

1. Tokyo - Mount Fuji

Mount Fuji is Japan's tallest mountain and an active volcano. The volcano's last eruption was in 1707. The 3,776-meter high mountain is on the island of Honshu. Mount Fuji is very popular with both Japanese and foreign tourists. In the summer about 150,000 people climb to the top.

2. Kyoto – Japanese girl in kimono

The kimono is a piece of traditional Japanese clothing. It is made of a single piece of cloth. There are many different types of kimono. Nowadays, people usually only wear the traditional kimono at home or on special occasions.

3. Osaka – Bullet train

The “shinkansen” or high speed bullet train connects Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto, and Osaka. It started service in 1964 and was the world's first high speed train. The maximum speed then was 200 km per hour. Today the trains reach speeds of up to 300 km per hour.

4. Hiroshima – Sushi

Sushi is not only popular in Japan. Nowadays sushi restaurants are found all over the world. The main ingredient of sushi is Japanese sticky rice. It is combined with other ingredients, especially raw fish, and is often eaten with soy sauce, pickled ginger, and wasabi, a horseradish paste.

5. Hokkaido – Red-crowned crane

The red-crowned crane is also called the Japanese crane. It grows up to 140 cm high and can be found in wet areas. The mature bird is snowy white with a patch of red on its head. A resident population of about 500 cranes lives year round on the island of Hokkaido. The red-crowned crane is an endangered species.

6. Seoul – Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that uses special kicking techniques. It is the world's most popular sport: more than 70 million people in 200 countries practice taekwondo. It is one of only two Asian martial arts included in the Olympic Games.

7. Pusan – Korean barbecue

Korean barbecue or Gogi Gui is a Korean method of grilling beef, chicken or other meat. The meat is prepared at the table on a gas or charcoal grill built into the table's center. Today Korean barbecue enjoys international popularity.

8. Beijing – Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, in the middle of Beijing, is the world's largest palace. More than a million people were needed to build it. It was the imperial palace from 1420 to 1911. The complex was called the "Forbidden City" because ordinary people were not allowed to enter it.

9. Xian – Terracotta warriors

Travelers from all over the world visit Xian to admire the terracotta warriors and horses. More than 8,000 life-size clay statues of soldiers, horses and wagons were buried here with the emperor over 2,200 years ago. In 1974 they were discovered by local farmers.

10. Shanghai – Xiao long bao

The xiao long bao or Shanghai dumpling is a steamed bun filled with pork, minced crab, and soup. The dumpling is steamed in bamboo baskets. People bite off the top, suck the soup, and dip it in vinegar before eating.

11. Hong Kong – Peak Tram

A ride on the Peak Tram offers travelers to Hong Kong spectacular views of the city and harbor. The 1.4 km ride takes visitors to a height of about 400 meters. Tens of millions of people have taken the ride since it started service in 1888.

12. Taipei – Shilin Night Market

Locals and foreign visitors enjoy strolling through the Shilin Night Market, the largest and most famous night market in Taiwan. After shopping, people can sit at a table at one of the many food stalls and try some typical Taiwanese snacks: oyster omelet, Taiwanese fried chicken, and stinky tofu.

13. Hanoi – Rice fields

Hanoi in the Red River Delta is the capital of Vietnam. The countryside outside Hanoi is full of rice fields. Farmers wear their traditional hats to protect them from the sun. They work ankle-deep in water and still use water buffaloes for plowing and other tasks.

14. Ho Chi Minh City – Spring rolls

Ho Chi Minh City is a food lovers' paradise. A favorite dish is spring rolls. The main ingredients are meat and vegetables, which are then rolled up in a sheet of rice paper. They are wrapped in a piece of fresh lettuce and dipped in sauce before eating. They are light, healthy, and delicious.

15. Siem Reap – Angkor Wat

The temple complex at Angkor Wat is Cambodia's most famous tourist attraction and the world's largest religious structure. Angkor Wat was built in the 12th century and is admired for its lotus-blossom towers and smiling Buddha images. It has become a symbol of Cambodia and appears on the national flag.

