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Where to go in 2025, without crowds

12 destinations to add to your travel wish list this year, from the Bahamas to Europe, Australia and Japan.

By now, you've already revenge traveled. Maybe you've bucket-listed. You've braved the masses in some of the world's most famous destinations. It's time for something different.

Maybe the news coming out of the White House has seeped into your subconscious: Greenland, anyone? Panama, perhaps? But if you're seeking destinations outside of the president's agenda — and not overwhelmed with fellow visitors — we have a dozen to offer.

For this list, we asked travel industry experts for their favorite less-discovered sites and considered our own interests and travels to come up with fresh, exciting and welcoming spots.

New Brunswick



The Hopewell, or Flowerpot Rocks in the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick. (Jane Rix/Getty Images)

Wedged between Quebec and Nova Scotia, whose official languages are French and English, respectively, New Brunswick is Canada's only official bilingual province. With 85 percent of its land forested, however, you might be spending a lot of your trip humming to yourself.

The beaches — considered the warmest saltwater north of Virginia — are equally subdued. “We have these beautiful, long, uncrowded beaches,” said Neil Hodge, the province's travel media representative. “It's easy to find privacy and your little piece of heaven.” The expansive nature acts like a switch, extinguishing the light pollution so the constellations can shine at four Dark Sky preserves.

For more urban adventures, Saint John, Canada's oldest incorporated city (1785), packs about 85 independent bars and restaurants into a 10-square-block area by the port. (Cruise ships dock here, but mainly in the fall.) Visitors with a sweet tooth can drop by any of the 100 maple sugar camps, which start tapping in mid-March.

Don't miss: At the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides, you can attend a three-course dinner party on the ocean floor on select dates from June through September at Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park. Once the tide rises and the dishes are cleared, go kayaking in up to 50 feet of water.

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