

2016 Sustainable Destinations Top 100

At the occasion of **World Tourism Day** and **Global Green Destinations Day**, 27-28 September 2016, the **Sustainable Destinations Top 100** is launched for the second time to celebrate the efforts of tourism destinations for responsible and sustainable tourism. The list is the result of open calls in newswires and the social media. Everybody could nominate destinations through a form that was available online. Nominators had to provide extensive information on the destination and on its efforts for sustainability. Information had to be provided about the extent the destination complies with the **15 core criteria of the Green Destinations Standard** (table). **Over 150 nominations** were received. All nominations were evaluated by **experts of the Green Destinations Top 100 Team** and by members of the special **Top 100 Selection Panel**, that included sixty tourism sustainability experts.

The Top 100 initiative aims to recognise tourism destinations that have worked hard to make a difference and take sustainability seriously. Nevertheless, no destination is sustainable for the full 100%. Also in the selected destinations important issues remain to be solved.

Carbon emission of travel could not be taken into account in this competition. However, Green Destinations recommends travellers to avoid long haul travels and to compensate their carbon emission.

The Top 100 selection can be found in: www.greendestinations.info. More info: info@greendestinations.info

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Criteria (titles) used to evaluate destination nominations:

- Sustainability coordinator
- Sustainable tourism policy
- Nature protection
- Respect for animals
- Protection of landscape & scenery
- Waste water treatment
- Solid waste reduction
- Reduction of fossil fuel dependency
- Cultural heritage conservation
- Protection of intangible heritage
- Protection of people
- Inhabitants involved in tourism
- Promoting local products
- Health & safety prevention
- Accessibility for disabled

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<p>ARGENTINA Bariloche Tigre</p> <p>AUSTRIA Werfenweng</p> <p>BHUTAN Kingdom of Bhutan</p> <p>BOLIVIA Madidi National Park</p> <p>BOTSWANA Chobe, Makgadikgadi & Okavango Delta Selinda Reserve</p> <p>BRAZIL Ponta de Nossa Senhora Fernando de Noronha</p> <p>CANADA Niagara River, Falls and Parkway Great Bear Rainforest Dehcho-Akaiitcho regions, Mackenzie Valley Mackenzie Delta - Beaufort Sea, NWT/YT</p> <p>COSTA RICA Costa Rica including the Osa Peninsula</p> <p>CHILE Isla Grande de Chiloé Curacavi Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve Huilo Huilo</p> <p>CHINA Yi Xian (Yi County), Anhui Province Mt. Huangshan Jiuzhaigou Scenic Area Sanqingshan World Heritage Site</p> <p>COLOMBIA Otun Quimbaya Fauna and Flora Sanctuary</p> <p>CROATIA Delnice Town of Drniš Town of Mali Lošinj Gorski kotar Island Krk Pula</p> <p>CYPRUS Paphos district</p> <p>FRANCE Bretagne</p> <p>GERMANY Norderney & Juist Bliesgau Biosphere Reserve Uckermark</p>	<p>GREECE Alonnisos, Northern Sporades</p> <p>INDIA Khangchendzonga National Park Parambikulam Tiger Reserve</p> <p>INDONESIA Misool, Raja Ampat Plataran L'Harmonie, West Bali Barat NP</p> <p>IRELAND Clonakilty</p> <p>ITALY Best of Romagna Montepisano in Toscana Cogne (Valle d'Aosta)</p> <p>JORDAN Sharhabil Bin Hassneh</p> <p>KENYA Loisaba Conservancy Mara Naboisho Conservancy</p> <p>KOREA Dongbaekdongsan Suncheon Bay Wetland</p> <p>LATVIA Jūrmala</p> <p>MALTA Gozo - Comino</p> <p>NETHERLANDS Ameland Noordwijk Katwijk - Wassenaar Westvoorne - Hoek v Holland Goeree-Overflakkee Schouwen-Duiveland Veere Zuid-Limburg</p> <p>NETHERLANDS - CARIBBEAN Bonaire Saba - St. Eustatius</p> <p>MEXICO Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve</p> <p>NIGERIA Cross River State</p> <p>NORWAY Svalbard Geilo Sognefjord</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF PALAU Republic of Palau</p>	<p>PHILIPPINES Lake Holon Lake Sebu, South Cotabato Bojo, Aloguinsan, Cebu</p> <p>PORTUGAL Oeste (West region) Azores Peneda-Gerês National Park Lagos Cascais Sintra</p> <p>RWANDA Volcanoes National Park</p> <p>SLOVENIA Ljubljana Slovenia Green Destinations</p> <p>SOUTH AFRICA Cape Town Grootbos Private Nature Reserve</p> <p>SPAIN Atlantic Islands of Galicia NP Terres de l'Ebre Baiona, Galicia Noja</p> <p>SWEDEN Sigtuna Åre</p> <p>TAIJKISTAN Pamir Mountains</p> <p>TAIWAN Northeast and Yilan Coast Cihalaay Cultural Landscape Area</p> <p>TANZANIA Chumbe Island (Zanzibar)</p> <p>THAILAND Tung Dap Village</p> <p>TIMOR LESTE Atauro Island</p> <p>UNITED KINGDOM The Broads National Park, England Comrie, Scotland County Down, Northern Ireland Lough Neagh, Northern Ireland</p> <p>UNITED STATES Jackson Hole & Yellowstone Desert View Grand Canyon NP Vermont</p> <p>URUGUAY Punta del Este</p>
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