Australia

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 26,231,000
- Official Language: none (English is considered their de facto language but no official language is stated in their constitution)
- Capital: Canberra
- Currency: Australian dollar
- Form of Government: federal parliamentary state
- Total Area: 7,688,126 square kilometers
- With the large deserts that occupy central Australia (about ⅓ of the whole country), about 85%-90% of the population lives on the coast due to its milder climate.
- About 80% of the animals that live in Australia are unique to this country. You won't find their natural habitats being anywhere else in the world.
- Australia is the smallest continent in the world but also one of the largest counties in the world.
- Even though Australia has been known as "the Oldest Continent" or "the Last Frontier", the age of the cores of all the continents on earth are approximately the same.
 Sydney
 - Sydney Opera House
 - The Sydney Opera House is an arts center with seven venues located on the Sydney Harbour.
 - Bondi Beach
 - Bondi Beach is named after the surrounding suburb and is represented in the National Rugby League competition.
 - Taronga Zoo Sydney
 - The Taronga Zoo was the second zoo in Australia to breed a platypus.

Melbourne

- Queen Victoria Market
 - The Queen Victoria Market is located in the central business district of Melbourne and covers over 17 acres of land.
- National Gallery of Victoria
 - Also known as the NGV, this museum houses art collections in two different locations, NGX International and the Ian Potter Centre: NKV Australia, with a third location to be opened in 2028.

<u>Brisbane</u>

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
 - This is the world's first and largest Koala Sanctuary that also houses about 80 other species of animals.
- Eat Street Northshore
 - Eat Street Northshore is an entertainment center that has over 70 traders (bars, electric shops, restaurants) with food from every continent but Antartica.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Sydney

Budget: \$81/day per person
Mid-Range: \$242/day per person
HIgh-End: \$735/day per person

Melbourne

Budget: \$52/day per person
MId-Range: \$151/day per person
High-End: \$472/day per person

Brisbane

Budget: \$36/day per person
Mid-Range: \$111/day per person
High-End: \$355/day per person

Brazil

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 216,285,000

• Official Language: Portuguese

Capital: BrasiliaCurrency: real

• Form of Government: multiparty federal republic

• Total Area: 8,502,728 square kilometers

- Brazil takes up half of South America's landmass, making it the fifth largest country while also being the fifth most populous country in the world.
- Brazil shares a border with every country in South America except Ecuador and Chile.
- The majority of the Amazon River basin is in Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro

- Christ the Redeemer
 - This giant statue of Jesus Christ stands on a 26 feet tall pedestal and is
 98 feet tall and 92 feet long with its arms stretched.
- Copacabana
 - Located in the southern part of the city, this beach is 2.5 miles long and is one of the most famous beaches in the world.
- Rio Carnival
 - Carnival is a festival held every year before Lent and is one of the biggest carnivals in the world.

São Paulo

- Sao Paulo Museum of Art
 - This art museum contains modern art from all over Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.
- Museu do Futebol
 - The Football (soccer) Museum is dedicated to the practice and history of football in Brazil and around the world.
- Ibirapuera Park

 This urban park is the most visited park in South America and is often compared to Central Park in New York City.

<u>Manaus</u>

- Anavilhanas National Park
 - This nature reserve protects the Anavilhanas Archipelago in Rio Negro.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Rio de Janeiro

Budget: \$31/day per person
Mid-Range: \$82/day per person
High-End: \$221/day per person

São Paulo

Budget: \$15/day per person
Mid-Range: \$41/day per person
High-End: \$117/day per person

Manaus

Budget: \$45/day per person
Mid-Range: \$47/day per person
High-End: \$50/day per person

Canada

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 37,808,000Official Language: English and French

Capital: Ottawa

• Currency: Canadian dollar

• Form of Government: federal multiparty parliamentary state

• Total Area: 9,984,670 square kilometers

- Canada is the second latest country in the world (Russia being the largest) and takes up
 two fifths of the North American continent. Even with its large size it is one of the most
 sparsely populated countries in the world.
- Canada's official languages are French and English.
- The Border that Canada shares with the United States is 5,525 miles long (including Alaska). This is also the longest border in the world that is not patrolled by military forces.

Banff

- Cave and Basin National Historic Site
 - This site is located in the Canadian Rocky Mountains at the thermal mineral springs.
- Lake Minnewanka
 - This lake was known to the First Nations people as Minn-waki or "lake of the spirits" and can be explored by boat or on foot.

Montreal

- Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal
 - o This was the first Gothic revival style church to be built in Canada.

- Biodome
 - This facility allows you to walk through replicas of different ecosystems found in North and South America.

Vancouver

- Vancouver Aquarium
 - The Vancouver Aquarium was the first public aquarium to open in Canada.
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
 - This bridge crosses 230 feet above the Capilano River and is 460 feet long.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Banff

Budget: \$29/day per person
Mid-Range: \$69/day per person
High-End: \$146/day per person

Montreal

Budget: \$64/day per person
Mid-Range: \$167/day per person
High-End: \$425/day per person

Vancouver

Budget: \$40/day per person
Mid-Range: \$115/da per person
High-End: \$335/day per person

China

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 1,413,659,000Official Language: Mandarin Chinese

Capital: BeijingCurrency: yuan

• Form of Government: single-party people's republic

• Total Area: 9,572,900 square kilometers

- China is the largest Asian country and has the largest population in the world (% of all humans in the world live in China).
- Under China's central government there are 33 administrative units directly under it consisting of 22 provinces, 5 autonomous regions, 4 municipalities, and 2 special administrative regions.
- China is one of the few existing countries in the world that have flourished economically and culturally in its early stages. Little to no outside influences had a large impact on China's cultural development (with the expansion of Buddhism coming from India).
 Beijing
 - Great Wall of China

- The Great Wall of China is a series of connected fortifications and served as protection of Imperial China from nomadic groups from the Eurasian Steppes.
- The Palace Museum
 - This museum houses about 700,000 pieces of Chinese artwork and artifacts
- Summer Palace
 - This palace was once an imperial garden during the Qing dynasty but was destroyed during the Second Opium War of the 1850's and was rebuilt to be a public park.
- Temple of Heaven
 - This temple symbolizes the relationship between earth and heaven and is located in southern Beijing.