16. Phnom Penh – Silver Pagoda

The Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Phnom Penh is known as the Silver Pagoda: 5329 silver tiles cover the floor. The pagoda houses many cultural and religious treasures. The most famous are the Emerald Buddha and a 90-kg solid gold life-size Buddha adorned with 2086 diamonds.

17. Bangkok – Grand Palace

The Grand Palace is Thailand's most sacred site. It was built in 1782 and for 150 years was the home of the Thai king. Within the palace complex there are several impressive buildings, including the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. Although the king does not live at the palace now, it is still used for many ceremonies.

18. Phuket – Tuk-tuk

Phuket, Thailand's largest island, is often called the pearl of the south. Visitors from all over the world go there to swim and dive in the crystal clear water or to sunbathe on the palm-lined beaches. Many tourists prefer to take a tuk-tuk instead of a regular taxi to enjoy the fresh air.

19. Chiang Mai – Elephant Ride

Chiang Mai, the largest city in the north of Thailand, is famous for the great variety of traditional handicrafts it offers: woodcarvings, silverware, ceramics, and silk. It is also very close to many parks where you can take a tour through the hills and forests on the back of an elephant.

20. Kuala Lumpur – Petronas Towers

The Petronas Towers, with 88 floors, in Kuala Lumpur was the tallest building in the world until 2004, and they are still the tallest twin towers. They were completed in 1998 and took seven years to build. There is a sky bridge 170 meters above the ground which connects the two towers.

21. Singapore – Singapore Flyer

The Singapore Flyer is the world's largest observation wheel and one of Asia's major tourist attractions. At a height of 165 meters, this giant wheel offers a panoramic view of Singapore and beyond during the approximately 30 minutes it takes to go around. The Flyer can hold up to 748 passengers.

22. Krakatoa – Volcano

Krakatoa, an active volcano on the Indonesian island of Rapata, is over 800 meters high. It is famous for the 1883 eruption, which was heard as far away as Australia and blew away most of the island. It caused a 36-meter high tsunami that destroyed many villages.

23. Jogjakarta – Borobudur

Borobudur is a Buddhist site in central Java, Indonesia. The ruins date from the 9th century. Borobudur is built of gray volcanic stone and looks like a huge pyramid. There are many statues of Buddha and carved stone blocks illustrate episodes in the life of Buddha.

24. Agra – Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife and was completed in 1653. Thousands of people worked on the construction. The marble and stones that cover the walls were brought from several countries, including Russia and China.

25. Nepal – Mount Everest

The 8,850-meter high Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world. It lies on the border of Tibet and Nepal in the central Himalayas. Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal were the first people to reach the top in 1953 and since then many expeditions have tried to reach the summit.

26. Canberra

Canberra is the capital of Australia. It is a well-planned, attractive city with a large lake and many parks. The national parks and forests around Canberra are great for camping and hiking and there are lakes and rivers for water sports, especially canoeing.

27. Sydney

The Sydney Opera House, a large theater and concert hall complex designed by Danish architect Jørn Utzon, is one of the world's most famous buildings. The building was started in 1958 but the Opera House only opened in 1973. The roof, with its large white concrete shells, was designed to look like sails on a boat.

28. Brisbane

From Brisbane, many visitors go to the Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral reef in the world and the only living thing on Earth to be seen from space. The reef is more than 2,000 kilometers long and took millions of years to form. Its many small islands, coral gardens and unusual marine life make it popular with tourists. Some endangered species including the dugong (sea cow) and the large green sea turtle live here.

29. Darwin

The city of Darwin was founded in 1869 as Palmerston. In 1911 it was renamed Darwin, after the famous scientist Charles Darwin. Hundreds of years before Europeans arrived, Aborigines dived here for pearls, without any equipment. The Europeans used special boats, called pearling "luggers", and diving equipment to search for pearls. Now pearls are grown in cultured pearl farms and the luggers are only used to take tourists on ocean trips.

