Top Ecotourism Destinations in 2025

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1. Costa Rica's Monteverde Cloud Forest

Monteverde Cloud Forest Highlights

- The violet sabrewing - Costa Rica's largest hummingbird
- Three-wattled bellbird with its distinctive call
- Rare species of frogs and orchids (over 500 species!)
- All six species of the wild cat family

Monteverde Cloud Forest Conservation Efforts

2. Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park

Volcanoes National Park Wildlife

- 178 bird species (12 endemic to Virunga)
- Spotted hyenas and black-fronted duikers
- A diverse collection of native plant species

Volcanoes National Park Community Effect

3. Iceland's Vatnajökull National Park

Vatnajökull National Park Natural Wonders

Vatnajökull National Park Eco Activities

- Glacier hiking with certified guides
- Ice cave exploration in winter months
- Pristine hiking trails through volcanic landscapes
- Fresh glacier stream water tasting

4. Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Galapagos Islands Wildlife Encounters

- Endemic Galapagos tortoises
- Marine iguanas - the world's only seafaring lizards
- Blue-footed boobies performing their distinctive courtship dance
- Darwin's famous finches - over 13 species

Galapagos Islands Conservation Programs

Galapagos Islands Eco-Friendly Tours

5. Borneo's Kinabatangan River

Kinabatangan River Wildlife

- Endangered pygmy elephants (approximately 150 remaining)
- Wild orangutans swinging through riverside vegetation
- Endemic proboscis monkeys in their natural habitat
- All but one of these hornbill species

Kinabatangan River Eco Lodges

6. Norway's Fjord Region

Norwegian Fjords Natural Beauty

Norwegian Fjords Sustainable Activities

- Silent fjord kayaking expeditions
- Guided hiking on marked mountain trails
- Local food tours supporting small-scale producers
- Wildlife watching with certified guides

Norwegian Fjords Green Accommodations

7. Bhutan's Paro Valley

Paro Valley Cultural Heritage

- Ta-dzong, home to the National Museum
- Kyichu Lhakhang, a 7th-century temple that ranks among Bhutan's oldest
- Paro Weekend Market buzzes with local artisans and crafts

Paro Valley Sustainable Tourism

8. New Zealand's Fiordland

Fiordland National Park Explains

Fiordland Conservation Projects

- Silent nature cruises on hybrid vessels
- Guided walks with certified naturalists
- Kayaking pristine waterways
- Conservation-focused wildlife viewing

9. Kenya's Masai Mara

Masai Mara Wildlife Viewing

- Abundant elephant and buffalo herds
- All three African big cats in their natural habitat
- Over 470 bird species soaring above the grasslands
- The legendary wildebeest migration between July and October

Masai Mara Community Tourism

10. Amazon Rainforest, Brazil

Amazon Rainforest Biodiversity

- One-third of Earth's known species
- Over 500 indigenous communities across nine countries
- 40 million people depending on its resources
- The world's largest river system

Amazon Rainforest Conservation

11. Thailand's Khao Sok National Park

Khao Sok National Park Highlights

Khao Sok National Park Activities

- Guided night safaris to spot nocturnal wildlife
- Green canoeing along the Sok River
- Jungle trekking with local conservation experts
- Ethical wildlife observation programs

Khao Sok National Park Accommodations

12. Chile's Torres del Paine

Torres del Paine Landscapes

Torres del Paine Activities

- Multi-day treks on the famous W circuit
- Wildlife photography with expert guides
- Glacier hiking with certified instructors
- Cultural visits to local communities

Torres del Paine Eco Lodges

13. Palau's Rock Islands

Rock Islands Marine Life

- Thirteen species of sharks patrolling the reefs
- Endemic species in 52 marine lakes
- Dugongs grazing on seagrass meadows
- Thousands of non-stinging jellyfish in the famous Jellyfish Lake

Rock Islands Conservation

14. Slovenia's Julian Alps

Julian Alps Natural Beauty

Julian Alps Activities

- Solar panels and heat pump systems
- Local wood construction materials

- Zero single-use plastics policy
- Community employment initiatives

15. Namibia's NamibRand Reserve

NamibRand Reserve Wildlife

- 3,200 oryx across the golden grasslands
- More than 12,400 springbok moving gracefully through the dunes
- Rare desert-adapted species like the dancing white lady spider
- Wheel spiders that amaze visitors with their unique "cartwheeling" escape

NamibRand Reserve Conservation

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