

A family trip to Singapore's National Orchid Garden. Photographer: Mindy Tan for Bloomberg Businessweek

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Where to Go in 2022

The 25 most exciting destinations to share with family and friends this year—and the data you need to plan your trip safely.

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We miss the world. Although 2021 brought some encouraging cracks in the pandemic's barriers to travel, there were still too many places we couldn't go. And painfully, seeing everyone we missed was impossible. When planning group trips, attempting to reach distant loved ones, or trying to attend social events abroad, we faced obstacles at every turn. The current wave of the Covid-19 omicron variant has us feeling we may never again get together the way we once did.

So for this edition of the most compelling places to visit in the year ahead, we focus on new ways to gather. Whether it's a villa in the lush mountains of Portugal that caters to groups, a cruise in the Galápagos that matches families with kids the same age, or a hotel in Thailand that encourages drinking games, these recommendations intend to conjure a feeling of joyful reunion, no matter your risk tolerance.

To that end we've also gathered a slew of data to help you navigate the uncertainties of planning travel in 2022. Click through to Bloomberg's <u>Covid Resilience Ranking</u> and you'll see whether a place is locked-down or restriction-free; its real-time, destination-specific scores factor everything from current case loads to vaccine uptake and even flight capacity. And graphs using custom data from <u>Google</u> indicate which months of the year will offer optimal prices for high-end hotels; you can also use these charts to quickly compare a destination's pre-pandemic prices to 2021 figures, a way to predict the likelihood of snagging a good deal.

A glamping expedition in the Argentine wilderness is made all the more memorable with family at your side, and a whisky-tasting adventure in Wales wouldn't be the same without friends, would it? Here are those and 23 other ideas to inspire you to enjoy the world—and one another—again.



Casa Mi Ojo, one of the private villas within the Costa Careyes resort. SOURCE: CASA MI OJO

Catch a Feel-Good Beach Break in Costalegre, Mexico

The name Costalegre translates to "happy coast," and considering the history of the region, it fits. Stretching 93 miles along the Pacific, its 43 beaches, capes, and bays are blissfully removed from the mass tourism of nearby Puerto Vallarta and have been a secret retreat for well-heeled families since the 1960s. That's when a former banker from Italy named Gian Franco Brignone established Costalegre's first resort, Costa Careyes, on a 20,000-acre nature reserve that has since attracted cultural

luminaries including Paul Matisse and Madonna. Soon enough, neighboring resorts Las Alamandas and Cuixmala joined with equally A-list-worthy amenities and conservation initiatives.

This March the new Four Seasons Resort Tamarindo will carry that legacy forward by earmarking 98% of its 3,000 acres for an ecoreserve; the remaining beachfront land will feature 157 rooms and suites, mostly facing the Pacific or the jungle, plus miles of hiking trails and a traditional *temazcal* sauna.

Although the area is exclusive, getting there will be easier: A new international airport is set to open in 2022, and freshly paved roads from Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo are replacing the crude paths that previously made for long, bumpy journeys.

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