

# Top Destination Travel Guides

Handpicked destination highlights curated by the Bamilor Intl. & Rags2Travel team. Use these as your starting point — then make the journey your own.

## AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

### Morocco ■■ Best time: Mar–May, Sep–Nov

Don't miss: Marrakech medina, Sahara desert, Chefchaouen blue city, Atlas Mountains. Budget: \$40–80/day. Visa: free on arrival for many nationalities.

### Kenya ■■ Best time: Jul–Oct (Great Migration)

Don't miss: Maasai Mara, Amboseli (Mt. Kilimanjaro views), Nairobi food scene, Diani Beach. Budget: \$60–120/day. Must-book safari in advance.

### UAE – Dubai ■■ Best time: Nov–Mar

Don't miss: Burj Khalifa, Dubai Creek, Al Fahidi historical district, desert safari, free beaches. Budget: \$80–200/day.

### Ghana ■■ Best time: Nov–Mar

Don't miss: Cape Coast Castle, Kakum National Park, Accra street food, Mole National Park. Budget: \$35–70/day. Visa required — apply in advance.

## AMERICAS & CARIBBEAN

### Colombia ■■ Best time: Dec–Mar

Don't miss: Cartagena's old city, Medellín innovation culture, Coffee Region, Tayrona National Park. Budget: \$35–70/day. Extremely affordable.

### Jamaica ■■ Best time: Nov–mid-Dec

Don't miss: Negril 7-Mile Beach, Blue Mountains coffee tour, Dunn's River Falls, jerk chicken at Boston Bay. Budget: \$60–130/day.

### Mexico ■■ Best time: Dec–Apr

Don't miss: Mexico City food & culture, Tulum ruins & cenotes, Oaxaca markets, Copper Canyon. Budget: \$40–90/day. Very budget-friendly.

**Brazil** ■■ Best time: Jun–Sep (avoid Carnival crowds)

Don't miss: Rio de Janeiro, Amazon jungle tour, Iguazú Falls, Salvador's Afro-Brazilian culture. Budget: \$50–100/day.

**ASIA & THE PACIFIC****Thailand** ■■ Best time: Nov–Apr

Don't miss: Bangkok temples & street food, Chiang Mai night markets, Pai, island-hopping in Krabi/Koh Lanta. Budget: \$25–55/day. One of the best-value destinations.

**Japan** ■■ Best time: Mar–May (cherry blossom), Oct–Nov

Don't miss: Tokyo, Kyoto temples, Osaka food scene, Hiroshima, rural ryokan experience. Budget: \$70–130/day.

**Vietnam** ■■ Best time: Feb–Apr

Don't miss: Ha Long Bay, Hoi An lantern town, Ho Chi Minh City history, Sapa rice terraces. Budget: \$25–50/day.

**Bali, Indonesia** ■■ Best time: Apr–Oct

Don't miss: Ubud rice terraces & temples, Seminyak beach clubs, Nusa Penida cliffs, sunrise at Mt. Batur. Budget: \$30–70/day.

**EUROPE & BEYOND****Portugal** ■■ Best time: May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Don't miss: Lisbon's Alfama district, Porto wine cellars, Alentejo wine country, Algarve sea caves. Budget: \$60–100/day. Most affordable W. European destination.

**Georgia** ■■ Best time: May–Jun, Sep–Oct

Don't miss: Tbilisi Old Town, Kazbegi mountains, wine region Kakheti, cave city Vardzia. Budget: \$30–60/day. Hidden gem of Europe.

**Turkey** ■■ Best time: Apr–May, Sep–Oct

Don't miss: Istanbul's Hagia Sophia & Grand Bazaar, Cappadocia hot air balloons, Pamukkale thermal pools, Ephesus ruins. Budget: \$40–80/day.

**Greece** ■■ Best time: May–Jun, Sep

Don't miss: Athens Acropolis, Santorini sunsets, Crete beaches, Meteora monasteries. Budget: \$65–110/day. Travel in shoulder season to avoid crowds.