast — a warmer time would be mid-September to mid-October, along with all of May and early June. Cooling down from November to February (snow).

Hawaii — Average temperature 25-30 degrees throughout the year, but cooler months are December – February.

Mexico - Hot and humid along the coast; hot and wet from May to October. October to May is the most pleasant time to visit since it is fairly dry and still comfortably warm. December to February are generally the coolest months.

Caribbean — Jamaica, Bahamas - Jamaica is a year-round destination, with the peak being mid-December to mid-April. The Bahamas is a year-round destination also, with breezes and pleasant temperatures. In the southern isles, it gets infernally hot in summer — June to August.

Brazil - Most of Brazil can be visited comfortably throughout the year. The south can be unbearably sticky in summer and non-stop rainy in winter.

Peru — Lima - Dry season and most popular is from June to August. Coast is sunniest from late December through March, with wettest months from December to April.

Chile - Best in spring, September to November.

Argentina — Buenos Aires - Best to visit in the summer months, from December to February.

Pacific

French Polynesia — Tahiti - July is the month-long festival, occurring in the drier and cooler June through to October. This is seen as the best time to visit, although it can come into Maraamu tradewinds from June and August. The weather gets warmer and more humid between November and the end of May.

Cook Islands - Any time is a good time to visit the Cook Islands, as seasonal variations are minimal.

Fiji — Suva - Fiji can be enjoyed all year round but best time would probably be in dry season from May to October — less rainfall and humidity and less risk of tropical cyclones.

Vanuatu — Vila - Best time is from April to October, with heaviest rains in January.

New Caledonia — Noumea - Best time is from May to October. Cyclone period from November to April.

Micronesia — Pohnpei - Perfect weather all year round, getting a little humid between July and November.

Samoa - The dry season is between May and October. The rainy period is December and January, with humid months between November and April.

New Zealand North Island and South Island — Wellington, Auckland

Warmer months are November to April. Ski resorts obviously much busier in the winter.

Australia

Any time is a good time to be in Australia. Summer (December to February) can get uncomfortably hot, except in Tasmania. In the southern states during these months, it's great beach weather. Up north, this is the wet season, and very humid, but the Top End is beautifully green. From June until August, things cool down. This is a good time to visit Queensland or the outback and skiers head to the ski fields of NSW and Victoria.

Middle East: Israel — Tel Aviv, Jerusalem - Good weather all year round.

<p>Top 20 Overseas Cities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paris, France 2. New York, USA 3. London, UK 4. Rome, Italy 5. Singapore, Singapore 6. Vancouver, Canada 7. Hong Kong, China 8. San Francisco, USA 9. Venice, Italy 10. Las Vegas, USA 11. Barcelona, Spain 12. Vienna, Austria 13. Bangkok, Thailand 14. Buenos Aires, Argentina 15. Florence, Italy 16. Tokyo, Japan 17. Chicago, USA 18. Prague, Czech Republic 19. Cape Town, South Africa 20. Dubai, UAE 	<p>Best 15 Australian Hotels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast 2. Crown Towers, Melbourne 3. Park Hyatt, Sydney 4. The Westin, Sydney 5. The Langham, Melbourne 6. Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney 7. The Observatory Hotel, Sydney 8. The Westin, Melbourne 9. Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney 10. Hilton, Sydney 11. Park Hyatt, Melbourne 12. Sheraton on the Park, Sydney 13. Sofitel, Melbourne 14. Intercontinental, Sydney 15. Sofitel Wentworth, Sydney
<p>Best Overseas Hotels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Peninsula, Hong Kong 2. Burj Al Arab, Dubai 3. The Ritz, London 4. The Peninsula, Bangkok 5. Shangri La Hotel, Singapore 6. Bellagio, Las Vegas 7. The Langham, Hong Kong 8. Four Seasons Hotel, Hong Kong 9. Waldorf Astoria, New York 10. Fairmont Banff Springs, Canada 11. Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 12. Four Seasons Hotel, Paris 13. Mandarin Oriental, Singapore 14. MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas 15. Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills 16. Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 17. Hilton, Auckland 18. Intercontinental, Hong Kong 19. Hotel Plaza Athenee, Paris 20. Shangri La Hotel, Hong Kong 21. The Ritz, Paris 22. Halekulani, Hawaii 23. The Royal Hawaiian, Hawaii 	<p>Best Australian Resorts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hayman, Whitsundays 2. Qualia, Hamilton Island 3. Cable Beach Resort, Broome 4. Hamilton Island 5. Lizard Island 6. Club Med Lindeman Island 7. Bedarra Island 8. Hyatt Regency Coolom 9. Sea World Resort 10. Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas 11. Byron at Byron 12. Quay West Bunker Bay 13. El Questro 14. Sea Temple, Port Douglas 15. Sheraton Mirage, Gold Coast 16. Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat 17. Palazzo Versace 18. Brampton Island 19. Daydream Island 20. Novotel Twin waters 21. Paradise Bay Eco escape 22. Heron Island Resort 23. Peppers Port Douglas 24. Longitude 131