<u>Shanghai</u>

- Yu Garden
 - This garden was first built during the Ming dynasty and is surrounded by the city god temple and Yuyuan Bazaar.
- Shanghai Museum
 - This museum is considered China's first world-class modern museum and contains rare cultural pieces.
- Oriental Pearl TV Tower
 - This tower has 15 observational levels with the highest being 1,150 feet above ground.

Hong Kong

- Nan Lian Garden
 - This Tang dynasty style garden was a joint project between Chi Lin Nunnery and the Hong Kong government built in 2006.
- Hong Kong Disneyland
 - This is the largest theme park in Hong Kong.
- Tian Tan Buddha
 - This bronze statue was built in 1993 and symbolizes the relationship between man and nature.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Beijing

Budget: \$26/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$65/day per person

• High-End: \$160/day per person

Shanghai

• Budget: \$36/day per person

Mid-Range: \$97/day per personHigh-End: \$279/day per person

Hong Kong

Budget: \$55/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$138/day per person

• High-End: \$345/day per person

Croatia

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 3,823,000

Official Language: Croatian

Capital: ZagrebCurrency: euro

Form of Government: multiparty republic

• Total Area: 56,594 square kilometers

- Present day Croatia comprises the historically Croatian regions of Croatia-Slavonia, Itstria. and Dalmatia.
- Croatia's culture is mostly Western-oriented despite the country having been under various foreign rule for centuries.
- Croatia's European trajectory was recognized when the country joined the European Union in 2013.

Zagreb

- Museum of Broken Relationships
 - This museum contains a collection of donated personal items devoted to failed relationships.
- Cathedral of Zagreb
 - This 12th century Neo Gothic cathedral is the second largest building in Croatia.
- Botanical Garden of the Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
 - This facility is home to over 10,000 species of plants with 1,800 of them being exotic ones.

<u>Dubrovnik</u>

- Dubrovnik Cable Car
 - Takes passengers 778 meters to a plateau with a view of the city and restaurant.
- The Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary
 - This cathedral church was built during the years 1642 and 1646 in the Baroque style.
- Lovrijenac
 - This historical fortress is a theater and was built on top of a 37 feet high cliff.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Zagreb

• Budget: \$27/day per person

Mid-Range: \$65/day per personHigh-End: \$141/day per person

Dubrovnik

Budget: \$34/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$82/day per person

High-End: \$190/day per person

England

Country Facts

Population (as of 2018): 68,873,356

Official Language: none

Capital: London

Currency: pound sterling

Form of Government: parliamentary system

Total Area: 130,278 square kilometers

- England was one of the first countries to undergo an Industrial Revolution and was the world's most industrialized country in the early 19th century.
- England is separated from the rest of Europe by the North Sea and the English Channel.
- The land in England is mostly flat, with the exception of the mountains in the north that are no higher than 1000 in elevation.

London

- The British Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to human history, art, and culture and contains about eight million works.
- London Eye
 - This is the largest cantilevered observation wheel in Europe, found on the South Bank of the River Thames. It is 443 feet tall and has a diameter of 394 feet and overlooks the west end of the Jubilee Gardens.
- Hyde Park
 - This park is known for its holding of large rock concerts by artists such as Queen, Pink Floyd, and the Rolling Stones. It is also the largest of the Royal Parks in central London.

Birmingham

- The Birmingham Botanical Garden
 - This garden features seven thousand different plants from all over the world and a collection of exotic birds.
- Library of Birmingham
 - This library was built to replace the Birmingham Central Library in September 2013 and is considered the largest public library in the United Kingdom.

Average Amount Spent By Tourists:

London

• Budget: \$66/day per person

Mid-Range: \$175/day per personHigh-End: \$520/day per person

Birmingham

Budget: \$55/day per person

Mid-Range: \$128/day per personHigh-End: \$261/day per person

Egypt

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 105,129,000
- Official Language: Arabic
- Capital: Cairo
- Currency: Egyptian pound
- Form of Government: multiparty republic
- Total Area: 996,603 square kilometers
- The Nile River (known to be the longest river in Africa) valley and delta was home to the major civilizations of the ancient Middle East and one of the world's earliest urban and literate societies.
- Egypt's location in the northeastern corner of Africa made this country a major hub for trading between Africa, Europre and Asia

Cairo

- The Egyptian Museum
 - This museum contains the largest collection of pharaonic antiquities with over 120,000 items and is the largest museum in Africa.
- Khan el-Khalili
 - This bazaar (marketplace) was established as the center of trade in the Mamluk era and contains many workshops that produce traditional crafts and souvenirs.
- Great Sphinx of Giza
 - This limestone statue is of a mythical creature with a human head and lion body. It is 240 feet long and 66 feet tall.
- Pyramids of Giza
 - This pyramid is the largest of its kind in Egypt and is the tomb of pharaoh Khufu. It is 481 feet tall and is estimated to contain 2.3 million stone blocks.