30. Perth

People probably lived on Rottnest Island 30,000 years ago and it was part of the mainland until about 7,000 years ago. Its history and the variety of wildlife make it a special experience for visitors. People swim, snorkel, and surf on the beautiful beaches and there are fish, coral, and shipwrecks for divers to explore. The quokka, a marsupial like a small kangaroo, is also popular with tourists.

31. Adelaide

In the countryside outside Adelaide, it is common to see kangaroos. The kangaroo is the most famous Australian animal. It is a marsupial, which means the females carry and nurse their babies in a pouch. The kangaroo is a national symbol of Australia. It is on the Australia crest and on some of its money. Some kangaroos can jump 8 meters in front and 3 meters high, and can reach speeds of 60 kilometers per hour.

32. Melbourne

The fairy penguins of Phillip Island near Melbourne are the smallest penguins in the world, only about 30 centimeters tall. They are found on the coastlines of southern Australia and New Zealand. They can swim 15 to 50 kilometers a day looking for small fish to eat. At sunset fairy penguins come ashore to feed their babies in burrows in the sand and spend the night.

33. Auckland

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city. Auckland's parks and nice climate make it popular for vacations, especially hiking. There is a great variety of natural landscapes for such a small area: beaches, bush and forest, and waterfalls.

34. Wellington

New Zealand has many sheep farms, some with more than 10,000 sheep. Many farms near Wellington offer visitors the real farm life experience. Tourists can shear sheep or just feed and cuddle them, especially the baby lambs. There are also sheep-shearing competitions and working sheep dog demonstrations.

35. Fiji

Fiji consists of more than 300 islands, but only about 100 have people living on them. Fiji is great for sailing. Tourists can only go to some traditional Fijian villages and beaches by boat. The sailing season begins in April and finishes in December. From January to March tropical cyclones make sailing too dangerous.

36. Guam

The small island of Guam is traditionally occupied by the Chamorro people who keep their culture and traditions alive. Guam is especially popular for diving and divers enjoy Guam's great variety of coral and fish, and even World War II airplane and shipwrecks.

37. Vancouver

Vancouver started as a place to process timber in the 1870s and became Canada's main port. The police there, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, are known as Mounties. They wear a special uniform: a red coat, boots and a wide-brimmed hat. They have become very famous through TV shows and movies. There is a saying that “the Mountie always gets his man,” that is, they always catch the criminals they chase.

38. Edmonton

Edmonton is the capital of the province of Alberta and sits on the North Saskatchewan River. The river valley has many parks, including Fort Edmonton Park, Canada's largest historical park, and biking and cycling paths. In winter cross-country skiing is popular. For those who prefer to stay inside, there is the West Edmonton Mall, the largest shopping mall in North America.

39. Calgary

Calgary is the largest city in the province of Alberta. Calgary hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 1988, and built one of the fastest long track speed skating ice rinks in the world. Ice hockey, Canada’s official winter sport, is very popular here. The main rival of the local team, the Calgary Flames, are the Edmonton Oilers. When the Flames win a game, everybody celebrates.

40. Lake Winnipeg

Lake Winnipeg is in the province of Manitoba, and is 416 kilometers long. The lake was important for explorers and fur traders before the railway came and is still used for transportation today. The lake and its shores are used for a variety of outdoor activities such as boating, hiking, cycling, and camping.

41. Toronto

Niagara Falls on the Canadian-United States border is divided by Goat Island into the Canadian Horseshoe Falls and the American Falls. Niagara Falls is not the highest waterfalls in the world but they are spectacular because of the huge volume of water that flows over them. It is a very popular tourist attraction, especially for honeymooners and thrill seekers who try to cross them on a tightrope or by riding the falls in boats or barrels.

42. Ottawa

The red maple leaf is the symbol of Canada and became part of the national flag in 1965. Ottawa, the capital of Canada, is in the province of Ontario and has many parks and forests. Walking in fall when the leaves of the maple trees turn red is an unforgettable experience.

