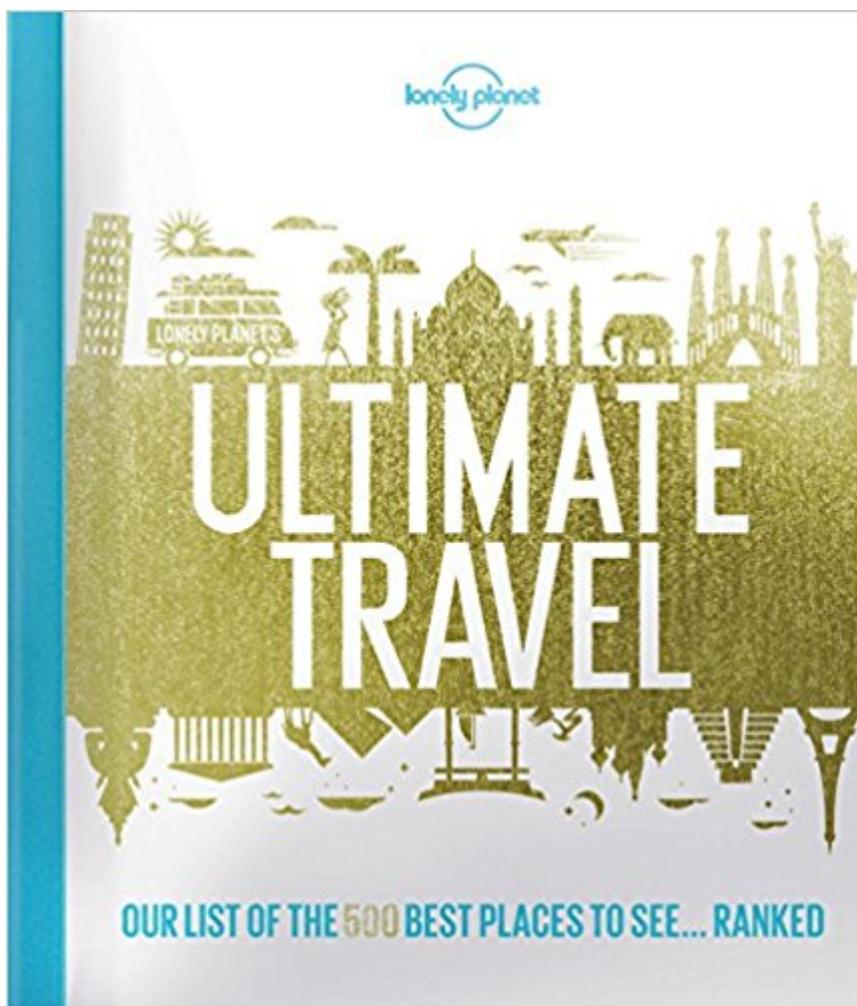


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# **Lonely Planet's Ultimate Travel: Our List Of The 500 Best Places To See... Ranked**



## Synopsis

Lonely Planet, the world's leading travel guide publisher, brings you the world...ranked. What will be number 1, you ask? We have the answer. This compilation of the 500 most unmissable sights and attractions in the world has been ranked by Lonely Planet's global community of travel experts, so big name mega-sights such as the Eiffel Tower and the Taj Mahal battle it out with lesser-known hidden gems for a prized place in the top 10, making this the only bucket list you'll ever need. This definitive wish list of the best places to visit on earth is packed with insightful write-ups and inspiring photography to get you motivated to start ticking off your travel list. What's your number 1? Authors: Lonely Planet About Lonely Planet: Since 1973, Lonely Planet has become the world's leading travel media company with guidebooks to every destination, an award-winning website, mobile and digital travel products, and a dedicated traveller community. Lonely Planet covers must-see spots but also enables curious travellers to get off beaten paths to understand more of the culture of the places in which they find themselves. 'Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveller's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' -- Fairfax Media 'Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' - New York Times Lonely Planet guides have won the TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Award in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.