Luxor

- Karnak Temple
 - This complex consists of decayed temples, pylons, and chapels that were built starting as early as 1971-1926 BCE.
- Valley of the Kings
 - This archaeological site was the burial site for all pharaohs from 1539-1075 BCE.

<u>Alexandria</u>

- Alexandria Library
 - This was one of the largest libraries of the ancient world. It was a part of a research institute known as the Mouseion, dedicated to the nine goddesses of the arts.
- Montaza Palace
 - This palace was built in 1892 the last Muhammad Ali Dynasty ruler and overlooks the Mediterranean Sea.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Cairo

Budget: \$7/day per person

Mid-Range: \$21/day per personHigh-End: \$61/day per person

Luxor

Budget: \$8/day per person
Mid-Range: \$21/day per person
High-End: \$54/day per person

Alexandria

Budget: \$8/day per person
Mid-Range: \$21/day per person
High-End: \$48/day per person

France

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 66,218,000

Official Language: French

Capital: PairsCurrency: euro

• Form of Government: republic

Total Area: 543,941 square kilometers

- France is Europe's most important agricultural producer with the country providing a
 geographic, economic and linguistic bridge that joins the northern and southern parts of
 the continent.
- French culture has had a large influence on the development of art and science, particularly anthropology, sociology, and philosophy.
- The French Revolution inspired the growth of reformist and revolutionary movements towards democratic ideals of other countries.

Paris

- The Louvre
 - This is the world's most visited museum and contains artworks and artifacts from 6th century BC to the 19th century, with its best known work being the Mona Lisa.
- The Eiffel Tower
 - The Eiffel Tower stands at 1,083 feet tall and was built between the years 1887 and 1889. This tower was built to be the entrance gateway to the International Exposition.
- Arc de Triomphe
 - This national monument took thirty years to build and is considered to be a large part of France's national identity. Every year the Tour de France bicycle race ends near here.
- Notre Dame Cathedral

 This cathedral is one of the most famous examples of French gothic architecture. It was finished being built in 1260 and was dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Lyon

- Museum of Fine Arts of Lyon
 - This art museum houses art from the time of ancient Egypt all the way to the modern period.
- Parc de la Tête d'Or
 - This 19th century park's name translates to "Park of the Golden Head."
 Boating takes place in the summer and the center of the park is a zoo that can be entered free of charge.
- Saint-Jean-Baptiste Cathedral
 - In December of each year Lyon holds the Festival of Lights where the people will place candles in the windows of this cathedral.

Average amount spent by tourists:

Paris

Budget: \$72/day per person
Mid-Range: \$197/day per person
High-End: \$562/day per person

Lyon

Budget: \$45/day per person
Mid-Range: \$107/day per person
High-End: \$227/day per person

Greece

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 10,373,000

Official Language: Greek

Capital: AthensCurrency: euro

• Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic

• Total Area: 132,049 square kilometers

- Greece being located on the Balkan Peninsula has influenced the country's geography, with the main three elements of the country being mountains, the sea, and the lowlands.
- Greece comprises more than 2,000 islands that make up about one-fifth of the country's total land area.
- Athens, the capital of Greece is named after Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom and war. This city also has more theaters than any other city with 148 theatrical stages.
 Athens
 - Olympieion
 - Also known as the Temple of Zeus, this temple was built during the reign of the Athenian tyrants of 6th century BC.
 - Ancient Acropolis

- This is the most complete ancient Greek monumental complex that still exists.
- National Archaeological Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to ancient Greek art from prehistory to late antiquity.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Athens

Budget: \$45/day per person
Mid-Range: \$110/day per person
High-End: \$258/day per person

Indonesia

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 278,946,000

• Official Language: Indonesian

Capital: JakartaCurrency: rupiah

Form of Government: multiparty republicTotal Area: 1,916,907 square kilometers

- Indonesia is the largest country in Southeast Asia. The maximum dimensions from east to west is 3,200 miles long and 1,100 miles long from north to south.
- Indonesia declared its independence from the Netherlands in 1945 during World War II and in 1949 the Dutch recognized Indonesian sovereignty.
 Bali
 - Waterbom Bali
 - This water park has rides, restaurants, and swim-up bars.
 - Ubud Monkey Forest
 - This sanctuary is home to three Hindu temples, 155 species of trees, and 1,260 Balinese long-tailed macaque monkeys.
 - Tirta Empul
 - This sacred water temple is famous for its holy water spring that Balinese Hindus go to for ritual purification.
 - Nyang Nyang Beach
 - This beach on the southern coast of Bali is known for its white sand.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Bali

Budget: \$21/day per person
Mid-Range: \$61/day per person
High-End: \$185/day per person

Ireland

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 5,203,000Official Language: Irish and English

- Capital: Dublin
- Currency: euro
- Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic
- Total Area: 68,466 square kilometers
- Ireland is Europe's poorest region when it comes to agriculture.
- About 40 million Americans can trace their ancestry to Ireland.
- Ireland is known for its folklore, with stories about leprechauns with pots of gold and the patron saint, Patrick.
- Ireland's national symbols are the shamrock and the harp.