43. Quebec

Waffles or pancakes with maple syrup is a favorite breakfast dish around the world. Canada's indigenous people knew about the maple sap and gathered it every spring. When the Europeans arrived they soon learned how to tap the trees to produce the syrup. The province of Quebec produces most of the world's maple syrup.

44. San Francisco

The Golden Gate Bridge, completed in 1937, is an international symbol of San Francisco and California. More than 9 million people visit it each year. The 2,737-meter long bridge was the longest suspension bridge in the world until 1964 when the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was built in New York City. Today, there are six suspension bridges that are longer than the Golden Gate Bridge.

45. Los Angeles

Hollywood, Los Angeles is known everywhere as the movie capital of the world. Visitors can see the footprints of famous movie stars on the sidewalk in front of Grauman's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard. To get a real feeling of being in a movie or TV show, take a Universal Studios tour or be part of the audience for a live TV show.

46. Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon in Arizona is 446 kilometers long, up to 29 kilometers wide, and 1.6 kilometers deep and was created by the Colorado River. It is part of the Grand Canyon National Park and has about five million visitors each year. They come to see the magnificent landscapes and enjoy popular activities such as rafting, hiking, running, and camping.

47. New York

The most famous icon of the United States of America, the Statue of Liberty, sits at the entrance to New York Harbor. It was a gift from the French to the United States on the centenary of American independence in 1886. This symbol of freedom and democracy measures 92.99 meters from the ground to the tip of the torch. There are 354 steps to reach the crown.

48. Miami

The best place to find alligators is in Florida. There are many alligator farms as well as a national park near Miami. It is important to be careful around alligators: they are very dangerous and they do bite. Don't get too close!

49. Mexico City – Teotihuacan

The ruins of the city of Teotihuacan are about 50 kilometers from Mexico City. In 500 AD, it had more people (about 100,000 inhabitants) than Rome. Nobody knows why these people disappeared about 1000 years ago. The Aztecs called it Teotihuacan: the birthplace of the gods. Teotihuacan is best known for its large pyramids: the Pyramid of the Moon and Pyramid of the Sun, which is the third largest pyramid in the world.

50. Guadalajara

Guadalajara is the home of mariachi music. A mariachi group usually has violins, trumpets, an acoustic guitar, a *vihuela* (a five-string guitar), a *guitarrón* (a large acoustic bass), and sometimes a harp. Mariachis dress in black suits with silver studs, called charro (Mexican cowboy) suits, and wear large sombreros (hats). They usually play at celebrations such as birthdays and weddings.

51. Puerto Vallarta

Puerto Vallarta is a popular tourist destination on Mexico's west coast. One of the best experiences here is watching the humpback whales. The whales migrate from the cold Arctic waters to have their babies and stay about three months. Humpbacks are huge animals but they can jump gracefully out of the water. They are very noisy and their songs can be heard from far away.

52. Guatemala City

The live Pacaya volcano near Guatemala City is only about 2,250 meters high but many visitors come to see it. Since 1565 Pacaya has erupted at least twenty-three times. The volcanic explosions regularly cover the nearby city of Antigua with ash and it is often possible to see red lava flowing down Pacaya's slopes.

53. Manaus

Manaus is the Amazon's largest city, in the middle of the jungle. Any journey to the rainforest begins here. Visitors can travel by canoe or powerboat to explore the remote areas and see the plants and wildlife. More than one third of the world's species live here.

54. Bogota

Many people believe the world's best coffee comes from Colombia. Coffee lovers enjoy visiting the traditional coffee plantations or "fincas" here to see how coffee is produced. The best part for many people is the coffee tasting, right where the coffee is grown.

55. Canaima

Angel Falls in Venezuela is the highest waterfall in the world, at 979 meters. The falls are so high that the water turns into mist before it reaches the ground. The falls are located in the Canaima National Park, an isolated jungle region of Venezuela, and on cloudy days, the falls cannot be seen.

56. Brasilia

Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, was planned and developed in 1956 in an area that was almost all desert. The city was inaugurated in 1960. In the streets of Brasilia and other cities in Brazil, young people practice capoeira, an acrobatic art form that combines martial arts, music, and dance. It was created by slaves from Africa and was once banned.

57. Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is famous for its carnival celebrations and the beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema, and soon for the Olympic Games to be held here. One of the best ways to appreciate the natural beauty is to go up Corcovado Hill with the 38-meter high statue of Christ the Redeemer on top.

58. Sao Paulo

Sao Paulo is the biggest city in South America. The Liberdade (Freedom) district has the largest Japanese community outside of Japan. In Liberdade, red lampposts light the streets. The entrance is marked by a 9-meter tall impressive torii, a traditional Japanese arch. There is also a Buddhist temple, a Japanese garden, and lots of sushi restaurants.

59. Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the capital of Argentina. The Obelisk is one of the most famous symbols of the city. It was built in 1936 for the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city. Construction of the 67-meter high Obelisk took only thirty-one days. It is a regular meeting place for sports fans to celebrate when their team wins.

60. Santiago

Santiago is the capital of Chile. The Cerro San Cristóbal offers the best view of the city. It is more than 880 meters above sea level and almost 300 meters above the rest of Santiago. You can go on foot or by car but the best way to enjoy the view is to take the cable car. At the top, there is a giant statue of the Virgin Mary. On clear days it is possible to see the snowy peaks of the Andes.

61. Cusco

Cusco is a city near the Urubamba Valley in the Andes mountain range. It has an altitude of 3,300 meters. Cusco is the historic capital of the Inca Empire and about a million tourists visit each year, for the colonial beauty of the city and to go on to see Machu Picchu. The Urubamba river is only a few hours away. The white water rafting here is said to be the most exciting in the world.

62. La Paz

Lake Titicaca sits at an altitude of 3800 meters above sea level, between Bolivia and Peru. According to Incan mythology the first Inca king, Manco Capac, was born here. Lake Titicaca is famous for the people who live on the Uros, around forty artificial islands made of floating reeds.

63. Quito

San Francisco de Quito, most often called Quito, is the capital of Ecuador. It lies between two mountain ranges at an altitude of 2,800 metres. Getting used to the altitude can take a couple of days. Visitors come to Quito for its rich colonial architecture and to visit the monument that marks “la mitad del mundo” (the middle of the world), as the Equator is locally known.

64. Johannesburg

Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa. It was founded in 1886 after the discovery of gold. To see the original local culture, visit one of the authentic Zulu, Sotho, Pedi, Xhosa, and Ndebele villages and enjoy traditional dances and food. Visitors also take safari tours to see wild animals in their natural habitats.

65. Cairo

In Cairo take a trip to the Great Sphinx and the three great pyramids of Giza, now on the edge of the city. The pyramids were used as tombs for the pharaohs, the ancient Egyptian kings. The Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) is the only one remaining of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. More than 2.5 million stone blocks, weighing 2.5 tons each were used to build it.

66. Dubai

Dubai is one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates. The Dubai Gold Souk (Arab word for market) is famous for its gold trade. People from everywhere come here to buy gold, but as well, just walking down the lanes is an unforgettable experience. Shop windows are full of jewelry and objects made of gold. Some estimate that there is about 10 tons of gold in the souk.

67. Khartoum

Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, sits where Blue and White Nile rivers meet. It was founded in 1821 as an Egyptian army camp, and developed as a trade center and slave market. A short trip by boat along the Nile gives a good view of the modern city of Khartoum.

68. Sana'a

Sana'a is the historic capital of Yemen. It is said that the people have lived in the old walled city for more than 2,500 years. The view of the Old Town with its decorated houses up to six levels high is fascinating, and behind the city gate is the souk or market. Try a camel ride to travel the way the ancient Bedouin tribes have done for more than a thousand years.

69. Casablanca

Casablanca in western Morocco was built on the site of the ancient city of Anfa, which was destroyed by the Portuguese in 1468. The Portuguese returned in 1515 and built a new town, Casablanca, but left it after an earthquake in 1755. The markets here are excellent, especially for leather goods and authentic Moorish jewelry, and all sellers expect buyers to bargain for the best price.

