

# TOP 5 MOST DESERTED TOURIST DESTINATIONS



Tourism has become a double-edged sword for many popular tourist destinations. While it provides an economic boost, it also leads to overcrowded beaches, restaurants, and tourist spots. For those looking for a less crowded and off-the-beaten-path destination, check out the least visited tourist destinations in the world. A recent ranking by Tourism Review sheds light on these hidden gems.

## Tuvalu

Tuvalu, an island state in the Pacific, is the least visited country in the world. In 2019, only around 3,700 visitors had the chance to experience the crystal-blue waters and palm-tree-lined beaches of Tuvalu. Although this number is tiny compared to other tourist destinations, the tourism industry in Tuvalu is growing fast, with the number of visitors more than tripling in just under ten years.

The highlights of Tuvalu include the stunning coral reefs, lagoons, and marine habitats spread across a 33-square-kilometer nature reserve, which also houses sea turtles. Diving and snorkeling are popular among the few visitors who visit Tuvalu.

However, Tuvalu's island state faces a significant risk due to climate change and growing sea levels.

## Marshall Islands

The Marshall Islands received just over 6,000 visitors in 2019. These islands are situated in the Pacific between the Philippines and Hawaii and offer stunning crystal-clear water, white sandy beaches, and a diverse marine world that includes over 160 species of coral.

The Marshall Islands played a significant role in the Second World War. They initially served as a base for the Japanese and later became the site of numerous nuclear tests conducted by the US military.

## Niue

Niue, one of the smallest countries in the world, is located in the South Pacific. Despite its small size, the island attracts around 10,000 visitors every year. A unique feature of Niue is its absence of crowds, long lines, traffic lights, and a fast-paced lifestyle, making it a perfect destination for those seeking a tranquil experience. The island offers a range of tourist activities such as swimming, snorkeling, diving, kayaking, four-wheel drive tours, and hiking.

## Kiribati

Kiribati, a small island country in the Pacific Ocean, welcomed around 12,000 visitors in 2019. It is the only country in the world that intersects all four hemispheres. The country offers many tourist activities, including fishing, surfing, diving, snorkeling, bird watching, and exploring the country's 33 islands and islets.

According to the Kiribati National Tourism Office, Kiribati is an ideal destination for travelers passionate about exploration, discovery, and adventure. It's a perfect place for people who want to get off the beaten path and experience a unique country firsthand.

## **Micronesia**

Micronesia, an archipelago in the Pacific Ocean, welcomed approximately 18,000 visitors in 2019. It is between the Marshall Islands and Palau, boasting stunning beaches, fishing, surfing, snorkeling, and diving opportunities amidst world-class coral reefs and World War II shipwrecks. Additionally, there are numerous beautiful hiking trails available on the islands. The more urban areas of Micronesia are also renowned for their vibrant nightlife.

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