<u>Dublin</u>

- Guinness Storehouse
 - This tourist attraction introduces the ingredients of beer and features the history of Guinness advertising and interactive activities on responsible drinking.
- Phoenix Park
 - This park was once a royal hunting ground due to it being filled with wild fallow deer, which still roam the park to this day.
- Dublin Castle
 - This castle was built in the early 13th century and served as a headquarters for the British administration in Ireland until 1992 when Ireland gained independence.

Galway

- Galway Cathedral
 - Also known as the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, this cathedral was built in 1965 over the old city prison.
- Dunguaire Castle
 - This castle was built on the southeastern shore of Galway Bay in the 16th century.
- Connemara National Park
 - This park is 2,000 hectares of mountain, bogs, grasslands, and forests. It also features a variety of common song birds and carnivorous plants.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Dublin

Budget: \$46/day per person

Mid-Range: \$119/day per person
High-End: \$324/day per person

Galway

Budget: \$43/day per person

Mid-Range: \$97/day per personHigh-End: \$209/person per day

Italy

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 58,983,000

Official Language: Italian

Capital: RomeCurrency: euro

• Form of Government: republic

Total Area: 302,068 square kilometers

- Italy contains the Alps, which are the world's most rugged mountains.
- Italy is one of the world's most important centers of religion, visual arts, literature, music, and culinary arts.
- Italian farms produce grapes, potatoes, sugar beets, soybeans, grain, and olives.
 Rome
 - The Colosseum
 - The Colosseum was built between CE 70 and 72 during the reign of Flavian emperors as a gift to the Roman people that hosted gladiatorial games.
 - Trevi Fountain
 - This fountain stands 86 feet tall and 161.3 feet wide and is the largest Baroque fountain in the city.
 - The Last Judgment
 - This mural painted by Michelangelo covers the whole altar wall of the Sistine Chapel.

Venice

- Rialto Bridge
 - This is the oldest of the four bridges spanning the Grand Canal in Venice
- Gondola Tours
 - Gondolas are an iconic symbol of Venice, and with so many different routes to take they are good for sightseeing.

Naples

- Pompeii Tour
 - Pompeii was an ancient city that was buried under volcanic ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The city is now available to be toured with an archeologist.
- Cooking Classes
 - Learn to make Italian pizza in a pizza making workshop.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Rome

• Budget: \$54/day per person

Mid-Range: \$142/day per personHigh-End: \$389/day per person

Venice

• Budget: \$76/day per person

Mid-Range: \$194/day per personHigh-End: \$500/day per person

Naples

• Budget: \$46/day per person

Mid-Range: \$110/day per personHigh-End: \$257/day per person

Germany

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 85,887,000

Official Language: German

Capital: BerlinCurrency: euro

• Form of Government: federal multiparty republic

Total Area: 357,592 square kilometers

- One-third of Germany is covered in woodlands and forests.
- In Germany there are about 1,500 breweries and there are over over 7,000 types of beer available.
- The capital of Germany was changed seven times before settling with Berlin.

<u>Munich</u>

- English Garden
 - This is the largest park in Munich, located in the center of the city. Its main attractions are the Monopteros, the Chinese Tower, and the Japanese Tower.
- Asam Church
 - This church was built by the Asam brothers as their private church and is now one of the most important buildings of the German Late Baroque.
- Hellabrunn Zoo
 - This zoo features a high ratio of enclosures that are cageless, relying on moats to keep animals in place. This was the first zoo to be organized by geographical aspects rather than species.

Berlin

- Berlin Wall Memorial
 - A former board of the Berlin Wall that once separated the city of berlin now serves as a window of remembrance for visitors to see.
- Brandenburg Gate
 - This neoclassic monument was built in the 18th century and is known as a symbol of the history of Germany and Europe as well as European unity.

Cologne

- Cologne Cathedral
 - This cathedral is the largest gothic church in northern Europe at 515 feet tall.
- Belgian Quarter
 - This area is located in the inner city district of Cologne features cuisine and is known as a meeting place for the creative arts.
- Ludwig Museum

 This museum features modern art works from pop art, surrealism, and abstract. It also has one of the largest Picasso collections in Europe, as well as works by Andy Worhol and Roy Lichenstein.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Munich

• Budget: \$53/day per person

Mid-Range: \$124/day per personHigh-End: \$296/day per person

Berlin

Budget: \$45/day per person
Mid-Range: \$118/day per person
High-End: \$322/day per person

Cologne

• Budget: \$61/day per person

Mid-Range: \$135/day per personHigh-End: \$268/day per person

Jamaica

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 2,749,000

Official Language: English

Capital: Kingston

• Currency: Jamaican dollar

• Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

• Total Area: 10,991 square kilometers

- Jamaica is the third largest country in the Caribbean.
- Jamaica gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1962.
- More than half of the country's surface is covered with white limestone.
- The colors of the Jamaican flag represent difficulties, sunlight, and agriculture.

Montego Bay

- Doctor's Cave Beach
 - This beach features multiple restaurants and is part of the Montego Bay Marine Park, so you can go snorkeling among the coral reefs and their marine life.
- Bamboo Rafting in the Martha Brae River
 - Ride on 30 feet long bamboo rafts through the Martha Brae River and learn about "The Legend of Martha Brae".
- Dunn's River Falls
 - This waterfall is 180 feet high and is terraced like giant natural stairs that can be climbed.
- Jungle Zip Lining
 - Zipline through tropical forests and over mountain springs and rivers at 35 mph.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Montego Bay

Budget: \$66/day per person
Mid-Range: \$165/day per person
High-End: \$403/day per person

Japan

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 124,285,000

Official Language: Japanese

Capital: TokyoCurrency: yen

Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

• Total Area: 377,974 square kilometers

- Japan's highest mountain is Mount Fuji, a volcano with an elevation of 12,388 feet.
- Japan's recorded history starts as far back as the 1st century BC.
- Japan consists of about 6,800 islands.
- Because of its popularity in Japan, this country imports about 80% of Jamaica's annual coffee production.