70. Tunis

Tunis is the capital of the Tunisian Republic. It sits near the ruins of the ancient city of Carthage. Tunis is a modern city but at the center is the *medina* or old town, where almost everything is for sale. After shopping try a refreshing mint tea at one of the local tea houses.

71. Tripoli

Tripoli, the capital of Libya, is at the edge of the desert. It was founded in the 7th century BC and it has a long history. There are many sites of archeological interest, especially from the Roman period. In Tripoli, try the delicious dates. Date palms have always been here important here. Not many other plants can survive in the Tripoli desert.

72. Istanbul

Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents. The old city is in Europe and the modern section in Asia. The two parts of Istanbul are separated by the strait of Bosphorus. Istanbul has so much to see that it is difficult for visitors to choose. The bazaars are very popular and all kinds of dried fruits, nuts and seeds are for sale in the Spice Market.

73. Amman

Amman, the capital city of Jordan, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Along the Dead Sea near Amman there are many resorts where people go to swim in the very salty water. No one can drown in this sea because the water keeps people afloat.

74. Nairobi

Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, was founded in 1899 as a railway depot but now tourists come to see Nairobi National Park. This large wildlife sanctuary is about 7 kilometers from the centre of the city, separated by only a fence. Attractions include the park's black rhinoceroses, many bird species, cheetahs, hyenas, leopards, and lions. The proud Masai warriors also live close to the park.

75. N'Djamena

N'Djamena, the capital of Chad, was founded as Fort Lamy by the French in 1900. It is surrounded by beautiful, empty desert where you can drive for hours and not see anyone. Then suddenly in the middle of the desert an oasis with green palm trees will appear.

76. Tehran

Tehran, the capital of Iran, sits at the foot of the Alborz mountain range. A famous attraction is the Treasury of the National Jewels, which has the world's largest uncut ruby, a golden globe made from 34 kilograms of gold, and 51,366 precious stones. In Tehran also try pomegranate juice, a popular drink because it is healthy and delicious. Pomegranates, called the fruit of paradise, were first grown in Tehran.

77. Dushanbe

Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, grew on the site of a popular Monday marketplace, the Tajik Market. Women here still wear long, colorful robes and the men have skullcaps with beautiful embroidery. Everything from vegetables and jewelry to furniture and carpets (maybe even a flying carpet) is sold here.

78. Rome

St. Peter's Basilica, founded in 324, stands on the place where the apostle Peter was buried. The building that is there today was started in 1506 and finished in 1615. Many famous artists worked on it. Michelangelo designed the dome and Bernini designed the great St. Peter's Square. The Basilica of St. Peter's also has a magnificent collection of famous art, including Michelangelo's *Pietà*.

79. Venice

Venice in northeast Italy is built on many small islands in the Venetian lagoon. The most famous feature of Venice are the canals where people travel by gondola, a long flat-bottomed black boat steered by one man. For centuries gondolas were the main means of transportation in the Venetian lagoon. They are still used for public transportation but are now mainly used by tourists.

80. Athens

Athens is one of the world's oldest cities. It was the main city of classical Greece in the 5th century BC. There are still many ancient monuments and works of art from the Classical Period in Athens. The most famous is the Parthenon, built on top of the Acropolis nearly 2,500 years ago. It was built to give thanks to Athena, the city's patron goddess, after the victory of Athens and Greece in the Persian Wars.

81. Berlin

The Grimm brothers spent many years in Berlin writing down the stories they heard as they traveled around. They are most famous for *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, a collection of 200 stories published in 1857. The collection includes such famous stories as "Snow White", "Rapunzel", "Little Red Riding Hood", "Hansel and Gretel", and "Rumpelstiltskin". Many of the historic buildings in Berlin capture the world of these famous tales.

82. Prague

The beauty of the historic center of Prague makes it a major tourist destination. An unforgettable experience is to go to a puppet play in one of the puppet theaters. Puppet or marionette theater has been a tradition in Prague and the Czech Republic for centuries. Many people buy a puppet such as Pinocchio to take home as a souvenir.

