



Press Release (for immediate release)

2018 SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS TOP 100

For the fourth time the Sustainable Destinations Top 100 is unveiled. This list celebrates the efforts of tourism destinations for responsible and sustainable tourism.

The list is the result of open calls in newswires, social and business media. Nominators had to provide extensive information on their destination and its efforts to make itself and its stakeholders more sustainable for the benefit of visitors, local communities and the world. Candidate destinations had to clarify what they have been doing to comply with the 100 globally recognized criteria of the Green Destinations Standard. Nominations were evaluated by the Sustainable Top 100 Team and by members of the Top 100 International Committee and country 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 fully sustainable. In all selected destinations important issues remain to be solved.

Visitors' carbon emissions are currently not taken into account in this competition due to the lack of suitable data and tools. However, Green Destinations recommends travellers to avoid long-haul travels and to appropriately compensate their carbon emission.

The winners will be celebrated – and will receive their Certificate at the ITB Earth Award – Top 100 Awards ceremony, 6 March at ITB Berlin, the world's leading travel trade show.

The 2018 Top 100 selection will be available in: www.SustainableTop100.org.
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The competition is organised by the Partnership for the Top 100 and the ITB Earth Award:

Green Destinations, the Netherlands
Asian Ecotourism Network (AEN), Thailand:
Destination Stewardship Center, USA
Global Ecotourism Network (GEN), USA
QualityCoast Awards, the Netherlands
The Long Run, United Kingdom
TravelMole's VISION on Sustainable Tourism, UK/Italy.

ITB Berlin, Germany
bookdifferent.com, the Netherlands
Ecotourism Australia, Australia
Linking Tourism & Conservation (LT&C), Norway
Sustainable Travel International (STI), USA
Travelife for Tour Operators and Travel Agents, NL



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<p>AUSTRALIA Douglas Shire (Queensland) Red Centre</p> <p>BELGIUM Durbuy</p> <p>BHUTAN Kingdom of Bhutan</p> <p>BOTSWANA Chobe, Makgadikgadi & Okavango Delta Selinda Reserve</p> <p>BRAZIL Fernando de Noronha</p> <p>CANADA Great Bear Rainforest Vancouver (British Columbia) Castle Region & Alberta Southwest Mackenzie Delta - Beaufort Sea Niagara Falls (Ontario) Thompson Okanagan</p> <p>CHILE Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve Chiloé Island Huilo Huilo Biological Reserve Puerto Natales</p> <p>COLOMBIA Otún Quimbaya Sanctuary</p> <p>COSTA RICA Costa Rica</p> <p>CROATIA Town of Drniš</p> <p>CYPRUS Pafos Region</p> <p>ECUADOR Galapagos Islands Sani Isla</p> <p>FINLAND Pyhä-Luosto</p> <p>FRANCE Bretagne - Brittany</p> <p>GERMANY Norderney (Lower Saxony)</p> <p>GREECE Folegandros (Cyclades) Skyros Island (Evia) Sifnos Island (Cyclades)</p>	<p>INDIA Khangchendzonga Nat. Park (Sikkim)</p> <p>INDONESIA Bali Barat National Park</p> <p>ITALY Cogne (Valle d'Aosta) Villasimius & C. Carbonara MPA (Sardinia)</p> <p>JAPAN Kamaishi (Iwate)</p> <p>JORDAN Ajloun Forest Reserve Sharhabil Bin Hassneh EcoPark</p> <p>KENYA Loisaba Conservancy</p> <p>MALAYSIA Taiping (Perak)</p> <p>MALTA Gozo</p> <p>NAMIBIA #Khoadi-//Hoas Conservancy</p> <p>MEXICO Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve</p> <p>NETHERLANDS Ameland (Friesland) Berg en Dal (Gelderland) Goeree-Overflakkee (Zuid-Holland) Hoek van Holland (Zuid-Holland) Katwijk (Zuid-Holland) Nijmegen (Gelderland) Noordwijk (Zuid-Holland) Schouwen-Duiveland (Zeeland) Wassenaar (Zuid-Holland) Westvoorne (Zuid-Holland) Veere (Zeeland)</p> <p>NETHERLANDS - CARIBBEAN Bonaire Saba</p> <p>NORWAY Lindesnes region Lyngenfjord region</p> <p>PALAU Republic of Palau</p> <p>PHILIPPINES Bojo (Aloguinsan) Lio Tourism Estate (El Nido) San Carlos City (Negros Occ.)</p>	<p>PORTUGAL Águeda (Baixo Vouga, Centro) Alto Minho CIM Azores Cascais (Greater Lisbon region) Lagos (Algarve) Peneda-Gerês National Park Oeste CIM, West Portugal Serras do Socorro e Archeira Sintra (Greater Lisbon region) Torres Vedras (Oeste)</p> <p>ROMANIA Bison Land</p> <p>RWANDA Volcanoes National Park</p> <p>SLOVENIA Ljubljana Bled Komen Podčetrtek Rogaška Slatina Slovenia Green Destinations</p> <p>SOUTH KOREA Suwon Hwaseong (Suwon City)</p> <p>SPAIN Baiona (Galicia) Bergueda County (Catalunya) Islas Atlánticas de Galicia Noja (Cantabria) Terres de l'Ebre Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit</p> <p>SWEDEN Åre (Jämtland County) Malmö (Scania County) Östergötland region</p> <p>TAIWAN Nanliao Penghu Northeast and Yilan Coast NSA Pinglin district (New Taipei City)</p> <p>TANZANIA Chumbe Island (Zanzibar)</p> <p>UNITED KINGDOM County Down (Northern Ireland)</p> <p>USA Jackson Hole-Yellowstone (Wyoming) Vail (Colorado)</p>
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The Top 100 Partnership consists of 13 organisations:
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