Tokyo

- Tokyo Tower
 - This communication and observation tower was built in 1958 and is 1,092 feet tall. Its inspiration is said to have come from the Eiffel Tower.
- Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden
 - This garden was originally the residence of the Naito family in the early
 17th century and is home to over 22,000 trees, including cherry blossoms.
- Ghibli Museum
 - This museum shows off work from the animation studio Studio Ghibli and is dedicated to the art and skill of animation.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Tokyo

Budget: \$44/day per person
Mid-Range: \$148/day per person
High-End: \$286/day per person

South Korea

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 51,268,000

Official Language: Korean

Capital: SeoulCurrency: won

• Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic

• Total Area: 100,222 square kilometers

- Seoul, the capital of South Korea, contains over half the country's population.
- South Korea consists of over 4,000 islands.

- North Korea and South Korea are separated by the DMZ (the Demilitarized Zone).
- The three main rivers in South Korea are the Han River, Kum River, and Naktong River.
 Seoul
 - N Seoul Tower
 - This communication and observation tower is located on Nam Mountain and sits at 774 feet tall. It is South Korea's first general radio wave tower.
 - Gwangjang Market
 - This street market is where you can get traditional Korean street food with more than 5,000 shops.
 - Gyeongbokgung Palace
 - This palace is the largest of the Five Grand Palaces built by the Joseon dynasty in 1395.

<u>Busan</u>

- Yongdusan Park
 - This park's most significant structure is the Busan Diamond Tower that has a panoramic view of the park at 393 feet high
- Haeundae Beach
 - Various festivals are held at this beach throughout the year, including e-sport events and an event that occurs in January where participants bathe in near freezing water.

Seogwipo

- Cheonjiyeon Waterfall
 - This waterfall is surrounded by a wooded area that is home to a variety of rare plants and large volcanic rocks.
- Aqua Planet Jeju
 - This is the largest public aquarium in South Korea and features over 45,000 marine creatures. Its main tank is 6,000 tons of water filled with about 27,000 fish.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Seoul

Budget: \$35/day per person

Mid-Range: \$90/day per personHigh-End: \$238/day per person

Busan

Budget: \$30/day per person

Mid-Range: \$72/day per personHigh-End: \$168/day per person

Seogwipo

Budget: \$90/day per person

Mid-Range: \$120/day per personHigh-End: \$225/day per person

Malaysia

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 32,989,000

Official Language: Malay

• Capital: Kuala Lumpur

• Currency: ringgit

- Form of Government: federal constitutional monarchy
- Total Area: 330,411 square kilometers
- Malaysia is made up of two separate areas of land called Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia.
- The tropical rainforests in Malaysia are home to several endangered species including malayan tigers, sumatran rhinoceroses, and pygmy elephants.

Kuala Lumpur

- Petronas Towers
 - This pair of skyscrapers are the tallest twin towers in the world with 88 floors.
- Kuala Lumpur Bird Park
 - This park has over 200 species of birds and activities like bird feedings and bird shows. This park also includes a garden, the National Monument, and the Kuala Lumpur Butterfly Park.

Langkawi

- Telaga Tujuh Waterfall
 - The name Telaga Tujuh means seven Wells Waterfalls, which references the seven connecting natural pools that are fed by seven separate waterfalls.
- Langkawi SkyBridge Cable Car
 - A fifteen minute cable car ride that is 1.4 miles long gives the riders a view of the forest, the Telaga Tujuh waterfall, and the sea.
- Kilim Geoforest Park
 - This 100 square kilometer nature reserve was the first geopark in Southeast Asia. Tours are given by boat on the Kilim River.

Kota Kinabalu

- River Cruise on the Klias River
 - This cruise gives a tour of the Klias wetlands where you can see proboscis monkeys, otters, crocodiles, and other wetland creatures.
- Kota Kinabalu City Mosque
 - The official opening of this mosque followed the proclamation of the city status of Kota Kinabalu in 2000. Visitors can be given tours and can go paddle boat riding.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Kuala Lumpur

Budget: \$18/day per person
Mid-Range: \$51/day per person
High-End: \$156/day per person

Langkawi

Budget: \$24/day per person
Mid-Range: \$68/day per person
High-End: \$216/day per person

Kota Kinabalu

Budget: \$16/day per person
Mid-Range: \$51/day per person
High-End: \$121/day per person

Mexico

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 130,980,000

Official Language: Spanish

Capital: Mexico CityCurrency: Mexican peso

Form of Government: federal republicTotal Area: 1,964,375 square kilometers

- The National University of Mexico is the oldest university in North America.
- According to legend, the symbol in the middle of the Mexican flag of an eagle perched
 on a cactus with a snake in its mouth is what the Aztecs were told by the sun god,
 Huitzilopopchitli, to look for, and they found it at what is now known as Mexico City.
- Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world with more than twice the amount of Spanish speakers than in Spain where Spanish originated.
 Cancun
 - Chichén Itzá
 - This prehistoric city was one of the largest Mayan cities to exist and is the most visited archeological site in Mexico.
 - Playa Delfines
 - This beach is the largest beach in Cancun where you have a chance at spotting dolphins due to how clear the waters are.