	25. Royal Pines Resort QLD
Best Overseas Resorts 1. Likuliku Resort Fiji 2. ClubMed Bali 3. Four Seasons Jimbaran Bay, Bali 4. Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand 5. Chiva-Som, Thailand 6. Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Maldives 7. Turtle Island, Fiji 8. Shangri-La, Fiji 9. Hilton Hawaiian Village, Hawaii 10. St Regis, Bora Bora 11. Suncity, South Africa 12. W Retreat & Spa, Maldives 13. Bora Bora Lagoon Resort & Spa 14. Bulgari Resort, Bali 15. Grand Wailea Resort Hotel/ Spa, Hawaii 16. Huka Lodge, NZ 17. Jean-Michel Cousteau, Fiji 18. Vatulele, Fiji 19. Atlantis, Bahamas 20. Castaway Island, Fiji 21. La Plantation Dálbion Club Med, Mauritius 22. ClubMed, Phuket 23. Sheraton Denarau Villas, Fiji 24. Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa, Fiji 25. Amankila, Bali 26. Intercontinental. Fiji 27. Iririki Island Resort, Fiji 28. Karma Kandara, Bali 29. Le Lagon Resort, Vanuatu 30. Merlin Beach Resort, Thailand	Best Australian Boutique Property (15 Rooms or Less) 1. Jonah's Whale Beach 2. Longitude 131°, Uluru (Ayers Rocks), NT 3. Islington Hotel, Hobart, TAS 4. Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW 5. Spicers Peak, Pacific Rim, QLD 6. El Questro, The Kimberley, NT 7. Paradise Bay Eco Escape, Long Island, 8. Echoes Boutique, Katoomba, NSW 9. Hatherley House, Launceston, TAS 10. Simpsons of Potts Point, Sydney, NSW 11. Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island, NSW 12. Rae's on Wategos, Byron Bay, NSW
Best Overseas Spa Resort 1. Chiva-Som, Thailand 2. Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand 3. Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Maldives 4. Four Seasons Jumbaran Bay, Bali 5. Evason Phuket, Thailand 6. Huvafen Fushi, Maldives 7. Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa, SA 8. Canyon Ranch, Arizona, USA 9. Aleenta Resort & Spa, Phuket, 10. Pankor Alut Resort, Malaysia 11. Banyan Tree Bintan, Malaysia 12. Ananda In The Himalays, India 13. Como Shambhala Estate, Bali 14. Intercontinental Thalasso, Tahiti 15. The Peninsula Bangkok, Thailand 16. Club Med, Bali 17. JW Marriott Phuket, Thailand 18. Karma Jimbaran, Bali 19. Likuliku Lagoon Resort, Fiji 20. Outrigger On The Lagoon, Fiji 21. Sentosa Resort & Spa, Singapore 22. W Retreat & Spa, Maldives	Best Australian Spa 1. Angsana Resprt & Spa, QLD 2. Byron At Byron, QLD 3. Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, NSW 4. Daydream Island Resort & Spa, QLD 5. Gaia Retreat, Byron Bay, NSW 6. Golden Door, Elysia, NSW 7. Golden Door, Gold Coast, QLD 8. Gwinganna Health Retreat, QLD 9. Hyatt Regency Coolum Spa, QLD 10. Lake House, VIC 11. Lillianfels, NSW 12. Observatory Day Spa, NSW 13. Peppers Beach Club, Port Douglas, QLD 14. Peppers Springs Retreat & Spa, VIC 15. Quay West Resort, Bunker Bay, WA 16. Salus Per Aquum Spa, Palazzo Versace, 17. Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Port Douglas, 18. Sebel Reef House & Spa, Palm Cove, 19. Sheraton Mirage, Gold Coast, QLD 20. Sheraton Noosa, QLD 21. Shoal Bay Resort & Spa, NSW 22. Spa Hayman, QLD 23. Spa Qualia, QLD 24. Waldheim Alpine Spa, Cradle Mountain 25. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, NSW
Best Australian Golf Resort 1. Hyatt Regency Coolum, QLD 2. Bonville Golf Resort, NSW 3. Cypress Lakes Resort, NSW	Best Overseas Golf Resort 1. St. Andrews Links, Scotland 2. Pebble Beach California, USA 3. Kauri Cliffs, NZ

