

These countries have more than one capital

Most countries chose a single city as their capital. But there are nations across the globe with two or more capital cities.

As travelers wait out the coronavirus pandemic, armchair traveling and hopefully planning their next adventures, consider which capital of these countries to visit in future — either or perhaps both?

South Africa: Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein

This is the only country to have three capital cities, a unique arrangement designed to share power across regions.

With a spectacular location between the shoreline and Table Mountain, Cape Town was the capital of Britain's Cape Colony and remains the legislative capital of South Africa.

By dividing the remaining branches of government between Pretoria and Bloemfontein, the emerging Republic of South Africa helped distribute power across the new country.

Each one has its charms: Pretoria is known for the **exuberant** jacaranda blooms that appear each September, while Bloemfontein **exudes** laid-back hospitality.

exuberant 旺盛的;繁茂的

exude 流露;显现

Netherlands: Amsterdam and **The Hague**

the Hague 海牙

With a reputation as one of Europe's hottest party spots, Amsterdam has plenty of name recognition.

But even though the Netherlands' constitution designates the city as the country's capital, the real work of governing takes place in The Hague.

The Netherlands' main governing bodies have been located in this **dignified** city for centuries.

dignified 庄重的;崇高的

Malaysia: **Kuala Lumpur** and Putrajaya

Kuala Lumpur 吉隆坡

A **jumble** of **minarets**, futuristic towers and street markets, Kuala Lumpur is a maximalist immersion in Malaysian life and culture.

jumble 杂乱;乱堆

minaret 尖塔

It's the national capital, too, the seat of the legislature and the official home of Malaysia's *monarch*. But even governments need a break from big-city life.

monarch 君主;帝王

In 1995, the government began constructing Putrajaya, a quieter metropolis that *wraps* around a massive artificial lake. What the new capital lacks in heritage it makes up for in space.

wrap 包裹