

Iceland named best country for solo travelers

Article

No travel buddy? No problem. These are the best places to travel to alone according to the 2021 Solo Travel Index.

Iceland was named the best overall country for solo travelers with a score of 7.29 out of 10. Iceland had the most attractions and the most group activities and tours per 100,000 people out of all the countries on the list. It also has beautiful waterfalls and volcanoes, activities such as whale watching, and a low crime rate.

Malta was named the second-best place for solo travelers with a score of 6.34 out of 10, and Portugal was third with 6.21, followed by Croatia, Spain and Belize.

Also with low levels of crime, Switzerland was named as the best country for safety. Those who hate the rain should choose Jordan, however — the country gets an average of only 97 millimeters of rain per year.

If you want to save money, go to Sri Lanka, which had the cheapest hotel stays at \$23 per night. Japan was named the best country for foodies because it had the most restaurants per 100,000 people at 636.

Quiz

1. What's the second-best country for solo travelers?
2. How much does the average hotel stay in Sri Lanka cost?
3. How much rain does Jordan get per year?

Conversation

- A: I can't stand the hay fever here! My eyes are itchy and my nose won't stop running.
- B: Perhaps you should go somewhere without hayfever... hang on, let me check Google.
- A: That one! "Six low-pollen destinations around the world for a sneeze free vacation".
- B: Yeah, let's see... here, Merzouga, Morocco... located in the Sahara Desert... Hmm....

Discussion

1. Do you find it surprising that Iceland has been named the best country for solo travelers?
2. Which of the countries mentioned in the article would you like to visit?
3. Have you ever traveled alone? If so, where did you go? If not, do you think you'd enjoy it?
4. How good would you say your country is for solo travelers? Why?