

# 3 BUCKET LIST DESTINATIONS TO SEE BEFORE YOUR 50S



When you are young, life seems endless and so does the world. You seem never to run out of places to see and things to do, continuously exploring the secrets of our little slice of the universe. But as you age, the list of places to see and things to do doesn't seem to get shorter. Sooner or later, you'll find yourself making a bucket list – for those of you unfamiliar with the term, it refers to a list of places to see and things to do before kicking the bucket (look it up). With so many places to see and things to experience, some might find it hard to narrow it down to a realistic size. So, here are a few tips on some things you must try and [some of the places you must visit before turning 50](#).

## Sleeping in a glass igloo in Finland

Sleeping under the stars is an experience everyone has to try at least once – but nothing can match the sight of the stars peeking at you through the Aurora Borealis. Alas, the Aurora can rarely be seen at lower latitudes (which makes sleeping under the stars pretty much impossible because of the median temperature). Today, in turn, it is possible, thanks to the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort in Saariselkä, Finland. Although there is no absolute guarantee that you'll see the Aurora while spending a night in their glass igloos, if you choose the right time to visit, you'll have a pretty good chance to witness the most beautiful light show nature has to offer.

## Seeing the unique fauna of the Galápagos Islands

Most people have heard of the Galápagos Islands in relation to Charles Darwin, the naturalist who gave the world his well-known theory of evolution – the island's unique fauna is said to have inspired him (among other things) to look deeper into the matter. The islands have a vast number of endemic species, often different from island to island – some of the best-known species living in the area are the Galápagos tortoise with an average lifespan of 150 years, the marine iguana, the only species of iguana adapted to sea life, the penguins living on the colder coasts of the islands, and the more than 25 species of birds that can only be found in this area.

## Visiting Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas

Machu Picchu was built in the 1450s, at the pinnacle of the Inca civilization, but abandoned a century later at the time of the Spanish Conquest. The city was forgotten by almost everyone until it was

"rediscovered" and brought into the attention of the international community in 1911 by Hiram Bingham III who was led to the site by a local farmer. In time, more and more of the Inca citadel has been restored, and the work is still not finished. In 2007, Machu Picchu was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

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