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Royal Pines, QLD 5. The Vines Resort & Country Club Pert 6. Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Club 7. Peppers Moonah Links, VIC 8. Barnbogle Dunes, TAS 9. Joondalup Country Club, WA 10. Hyatt Regency Sanctuary Cove, 11. Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas, QLD 12. Quay West Resort Magenta Shores, 13. Sea Temple Resort & Spa Port Doug 14. The Vintage, NSW 15. The Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley, VIC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Millbrook Queenstown, NZ 5. Cape Kidnappers, NZ 6. Gleneagles, Scotland 7. Banyan Tree Phuket, Thailand 8. Intercontinental, Fiji 9. Four Seasons Resort, Hawaii 10. Le Meridien Nirwana, Bali 11. Mauna Lani Resort, Hawaii 12. Kapalua Resort, Hawaii 13. Sun City, South Africa 14. Wynn Las Vegas, USA
<p>Best Australian Ski Resort</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thredbo, NSW 2. Falls Creek, VIC 3. Perisher, NSW 4. Mt. Buller, VIC 5. Mt. Hotham, VIC 	<p>Best Australian Ski Lodges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quay West Resort & Spa, Falls Creek, VIC 2. Rydges Thredbo Alpine Hotel, Thredbo, 3. Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort, Jinda 4. Smiggins Hotel & Chalet Apartments 5. Hotham Heights Chalets, Mt Hotham,
<p>Best Overseas Ski Resort</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada 2. Aspen, USA 3. Queenstown, NZ 4. St. Moritz, Switzerland 5. Zermatt, Switzerland 6. Niesko, Japan 7. Banff, Canada 8. Big White, Canada 9. Jackson Hole, USA 10. Steamboat Springs, USA 	<p>Best International Ski Hotel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Arrabelle At Vail Square, Vail, USA 2. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, 3. Badrutt's Palace Hotel, St. Mortiz,
<p>Best Family Resort</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sea World, Gold Coast, QLD 2. Paradise Resort, Gold Coast, QLD 3. Hamilton Island (various), QLD 4. Club Med Lindeman Island, QLD 5. Hyatt Regency Coolum, QLD 6. Daydream Island, QLD 7. Club Med, Bali 8. Walt Disney World, Florida, USA 9. Hayman, QLD 10. Jean-Michel Cousteau, Fiji 11. Novotel Twin Waters Resort, QLD 12. Surfers Paradise Marriott, QLD 13. Shangri-La, Fiji 14. Sands Turtle Beach Resort, QLD 15. Cable Beachclub, Broome, WA 16. Castaway Island, Fiji 17. Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island, 18. Tangalooma Island Resort, QLD 19. Mana Island Resort, Fiji 20. Outrigger On The Lagoon, Fiji 21. Club Med, Phuket 22. Sheraton Mirage, Port Douglas, QLD 	<p>Best Luxury Cruise Line</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silversea 2. Cunard 3. P&O 4. Orion Expedition Cruises 5. Princess Cruises 6. Holland America 7. Crystal Cruises 8. Seadream 9. Royal Carriibbean 10. Seabourn 11. Regent Seven Seas 12. Celebrity Cruises 13. Oceania Cruises
<p>Best Luxury Cruise Ship</p> <p>Large</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cunard QM2 2. Sun Princess 3. Cunard QE2 4. Queen Victoria 5. Diamond Princess 6. Pacific Dawn 7. Crystal Symphony 	<p>Best Luxury Airport For Duty Free</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dubai International Airport, Dubai 2. Changi Airport, Singapore 3. Hong Kong International Airport, HK 4. Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok 5. Heathrow, London 6. Melbourne Airport, Melbourne 7. Abu Dhabi International Airport, 8. Kuala Lumpur International Airport, KL