Mexico City

- National Museum of Anthropology
 - This museum features artifacts from Mexico's pre-Columbian heritage,
 like the Aztec Xochipilli statue and the Stone of the Sun.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Cancun

Budget: \$40/day per person
Mid-Range: \$108/day per person
High-End: \$297/day per person

Mexico City

Budget: \$52/day per person
Mid-Range: \$145/day per person
High-End: \$486/day per person

Morocco

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 36,459,000
- Official Language: Arabic and Tamazight
- Capital: Rabat
- Currency: Moroccan dirham
- Form of Government: constitutional monarchy
- Total Area: 410,000 square kilometers
- Because of its most important natural resources being its forest, Morocco exports cork, paper pulp, and other things made of timber to other countries.
- Morocco is home to part of one of the largests deserts in the world with the Sahara Desert being 3.3 million square miles.

Marrakech

- Koutoubia
 - This building is the largest Mosque in Morocco being 253 feet tall and is considered a classic example of Moroccan Mosque architecture.
- House of Photography in Marrakech
 - This place features about 10,000 documents and photographs from 1970 to 1960, with pictures of Moroccan landscapes, architectural complexes, and portraits.

Essaouira

- Azur Art and Spa
 - This spa includes Hammam, massages, hairdressing and esthétique.
- Gallery Kasbah
 - This Gallery includes eleven halls that showcase different artists with works in the style of realism, surrealism, abstract, and impressionism.
- Medina of Essaouira
 - This old 18th century town was an international trading seaport that linked Morocco to Europe.

Agadir

- Agadir Beach
 - This beach with white sand has a built-in resort set on the mid-Atlantic coast.
- Crocoparc
 - This crocodile park has 325 Nile crocodiles, giant tortoises, green iguanas, anaconda, and marmosets.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Marrakech

Budget: \$20/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$53/day per person

• High-End: \$152/day per person

Essaouira

Budget: \$15/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$35/day per person

High-End: \$78/day per person

Agadir

Budget: \$18/day per person
Mid-Range: \$46/day per person
High-End: \$125/day per person

Netherlands

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 17,975,000

Official Language: Dutch and Frisian

• Capital: Amsterdam

Currency: euro

• Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

• Total Area: 41,543 square kilometers

- The Netherlands name translates to "the lowlands" because one-third of the Netherlands is below sea level.
- The Netherlands was the first country to legalize same-sex marriage.
- Cycling is a necessary part of daily life in the Netherlands. There are over 22 million bicycles in this country.

Amsterdam

- Rijksmuseum
 - This museum is dedicated to Dutch art and history with a collection of about 1 million objects.
- Anne Frank House
 - This biographical is dedicated to Anne Frank and her time hiding from nazi persecution with her family.
- Van Gogh Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh and contains the largest collection of his works in the world.

Rotterdam

- Museum Boijmans-van Beuningen
 - This museum has a collection of over 151,000 medieval and contemporary artworks that have been collected over 170 years.
- Cube Houses
 - These houses are based on the idea of "living as an urban roof" according to the architect Piet Blom.
- Euromast
 - This observation tower was built for the 1960 Floriade.

The Hague

- The Pier
 - This pier contains a range of restaurants and shops, as well as activities like a zipline and a ferris wheel.
- Peace Palace

 This is the international law administrative building that houses the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague Academy of International Law and the Peace Palace Library.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Amsterdam

• Budget: \$59/day per person

Mid-Range: \$149/day per personHigh-End: \$384/day per person

Rotterdam

Budget: \$55/day per person
Mid-Range: \$129/day per person
High-End: \$262/day per person

The Hague

Budget: \$66/day per person

Mid-Range: \$152/day per personHigh-End: \$304/day per person

New Zealand

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 5,128,000

• Official Language: English, Maori, and New Zealand Sign Language

• Capital: Wellington

Currency: New Zealand dollar

• Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

• Total Area: 265,700 square kilometers

- New Zealand was the first country to allow women to vote in 1893.
- About 30% of New Zealand is a national reserve.
- New Zealand was the last country in the world to be inhabited by humans.

Auckland

- Sky Tower
 - This telecommunications and observation tower is 1,076 feet tall and contains restaurants and a cafe.
- Auckland Zoo
 - This zoo plays a part in conservation, research and education of the species of flora and fauna that live here.
- Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
 - This gallery has the most extensive collection of national and international art in New Zealand.
- Auckland War Memorial Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to New Zealand's natural and military history.

Rotorua

- Whakarewarewa Forest
 - In this forest you can hike, cycle, or ride on horseback through a diverse range of exotic trees.

- Polynesian Spa
 - This spa contains geothermal bathing and access to acidic and alkaline natural mineral springs.

Christchurch

- Christchurch Botanic Gardens
 - This garden founded in1863 is 21 hectares and has a variety of exotic and local plants, a nursery, several conservatories, a playground, and a climatological station.
- Hagley Park
 - This is the largest urban park in New Zealand. According to the government's decree at the time of its creation, this park is "reserved forever as a public park, and shall be open for the recreation and enjoyment of the public."
- Willowbank Wildlife Reserve
 - This nature reserve has public displays of various native animal species such as the tuatara and the kiwi.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Auckland

Budget: \$41/day per person

Mid-Range: \$117/day per personHigh-End: \$355/day per person

Rotorua

Budget: \$32/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$77/day per person

High-End: \$166/day per person

Christchurch

Budget: \$30/day per person

• Mid-Range: \$80/day per person

High-End: \$213/day per person

Peru

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 33,745,000

Official Language: Spanish, Quecha, Aymara

• Capital: Lima

Currency: nuevo sol

Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic

• Total Area: 1,285,082 square kilometers

- Peru's name comes from the Quechua word that implies land of abundance.
- Peru is the birthplace of potatoes and contains about 4,000 varieties of them.
- Peru contains the world's highest sand dune which is about 6,800 feet in elevation.

