Fact: More people are traveling the world today than ever before. According to the latest data from the United Nations' World Tourism Organization, 1.4 billion tourists embarked on international trips in 2018, which represents a 6 percent increase from the previous year. Fast forward to today and the world of global tourism is at a major turning point—especially when you account for exciting new cultural offerings and off-the-beaten-path destinations on the rise.
That said, are you looking to make a big trip this year, but don’t know where to begin? If so, we’ve compiled here all of the latest and greatest places to travel in 2020, which include old favorites (bonjour, Paris!), countries that may not be on your radar yet (hello, Belize!), and some of the best options closer to home that are sure to surprise you. So read on, and don’t forget your passport!

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The nation's capital is set to be a battleground leading up to the election in November, but there are plenty of other reasons to visit. Leaving politics aside, Washington has always had an amazing collection of free museums, but if you haven't made it to the National Museum of African American History and Culture yet, it's about time you go. The waterfront is also being redeveloped as one of the city's most exciting new neighborhoods. The first phase of the Wharf brought Anthem concert hall, an InterContinental hotel, exciting restaurants like Officina, and shops to the area.