83. Vienna

Vienna, on the banks of the Danube river, is a beautiful, well-preserved city. Walk down narrow, medieval alleys or across imperial squares, or enjoy classical music. Vienna has always been a city of music. It was home to Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Johann Strauss and concerts are performed all over the city.

84. Amsterdam

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, has more than 3 million international visitors per year. Many people think of windmills when they think of the Netherlands. Windmills have always been important here, to bring water from the low-lying areas to higher levels. Now there are only about 1,000 left, down from 9,000. Amsterdam has eight windmills but only one can be visited.

85. London

The Tower of London is one the most visited monuments in England. William the Conqueror began to build a huge stone tower in the 1070s and other kings added buildings and walls to the original White Tower over the centuries. The Tower has been a fortress, a royal palace, a prison, and a place of execution and torture. The Crown Jewels are displayed at the Jewel House.

86. Dublin

Dublin was originally founded as a Viking settlement in 988. Many Viking objects and buildings can still be seen in the city center. Dublin is a magical place and some Irish say they believe that the “little people” (fairies and elves) live among humans. The leprechaun is a famous Irish legend. These fairies look like tiny old men and wear a hat and a leather apron. They like to fool people.

87. Oslo

Oslo is the capital of Norway. From Oslo, go to the west coast where the sea has gone into the mountains to make the famous fjords. There are many ways to enjoy the fjords, including, fishing, canoe trips, rafting, riding, hiking, and of course fjord cruises.

88. Copenhagen

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, is one of Europe's oldest capitals. See the Little Mermaid, Copenhagen's national symbol. Every year on her birthday, some women jump into the water around the statue. Then visit the Tivoli, a famous amusement park with the oldest ferris wheel in the world.

89. Helsinki

Winter is so cold in Finland that Helsinki is blocked by ice from January to May. In the north winters are seven months long, and snow covers everything for half the year. Finland has many large wild animals, including the gray wolf, the moose, and the national animal, the brown bear. Santa Claus comes from Finland and there are plenty of reindeer.

90. Edinburgh

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The best view of the city is from Edinburgh Castle, which is more than 1000 years old and very well kept. The Castle is home to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and the musicians (pipers) wear kilts and play bagpipe music there.

91. North Pole

The North Pole is almost permanently covered with ice. The sun stays above the horizon during the summer and below the horizon during the winter. In winter the temperatures is between -43 and -26°C . Summer temperatures are usually around 0°C . The sea ice at the North Pole is around 2-3 meters thick, but it is getting thinner.

92. Stockholm

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, is built on fourteen islands connected by fifty-seven bridges. Gamla Stan, Stockholm's center, is one of the best preserved medieval city centers in the world. Travel from here to Lapland for a special experience. Go on snowmobile or try ice sculpting. After a day of adventure, you can spend the night at a hotel completely made of ice!

93. Reykjavik

People arrive in Reykjavik to go to see the aurora borealis or northern lights. The best times of the year are late fall and late winter. These natural fireworks are very impressive. They scared the ancient people of Iceland. They believed the gods were fighting in the sky.

94. Madrid

Madrid became the capital of Spain in 1581. It was at its peak in the 16th and 17th century when Spain had a huge colonial empire. Madrid is a green city where people can walk, go rowing or feed the squirrels in Madrid's large parks and gardens. Madrid has many flamenco shows. This combination of music, song, and dance is a symbol of Spain.

95. Paris

Paris is the capital of France and sits on the river Seine. Paris has so much to see and do, from visiting museums and shopping in beautiful stores to enjoying wonderful parks and eating in great restaurants. The Louvre museum has Leonardo's *Mona Lisa*, the world's most famous painting. Many climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower, built for the Expo in 1889 and now the symbol of Paris.

96. Zürich

Zürich is the largest city in Switzerland and most international tourists arrive here. The city is very close to the Swiss Alps and there are many ski resorts where people go. But tourists who like city life can take the train from Zurich in the morning, ski all day, and return in the evening.