

## Lonely Planet's best places to visit in Asia Pacific for 2019

<b>Notes &amp; Cues:</b>	<b>Article:</b> <p>From sweeping vineyards and turquoise oceans to gleaming city lights and 12th-century temples, there's no shortage of incredible destinations in Asia Pacific.</p> <p>If you're struggling to pick which spot you should prioritize on your next vacation, Lonely Planet's new roundup of the region's best places to visit might help you along.</p> <p>The top spot for 2019 was awarded to Margaret River and southern Western Australia, a region known for its wine, surfing and incredible coastline. Within the region, the white-sand Meelup Beach and foodie festivals including Gourmet Escape and the brilliantly named Truffle Kerfuffle.</p> <p>Coming in second on the list is Shikoku, Japan's fourth-largest island. It's gradually becoming more frequented by international visitors, says Lonely Planet, and has some great spots, including the Naruto whirlpools, Kōchi Castle and the Iya Valley.</p> <p>Rounding out the top three is the Bay of Islands and Northland in New Zealand. Go there for subtropical islands, Māori heritage and stunning landscapes.</p> <p>Elsewhere on the list is the island city state of Singapore — with its mouthwatering foodie scene, incredible airport and starring role in last year's blockbuster "Crazy Rich Asians" — and Fiji: name-checked not just for its luscious jungles, but also its commitment to sustainability.</p> <p>"From solar-powered resorts that serve locally harvested food to coral reef restoration projects and limited plastic usage, this vulnerable island nation has moved headlong into eco-tourism, " says Lonely Planet.</p>
<b>Summary:</b>	