

Adventure in the Middle of Nowhere

Would you like to visit unknown destinations? These 10 places will surprise even the most experienced travel agents. They are the best choice if you are looking for a one-of-a-kind experience. However, the destinations are located in some of the most remote parts of the world. It takes several hours to travel to and from and there are no luxury suites to relax in after you explore the surroundings. Still the adventure out there is awaiting you.

Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia

This is one of the remotest parts of Russia. It is 1200km long and has over 200 volcanoes. A trip to the peninsula once took six months but it is now possible to get there by plane from Moscow. The flight takes about 11 hours.



Empty Quarter, Saudi Arabia

Also known as the Abode of Silence the Empty Quarter is the biggest area covered by sand in the world. It covers a bigger area than Netherlands, Belgium, and France put together. The sand dunes can rise to over 300m tall, which is about the same height as the Eiffel Tower. They are spread over hundreds of kilometers. Strong winds move the sand dunes up to 30 meters per year.

Quttinirpaaq National Park, Canada

This is one of the biggest national parks in the country but it gets very few visitors. The park stretches to Cape Columbia from Ellesmere Island. If money is not a problem, you can charter a flight from Resolute for about C\$32,000. There are no facilities, vegetation, or paths in the park but there are breathtaking bare mountains and polar bears. You can also explore Grise Fiord during your visit to the park.

Scotty's Castle, USA

The castle or rather a Spanish-style ranch is 70 km far from any settlement. It was built in the 1920s by Albert Johnson, a wealthy Chicago resident. He travelled to Death Valley in California after he heard that there was gold in the area. Johnson did not find any gold in Death Valley but his health improved in the hot California weather. This encouraged him to put up a castle in one of the hottest places in the world.



North Pole

The North Pole does not have any land. You have to walk on frozen water. The ice cover in the North Pole varies depending on the season. It can be about 9 million sq km in the summer and increase to 16 million sq km during winter. The ice is about 5m deep, which is very limited when you consider that the Antarctic ice is about 3000m thick.

Nevado Mismi, Peru

This mountain was revealed as the origin of the Amazon. The Amazon is the biggest river and its origin was a mystery until 2001. To find the mountain, your journey will start in Arequipa before you move to the Tuti village.

Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile

Robinson Crusoe was considered the loneliest individual in literature. This island is named after him because of its remoteness. It is about 670km from the South American coast. The Robinson Crusoe character was inspired by Alexander Selkirk in 1704 when he disagreed with the captain of his ship and asked to be left on the island. He stayed on the island for four years without any human interaction and this inspired Daniel Defoe to come up with the Robinson Crusoe story. The island now has about 500 inhabitants and it only gets up to 100 visitors a year.



Concordia, Pakistan

Concordia is the confluence of the Baltoro Glacier and the Godwin–Austen Glacier, in the heart of the Karakoram range of Pakistan. It takes 10 days to get to Concordia on foot. Galen Rowell, a photographer described Concordia as the “throne room of the mountain god.” It is a captivating place in spite of its remote location. European explorers named it Concordia because it resembles a place in the European Alps.

Cape York, Australia

Australia is home to most unknown locations in the world. Cape York is a remote destination that you can only access in a 4WD track. It is about 1000km from Cairns and it takes several days to get there by car. The drive takes you through crocodile infested creeks.

Olkhon Island, Russia

This island is found on the deepest freshwater lake and it can only be accessed by train from Beijing or Moscow. About 20% of the fresh water is obtained from the lake. It is a hot island despite being surrounded by a large lake.

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