

The Most Beautiful Cities in the World to Visit in Your **Lifetime**



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Chiang Mai, Thailand

Chiang Mai, a **former trading outpost** surrounded by **vast mountain ranges**, offers a mix of **vibrant city life** and **picturesque landscapes**. Explore the **sacred** Wat Palad temple **complex** during a day **hike** through the forest and **indulge** in the city's food and **beverage** scene. The rising art scene includes modern galleries like the Gongdee Gallery.

hustle and bustle

Cape Town, South Africa

colourful

Cape Town, **shadowed** by Table Mountain and **bordered** by the Atlantic and Indian oceans, **combines** city **bustle** with natural beauty. Visit Kirstenbosch National **Botanical** Garden to learn about native **flora**, explore the **colorful** Bo-Kaap neighborhood, and enjoy **diverse cuisines** at the Neighbourgoods Market. Don't miss the Zeitz Museum of **Contemporary** Art Africa to discover African artists.

Istanbul, Turkey

Istanbul's gardens and **ornate** buildings **showcase** **opulence** and **ancient** beauty. The city's history **connects** the East and West, with **preserved** landmarks like the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.

Explore the city's **rich heritage** and artistic treasures.

Kyoto, Japan

Kyoto, the old capital of Japan, **exudes** a **sense** of history with cherry blossoms, **craft** shops, and **bustling** food markets. Enjoy modern **spins** on classic Japanese **dishes** and visit over 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto **shrines**, including Kinkaku-ji and Fushimi Inari Taisha. Find **tranquility** in the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove and **admire** the golden temples.

Chefchaouen, Morocco

Located in the Rif Mountains of Morocco, Chefchaouen is a **centuries**-old city painted in **exhilarating** shades of blue. Its **origins** are **mysterious**, but it offers a

relaxed and **unique** **glimpse** into the
history and lifestyle of Morocco.