

Warsaw: Europe's Top 2023 Travel Destination

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Destination (Noun) /ˌdɛstəˈneɪʃən/ a place where a person or thing is going or being sent
Example: Where is our next destination?
2. Prepare (Verb) /prɪˈpɛr/ to make something ready for use, consideration, etc.
Example: The mother gets up early everyday to prepare breakfast for her family.
3. Option (Noun) /ˈɒ:pʃən/ something that has been or can be chosen
Example: Give me another option please.
4. Role (Noun) /roʊl/ the function that a person or thing has in a particular situation
Example: What is the role of a colonel?
5. Gem (Noun) /dʒem/ a very good or special person or thing
Example: The island is a gem known as Pearl of the Orient.
6. Walled (Adjective) /wɔːld/ (of an area) surrounded with walls
Example: Intramuros is a walled structure in Manila built during the time of the Spaniards.



If you were expecting Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Berlin or Rome, the 2023 list of the top 20 places to visit in Europe might surprise you. None of those famous cities is on the list, which was prepared by a Belgian travel website called European Best Destinations. It asked more than 650,000 people to choose their favorite places from a list of around 400 options. And in first place was the Polish city of Warsaw.

Poland's capital is one of the cheaper cities to visit in Europe. It is known for its old town, parks and bars. It's also a good place to learn a little more about European history, including Poland's role in World War II. The top 20 list is full of some of Europe's hidden gems — but they

might not be hiding much longer! There's space for some big cities, too, with Athens in second place, Vienna in fourth and London in eighth.

But not so famous is the small city of Maribor in Slovenia, which was third on the list. Found close to Austria, Maribor is known for its wine, old town and museums. And the walled city of Cittadella in Italy may also be a new name for many, but it's in fifth place. Also in the top 10 are Grenoble, in the middle of the French Alps, and Veszprém in Hungary, which is one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2023.

DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the cheapest places you've traveled to?
2. What's your favorite time of year to travel?
3. Which of the places you've been to could you see yourself living in?
4. What places would you like to visit for their history?
5. What lesser known places in your country would you recommend visiting?
6. What would you say your town or city is best known for?