

Exotic tourism

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Introduction. The exotic to human culture, as for nature itself, encompasses everything that has origin in a strange place, but it will also depend on how your eyes see it, this regardless of its nature, whether an item of clothing, an animal, a mountain or an island paradise.

The world is full of beautiful and exotic places, allowing us to admire the greatness of Mother Nature. Geographically there are so many places to see, only encourages us to imagine how powerful and blessed is the land, to give us the joy and pleasure of meeting places you never think existed.

What are some of the exotic tourist destinations which are not commonly known? We are all quite aware of some of the more commercial tourist destinations- Paris, London, Hawaii, Dubai etc. However, what are some of the best kept secret tourist destinations which are an absolute must-visit in our lifetime.

Papua-New Guinea is one of the world's last wild lands, so exotic travel enthusiasts count on a real adventure here, getting to know nature and unaltered by the urban civilization culture of Papuans. West Guinea known as West Irian was incorporated into Indonesia. The country experienced an intensive process of colonization mainly by settlers from Java. This action was carried out in the name of the chief slogan of Indonesia, "strength in diversity". Until World War II Western Guinea belonged to the Dutch, who limited their economic penetration to the coast. In 1938, Richard Archbold while flying by seaplane discovered Baliem valley populated by Papuans, and situated on a plateau, near the Snowy Mountains and announced the discovery in "National Geographic". Later missionaries arrived there. Lush tropical jungle hid a village of Papuans whose population was estimated then at about 100,000.

Currently Baliem is a destination for very few groups of tourists. You can get here only by light aircraft from Jayapury (the capital of Irian) as there are no land roads. All financial settlements are not in dollars but in pigs. The town of Ndjamena with a population of 7,000 residents is the only enclave of civilization with shops, streets, an airport and a few modest hotels. All goods, building materials and gasoline are imported by air. The Baliem Valley is inhabited by the Dani, Lani and Yali tribes representing an ancient culture. They live in huts made of clay and reeds, men walk around with bows and arrows, wearing "kotekas", women cover only their hips with skirts made of plant fibres.

Other interesting exotic tourist destinations could be: Bay of Kotor, Montenegro; Petra, Jordan; Longsheng Rice Terrace, China; Gozo, Malta; The Great Blue Hole, Belize; Amer fort, India; Forest of Knives, Madagascar; Namje, Nepal; Taha'a, French Polynesia; Porto Heli, Greece; Pisco Elqui, Chile; Cappadocia, Turkey; Con Dao Island, Vietnam; Timgad, Algeria; The Cook Islands; Angkor Wat, Cambodia; Fiji; Isle of Skye, Scotland; Yellowstone National Park, USA; Bagan, Burma; Mount Roraima, Venezuela; Cano Cristales, Colombia; Salar de Uyuni, Bolivia; Panjin Red Beach, China; Socotra, Yemen; Whitehaven Beach, Australia; Lake Baikal, Russia; Giant's Causeway, Ireland; Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany; Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Japan and other.

Conclusions. Among various forms of tourism, based on the distance and specific elements of the itinerary, exotic tourism which for many belongs to the category of cultural tourism can be separately identified. Globally, it is a distinctive trend in the tourism market and is among the fastest-growing forms of tourism.