Lima ■ Larco Museum

This museum is dedicated to Peruvian pre-Columbian art and history.

- Magic Water Circuit
 - This water and light show commemorates the civilians who fought for Lima in the War of the Pacific.
- Lima Main Square
 - This area is considered the birthplace of the city of Lima.

Cusco

- Machu Picchu
 - This monument of ancient ruins is the most familiar icon of the Inca Empire.
- Qorikancha
 - This temple was dedicated to the ancient Incan sun god and was located in the former Inca capital.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Lima

Budget: \$20/day per person
Mid-Range: \$60/day per person
High-End: \$204/day per person

Cusco

Budget: \$15/day per person
Mid-Range: \$40/day per person
High-End: \$105/day per person

Singapore

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 5,827,000
- Official Language: Mandarin Chinese, Malay, Tamil, and English
- Capital: Singapore
- Currency: Singapore dollar
- Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic
- Total Area: 704 square kilometers
- Singapore includes 64 offshore islands that surround the mainland.
- Singapore has the highest homeownership rate in the world at 92%.

Jurong East

- Jurong Park Garden
 - At this park you can explore the biodiversity and dine in the restaurants nearby.
- Science Centre Singapore
 - This institution specializes in the promotion of science and technological education for the public.

<u>Yishun</u>

- Holy Tree Sri Balasubramaniar Temple
 - This temple was founded in 1962 and became a religious and social space for the Hindu community.

Bukit Batok

- Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
 - This reserve is the country's highest natural peak at 541 feet high.
- Little Guilin
 - This park was created from the disused granite quarry and resembles the granite rock formations in Guilin, China, hence the name.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Singapore

Budget: \$47/day per personMid-Range: \$124/day per person

• High-End: \$341/day per person

South Africa

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 61,071,000

 Official Language: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, and Zulu

• Capital: Cape Town

· Currency: rand

• Form of Government: multiparty republic

• Total Area: 1,220,813 square kilometers

- Most of the people living in South Africa are of British and Dutch ancestry.
- The earliest evidence of human evolution was found in South Africa in the Sterkfontein Caves.
- 10% of the total bird species on earth are from South Africa with there being about 900 different types of birds in the country.

Cape Town

- Boulders Beach
 - This beach is located between granite boulders and is known for its colony of African penguins.
- Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden
 - This garden is located at the eastern foot of Table Mountain and has a large cultivation of indigenous plants and a large conservatory that exhibits plants form the different regions of Cape Town.
- Cape of Good Hope
 - This headland off the coast of the Cape Peninsula serves as a significant port to sailors traveling from Europe to Asia before the Suez Canal opened in 1869.

Johannesburg

- Constitution Hill
 - This precinct is the seat of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and was formerly the location of a prison. The inside contains a museum that includes the Mandela cell where Nelson Mandela resided while he was held in prison.
- Lion & Safari Park

- This park is a conservation enclosure for lions, hyenas, wild dogs, various antelope, and cheetahs.
- Walter Sisulu National Botanical Gardens
 - This garden is home to 240 species of birds as well as a pair of Verreaux's eagles with their nest on the cliff near the waterfall.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Cape Town

Budget: \$43/day per person
Mid-Range: \$78/day per person
High-End: \$173/day per person

Johannesburg

Budget: \$37/day per person
Mid-Range: \$77/day per person
High-End: \$162/day per person

Spain

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 47,900,000Official Language: Castilian Spanish

Capital: MadridCurrency: euro

Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

• Total Area: 505,983 square kilometers

- 44% of the world's olive oil is produced in Spain.
- The first modern novel was written by a Spanish man named Miguel de Cervantes who wrote "Don Quixote".
- Spain has the second highest life expectancy in the world.

Madrid

- Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía
 - This museum is Spain's national museum that contains 20th century
 Spanish artwork from artists such as Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali.
- San Miguel Market
 - This local food market contains dishes from all parts of the country that can be sampled.

Barcelona

- Mercado de La Boqueria
 - This public food market offers local and international food products and is known as the heart of Barcelona.
- Park Güell
 - This park contains gardens and architectural structures by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Madrid

Budget: \$47/day per person

Mid-Range: \$118/day per personHigh-End: \$308/day per person

Barcelona

Budget: \$65/day per person
Mid-Range: \$168/day per person
High-End: \$366/day per person

Sri Lanka

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 22,638,000
- Official Language: Sinhala and Tamil
- Capital: Colombo and Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
- Form of Government: unitary multiparty republic
- Total Area: 65,610 square kilometers
- Sri Lanka became independent from British rule in 1948.
- Sri Lanka is the first country in the world to have a female prime minister.
- Because of its shape and location to the south of India Sri Lanka is known as the "Teardrop of India".

Kandy

- Royal Botanical Garden Peradeniya
 - THis garden contains 4,000 species of plants and is most known for its collection of orchids.
- Kandy Lake
 - This lake is located by the Temple of the Tooth and was known to the native people as "Sea of Milk".
- World Buddhist Museum
 - This museum is the world's first international Buddhist museum and is dedicated to the expansion of Buddhism around the world.