<p>8. Pacific Princess 9. Crystal Serenity</p> <p>Small</p> <p>1. Silver Whisper 2. True North 3. Seadream 1 4. The World 5. Silver Shadow 6. Silver Cloud 7. Seabourn Spirit</p>	<p>9. Los Angeles Airport (LAX), Los Angeles 10. Brisbane Airport, Airport</p>
<p>Best Business Class Airline</p> <p>1. Qantas 2. Singapore Airlines 3. Emirates 4. Etihad Airways 5. British Airways 6. Cathay Pacific 7. Thai Airways 8. Air New Zealand 9. Virgin Atlantic 10. V Australia</p>	<p>Best First Class Airline</p> <p>1. Singapore Airlines 2. Emirates 3. Qantas 4. Etihad Airways 5. Cathay Pacific 6. British Airways 7. Thai Airways 8. Malaysia Airlines 9. Virgin Atlantic 10. Lufthansa</p>
<p>Best Luxury Rail Journey</p> <p>1. Great Southern Rail, Australia The Ghan and Indian Pacific 2. Orient Express – Royal Scotsman, Eastern & Oriental Express and Venice Simplon Orient Express 3. Rocky Mountaineer, Canada 4. Rovos Rail, South Africa 5. The Blue Train, South Africa 6. Eurostar, Europe 7. Royal Canadian Pacific, Canadian 8. Palace on Wheels, India 9. Trans-Siberian Express, Europe/Asia 10. Danube Express, Central Europe 11. Glacier Express, Switzerland, Europe</p>	<p>Best Luxury Eco Tourism</p> <p>1. Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, QLD 2. Cesiak, Mexico 3. Cradle Mountain Lodge, TAS 4. Paradise Bay Eco Escape, QLD 5. Ecocamp Patagonia, Chile 6. Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat, NSW 7. Eco Beach Wilderness Retreat, WA 8. Longitude 131°, Uluru (Ayers Rock), NT 9. Couran Cove Island Resort, QLD 10. Gwinganna Lifestyle, Fraser Island, QLD 11. Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island, QLD 12. Silky Oaks Lodge, QLD 13. Thala Beach Lodge, QLD 14. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, NSW</p>
<p>Favourite Luxury Brands</p> <p>1. Chanel 2. Louise Vuitton 3. Gucci 4. Prada 5. Hermes 6. Christian Dior 7. Versace 8. Armani 9. Bentley 10. Tiffany & Co 11. Bulgari 12. Rolex 13. Dolce & Gabbana 14. Hugo Boss 15. Guess 16. Burberry 17. Salvatore Ferragamo 18. Yves Saint Laurent 19. BMW 20. Omega 21. Ralph Lauren</p>	<p>Which Newly Opened Hotel/Resort Would You Most Like To Visit?</p> <p>1. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, NSW 2. Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Fiji 3. Alila Villas Uluwatu, Bali 4. One & Only Cape Town, South Africa 5. Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort, Abu Dhabi 6. Crosby St. Hotel, New York, USA 7. Hilton Melbourne South Wharf, VIC 8. Paresa, Phuket 9. Montage Beverley Hills, USA</p>