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2018 SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS TOP 100

60 Early-Bird destinations selected in Global Sustainability Competition

The first 60 destinations of the Sustainable Destinations Top 100 are unveiled on World Tourism Day 2018. This list celebrates the efforts of tourism destinations' responsible and sustainable tourism initiatives.

The list is the result of open calls in newswires, social and business media. Nominators had to provide extensive information on their destination and its efforts to make itself and its stakeholders more sustainable for the benefit of visitors, local communities and the world. Nominated destinations had to clarify what they have been doing to comply with the 30 core criteria of the Green Destinations Standard: 100 criteria that are Recognized by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). In the Early-Birds period (until July 2018) more than 120 nominations were received from 40 countries. Nominations were evaluated by the Sustainable Top 100 Team and by members of the Top 100 International Committee, which includes over 60 tourism sustainability experts.

The Top 100 initiative aims to recognise tourism destinations that have worked hard to make a difference and take sustainability seriously. Nevertheless, no destination is fully sustainable. In all selected destinations important issues remain to be solved.

Visitors' carbon emissions are currently not taken into account in this competition due to the lack of adequate data and tools. However, Green Destinations recommends travellers to avoid long-haul travels and to appropriately compensate their carbon emission.

The Award winners are presented to the participants of the Global Green Destinations Day, 27 September 2018 in the City of Nijmegen in The Netherlands. Nijmegen has been elected European Green Capital 2018 by the European Commission.

The 2018 Top 100 selection will be available in: www.SustainableTop100.org.

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Leiden - Nijmegen (NL), 24 September 2018



2018 Sustainable Destinations Top 100

The first 60 destinations, selected in the Early-Bird procedure

AUSTRALIA Douglas Shire (Queensland)	MALTA Gozo	PORTUGAL (continued) Oeste CIM, West Portugal
CANADA Vancouver (British Columbia) Castle Region & Alberta Southwest Niagara Falls (Ontario)	NETHERLANDS Ameland (Friesland) Berg en Dal (Gelderland) Goeree-Overflakkee (Z-Holland) Hoek van Holland (Zuid-Holland) Katwijk (Zuid-Holland) Nijmegen (Gelderland) Noordwijk (Zuid-Holland) Schouwen-Duiveland (Zeeland) Wassenaar (Zuid-Holland) Westvoorne (Zuid-Holland) Veere (Zeeland)	Serras do Socorro e Archeira Sintra (Greater Lisbon region) Torres Vedras (Oeste)
CHILE Chiloe Island Huilu Huilo Biological Reserve	NETHERLANDS - CARIBBEAN Bonaire Saba	SLOVENIA Ljubljana Bled Komen Podčetrtek Rogaška Slatina Slovenia Green Destinations
COLOMBIA Otun Quimbaya Sanctuary	NORWAY Lyngenfjord region (Troms)	SOUTH KOREA Suwon Hwaseong (Suwon City)
CROATIA Town of Dрниš	PHILIPPINES Lio Tourism Estate (El Nido) San Carlos City (Negros Occ.)	SPAIN Baiona (Galicia) Bergueda County (Catalunya) Islas Atlánticas de Galicia Noja (Cantabria) Torroella de Montgrí-L'Estartit
CYPRUS Pafos Region	PORTUGAL Águeda (Baixo Vouga, Centro) Alto Minho CIM Azores Cascais (Greater Lisbon region) Lagos (Algarve) Peneda-Gerês National Park	SWEDEN Åre (Jämtland County) Malmö (Scania County) Östergötland region
FINLAND Pyhä-Luosto		TAIWAN Northeast and Yilan Coast NSA
FRANCE Bretagne - Brittany		USA Jackson Hole-Yellowstone Vail (Colorado)
GERMANY Norderney (Lower Saxony)		
GREECE Folegandros (Cyclades) Skyros Island (Evia)		
JAPAN Kamaishi (Iwate)		
JORDAN Ajloun Forest Reserve		

This selection is unveiled at Global Green Destinations Day (GGDD), 27 September 2018 in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. The list includes the first 60 destinations that were selected after evaluation of ca. 100 Early-Bird nominations.

Until 15 October 2018 nominations from outside Europe only can be submitted for the final 2018 Sustainable Destinations Top 100, to be unveiled 15 December 2018.

More information: www.sustainabletop100.org.