Galle

- Maritime Museum
 - Thismuseum is dedicated to the biological and anthropological aspects of the Southern coastal area.
- Galle Lighthouse
 - This lighthouse is Sri Lanka's oldest light station.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Kandy

Budget: \$18/day per person
Mid-Range: \$28/day per person
High-End: \$87/day per person

Galle

Budget: \$22/day per person
Mid-Range: \$29/day per person
High-End: \$98/day per person

Switzerland

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 8,864,000
- Official Language: French, German, Italian, and Romansh
- Capital: Bern
- Currency: Swiss franc
- Form of Government: federal state
- Total Area: 41,291 square kilometers
- Switzerland has the highest peaks in Europe, with over 208 mountains residing in the country.
- Switzerland has about 7,000 lakes, most of which are clean enough for people to drink from.

Zurich

- Swiss National Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to Switzerland's entire history all the way up to the present day.
- Grossmünster
 - This Protestant church was built in 1220 and is one of four major churches in Zurich.
- Zürich Zoo
 - This zoo contains 300 species of animals, with its main attraction being the Asian elephants and Masoala Hall.

Geneva

- St Pierre Cathedral
 - This gothic-style church was built in the 12th century and was converted into a Reformed Protestant church from a Roman Catholic cathedral.
- Geneva Botanical Garden and Greenhouse
 - This greenhouse contains over 12,000 species of plants from around the world and contains a historical herbarium with about 6 million botanical specimens.
- The Geneva Water Fountain
 - This water fountain was built in 1886 to release excess pressure from the hydraulic plant and shoot water up to 460 feet into the air.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Zurich

Budget: \$91/day per person

Mid-Range: \$210/day per personHigh-End: \$474/day per person

Geneva

• Budget: \$71/day per person

Mid-Range: \$165/day per personHigh-End: \$346/day per person

Sweden

Country Facts

- Population (as of 2023): 10,565,000
- Official Language: Swedish
- Capital: Stockholm
- Currency: Swedish krona
- Form of Government: constitutional monarchy
- Total Area: 447,425 square kilometers
- Only about 1% of waste in Sweden ends up in landfill. 50% of waste is recycled or composted and the remaining 49% is incinerated for energy.
- More than half of Sweden is covered in forest.
- There are about 300,000 free roaming moose living in Sweden.

Stockholm

- Skansen
 - This open-air museum and zoo contains a collection of historic structures from Central and Eastern Europe.
- The Royal Palace
 - Take a tour of the official residence of the Swedish royal family.
- Vasa Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to the warship Vasa that is still fully intact after having sank in 1628.

Gothenburg

- Universeum
 - This science center and museum contains exhibits on space exploration, humans and technology, and animals such as reptiles and insects.
- VOLVO Museum
 - This museum is dedicated to Sweden's leading vehicular manufacturer Volvo and its development.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Stockholm

Budget: \$56/day per person

Mid-Range: \$141/day per personHigh-End: \$322/day per person

Gothenburg

• Budget: \$38/day per person

Mid-Range: \$81/day per personHigh-End: \$143/day per person

Thailand

Country Facts

• Population (as of 2023): 67,293,000

• Official Language: Thai

• Capital: Bangkok

Currency: baht

• Form of Government: constitutional monarchy

- Total Area: 513,120 square kilometers
- Thailand is the largest exporter of rice in the world.
- Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia that was never colonized by a European country.
- There are about 35,000 temples in Thailand.

Bangkok

- The Grand Palace
 - This palace was built in 1782 and features multiple buildings like the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and several courtyards.
- The Chatuchak Market
 - This market has more than 15,000 stalls that sell food and drinks, antiques, cosmetics, and accessories.
- The Bangkok National Museum
 - This museum features exhibits of Thai art and history and was the former palare if the vice king.
- Dusit Zoo
 - This zoo was built in 1938 by King Chulalongkorn and features over 1,600 species of domestic and international animals.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Bangkok

Budget: \$23/day per person
Mid-Range: \$62/day per person
HIgh-End: \$174/day per person

Turkey

Country Facts

Population (as of 2023): 86,289,000

Official Language: Turkish

Capital: Ankara

• Currency: Turkish lira

Form of Government: multiparty republic

• Total Area: 769, 604 square kilometers

- Turkey's land area is bigger than any European state.
- The first ever Christian church was located in Antioch, Turkey.
- Most of the country is in Asia while the area known as the Armenian Highlands is located in Europe.

<u>Istanbul</u>

- The Hagia Sophia
 - This mosque was built during the time of the Byzantine empire and is now a major cultural site in Turkey.
- The Blue Mosque
 - This mosque built in 1616 has blue tiles adorning the interior and is bathed in blue lights.

- The Grand Bazaar
 - This market is one the biggest of its kind in Istanbul covering 61 streets and contains over 4,000 shops.

<u>Antalya</u>

- Antalya Archeological Museum
 - This museum is one of the largest in Turkey and is dedicated to the history of the Mediterranean and Pamphylia regions.
- Duden Waterfalls
 - This group of waterfalls occurs as the Duden River splits off the Antalya cliff and into the sea.

Average Amount Spent By Tourist:

Istanbul

Budget: \$15/day per person
Mid-Range: \$43/day per person
High-End: \$141/day per person

Antalya

Budget: \$9/day per person
Mid-Range: \$24/day per person
High-End: \$70/day per person