



PART 2, TOP 28 DESTINATIONS FOR 2020: NATURE & CULTURE



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The TravelSquire editorial team recently announced our Top 28 destinations for 2020 zeroing in on unique destinations with intriguing sites and experiences. The list is divided into four categories, both domestic and international, and the complete list [here](#).

We've shared our newsworthy destinations first and you'll find those [here](#).

This week we're sharing picks for Nature & Culture. The sensational nature surrounding each of these places contributes to each one's cultural roots. Here's why they made our list for 2020.



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Sculptures on the Puerto Vallarta Malecon

State of Jalisco

Jalisco brings us mariachis and tequila—what more could we ask for from this treasured region of Mexico? At its western edge, popular Puerto Vallarta’s 12 block Malecon provides gorgeous views of the blue waters of Banderas Bay which opens into the Pacific Ocean. Awarded the designation of Cultural Heritage of the State of Jalisco, downtown Puerto Vallarta’s cobbled streets, colorful murals and cultural events delight locals and tourists.

Heading east towards the capital city of Guadalajara, the landscape rises from the foot of the Rio Grande Canyon. Fields of blue agave surround the magical town of Tequila. Named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2006, the agave cultural landscape celebrates the relationship of the people and nature—each sustaining the other.



Jalisco Agave Fields

Cowboys ride into the fields each day on horseback tending and cutting the agave crops by hand. These centuries-old traditions continue to produce Jalisco's liquid treasure—tequila. Raise a glass aboard the black and gold vintage Jose Cuervo Express train running between Guadalajara and Tequila every Saturday. Yes, that's right, a tequila train! Do you even need to ask how this destination landed a spot on our Top 28?