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armchair-travel guide." (USA Today)"The vagabond always eyeing the nearest exit will be transported by this guide to the world's unmissable places?the Temples of Angkor, Big Sur and 498 others?put together by a leading voice in excursions, adventures and jaunts." (O, The Oprah Magazine)"I love this book. You NEED this book...it is just so gorgeous to look at and I want to visit all 500 of the world?s best places to visit (and they?re ranked)! It?s a great book to browse for ideas, gush over the gorgeous pictures and just learn more about the world. This is a great coffee table book and it?s also very giftable." (Bookaholic Beauty)

I've traveled to 28 countries and cumulatively spent 25 months of the last 10 years abroad. My family and friends consider me well-traveled and frequently ask for advice about where they should travel. I have places I remember fondly and can recommend, but travel is so personal, and what is amazing for one person can be lackluster for another. Also, I've been a lot of places, but I haven't actually been EVERYWHERE. So now, when I rattle off recommendations, I also recommend this book. I personally use this book to discover lesser known gems in countries I plan trips to. But it is also useful for novice travelers to discover what the world offers. I purchased a copy of this book for my younger brother who graduated college and wanted to go on a longer term travel adventure but didn't know where he should go. He pored over the book and discovered many places he had never heard of and was able to piece together a rough itinerary. It's also just a wonderful coffee table book: beautiful photography and a great conversation starter.

I like the way the book is organized. In rank order. It also includes a map of the world with the top 100 places marked. This was helpful when I knew I was going to be in one place in the world due to my job and where were the closest cool things to check out. There is just a paragraph or so on each place. Just enough to give a quick summary which means you don't have to read through a bunch of stuff you don't want to to find the places your interested in. Definitely need to have you internet close by to dig deeper into the places that seem interesting. If you are looking for interesting places to visit around the world but not sure where to go next then give this a try.

A measure of my like for this book is the fact that I promptly purchased a new copy when my original fell off a table and separated from the spine. You can debate the order of the rankings, and even the inclusion or exclusion of certain sites, but there's no denying that it presents a legitimate list of places worth visiting in your lifetime, assuming you can get to them (hey Iran). Stunning color photography of some of the sites reach out to you from the pages, and the index does a fantastic

job of allowing you to search by name, country, or city to zero in on locations. On trips to Germany, Iceland, and Asia, we viewed the suggested list of sites by country and organized our trips around visiting some or all of the suggested sites. If there's a knock on the book it's that obviously opinions will differ on the 500 best places to see, and the information provided on each site is somewhat limited, but otherwise, a fantastic book for anyone bitten by the travel bug.

I bought this book for myself, as I am a self-professed travel junkie and host my own travel blog. Gorgeous, jaw-dropping photos and well-written descriptions make this one of my better purchases in recent months. In fact, I love this book so much that it's now my go-to gift. Newly engaged friends? Mother-in-law at Christmastime? I've now gifted this book to so many people that I can't keep track.

This book isn't nearly as good as National Geographic's Destinations of a Lifetime. The book itself is curling up at the corners and the photos won't lay flat. The actual Destinations are good, but many don't have pictures or tell you more than a sentence or two, so it's hard to get excited about the places they are telling you about. That being said, the are some nice photos and the map that is included is quite helpful.

Arguably one of the best coffee table books you can purchase. It will instill wanderlust in whoever has the opportunity to lay eyes on it. The images are absolutely breathtaking and sheds light on often lesser known places of travel. Be warned, not every location is accompanied with a photograph, however every image is phenomenal. As for the construction of the book itself, it's a hardcover book, with a very nice weight. I can definitely see this withstanding the ages.

I love to travel and own a million travel books and this is by far my favorite ones. It is different than any other and features the most beautiful photos alongside insightful commentary!

This book makes you want to start packing! Very informative with beautiful photographs, my only complaint is that the packaging made the edges bend inward.

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