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## Where To Go In 2022 for Luxury and Adventure

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With 2022 right around the corner, here are a number of top destinations and properties for travelers to check out when planning their adventures in the New Year:

### Rwanda Offers Gorilla Trekking and the Singita Community Culinary School

**Singita Kwitonda lodge** is set on the edge of Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda, where more than a third of the world's remaining mountain gorillas find refuge and the unrivalled position puts gorilla trekking experiences within easy reach. Each of the **eight suites** feature a private terrace with heated plunge pools, outdoor fireplaces, and expansive views of the picturesque landscapes. Not far from Volcanoes National Park, the opening of the third and latest addition to the internally accredited **Singita Community Culinary School** offers a rigorous, Singita-crafted professional cookery course to local communities. Guests can visit Singita Community Culinary School and local students to observe the culinary classes as well as contribute to donations.

Rwanda will be the place to visit in 2022. The recent opening of Ellen's Campus and Singita Community Culinary School carry strong sustainable and local impact on the surrounding communities. Ellen's Campus will be the first permanent headquarters of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund where gorilla science, responsible tourism and the needs of the local population are top priority.

In 2022, Singita Community Culinary School will have the first class of ten students graduate in June. Visiting the school in 2022 will support the local institution and students receiving the World Chef Certificate as well as contribute to the development of the next generation of talented young chefs in remote areas. While staying in Rwanda, guests can support this project by funding scholarships for communities.

### **The Galapagos Islands Offer Unrivaled Wildlife Opportunities, Adventure and a New Sustainable Yacht**

The Galapagos Islands are a remote destination 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador, perfect for travelers looking to stay away from large crowds as global travel resumes. The islands are known for their crystal clear waters, year-round warm temperatures and the vast number of endemic species studied by Charles Darwin. Since there weren't any travelers there for the better part of 2020, the wildlife had time to rest and some even migrated to other islands. Many visitor sites look the way they did 20 years ago with animals nesting in the trails.

**Quasar Expeditions'** new yacht the M/Y Conservation is due out in Q3/Q4 of 2022. The yacht will be the first Galapagos ship with a comprehensive sustainability plan – encompassing everything from design to daily operations. Exclusively for 18 passengers, the yacht will be entirely eco-friendly. Pioneering features include renewable energy components, biodegradable amenities, a carbon neutral footprint, and a crew of environmentally-conscious hospitality specialists. The Conservation will also host scientists, conservationists, and volunteers on board to conduct archipelago research and monitor the impacts of introduced species and increased tourism.

### **Le Grand Mazarin Joins a Number of Luxury Hotel Openings in Paris**

A place of life with multiple influences and a place to meet and share that's both joyful and flamboyant, Le Grand Mazarin is a jewel box of elegance and sophistication that channels a mixture of styles with a touch of humour. With 61 uniquely decorated rooms and suites, a spectacular restaurant and bar, and a swimming pool, Maisons Pariente has created a festive, unexpected and privileged experience that's an ode to the City of Light. Through this new adventure, Maisons Pariente is bringing the brand's fundamentals to Paris: a unique hotel story in affinity with an exceptional location and a simple yet sincere hotel that creates rare and unforgettable emotions. Opening September 2022.

### **Travel to Cerrado, Brazil While You Still Can with Niarra Travel**

Start-up premium travel company, **Niarra Travel**, arranges sustainable travel itineraries that support environment protection, conservation, local culture and communities. Their destination for 2022 is the Cerrado, Brazil's vast, tropical savanna ecoregion covering 20% of the country. Home to 5% of the planet's plants and animals, including the maned wolf, jaguar and over 10,000 species of plants, it's the world's most biodiverse savanna. However, the Cerrado is one of the most threatened areas in Brazil, with very little of its biodiversity protection provided. Already, there is less than 50 percent of the original Cerrado area so the time to visit is now.

Niarra Travel carefully selects partners whose tourism drives wildlife conservation, habitat restoration and creates a shared value for local communities, while also creating transformative travel experiences with a purpose. [Pousada Trijuncao](#), an ecolodge oasis amid the Cerrado is integrated with nature without sacrificing comfort and luxury. The flooring of all the balconies and rooms the property is made from recycled wood, and the decor was largely handcrafted by local artisans from the region, utilizing materials collected sustainably in the Cerrado, such as bark and branches, dead trees and fallen leaves and fruits.

### **Lake Maggiore is a Quieter Italian-Inspired Vacation Alternative to Lake Como**

Lake Como has been known as the lavish lake destination in Italy. Stars like George Clooney call it home after all, but Lake Maggiore, on the border of Italy and Switzerland, is giving it a run for its money. With celebrities such as Donatella Versace moving in recently, the under-the-radar lake is poised to become the go-to spot. Lake Maggiore is the quieter alternative for travelers looking for an Italian-inspired getaway away from the crowds. Its shores are dotted with picturesque resorts, elegant villas and small towns with exquisite restaurants and boutiques.

Hidden at the top of the lake on the northern Swiss shore of Ascona sits [Hotel Eden Roc](#). The resort has a prime waterfront spot with a private yachting marina. It is walking distance from Ascona's main piazza and a few minutes away from the Brissago Islands and Terreni alla Maggia, the northernmost rice field in the world. The hotel also features a 21,528 square-foot spa, a veritable Garden of Eden and four exceptional restaurants including Michelin-starred La Brezza, which just unveiled [new vegan tasting menus](#), putting a plant-based spin on its traditional Mediterranean cuisine.

### **Hokkaido's Snowy Niseko Village is Home to the First Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, Fifth Across the Globe**

On the starkly snowy Japanese island of Hokkaido rests [Niseko Village](#), a prime winter destination. Resting at the foot of Mount Niseko Annapuri, Niseko Village is a haven for ski lovers who appreciate secluded luxury and culture. The winter wonderland boasts extensive ski trails, hot springs, an amazing culinary scene, and its very own Snow School. Adventure seekers can spend the day whisking through fresh white powder snow by skiing and snowboarding or enjoying the company of reindeer while sledding.

[Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve](#), the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan and the fifth across the globe, opened in December 2020 and is a must-visit once US travel restrictions ease. The property offers majestic, panoramic views of Mount Yotei, 43 rooms and seven suites, two distinctive restaurants, a fitness center, an exclusive team of Higashiyama Reservists, and a world-class spa and traditional Japanese onsen. It also acts as a gateway to Niseko's mountains, providing access to 2,191 acres of skiable terrain, 70 runs, 29 lifts and gondolas, and extensive backcountry skiing.