



— FREE CALENDAR · 2027

Where to go in 2027

*One destination for every month: why that month, what else works, and
what to avoid*

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The right place, in the right month



The same destination can be two completely different trips depending on when you go. Chiang Mai in January is cool, clear and lively; in March the air fills with smoke. Koh Tao is at its best in March and at its worst in November. The Serengeti in February and in August are two different safaris.

This calendar brings together the reasoning we use with every client before we look at a single hotel: one destination we would choose for each month of 2027, what else works that month, and what we would avoid. Use it as a starting point: then we build the trip around you.

Tomás · Founder, Golden Peak

01

Month first

Choose the season before the hotel. It decides the weather, the wildlife, the crowds and the price.

02

Fewer places

Three places with time beat six in a rush. Every hotel change costs half a day.

03

Book the hard part early

Small camps, peak weeks and festivals sell out first. The rest can wait.

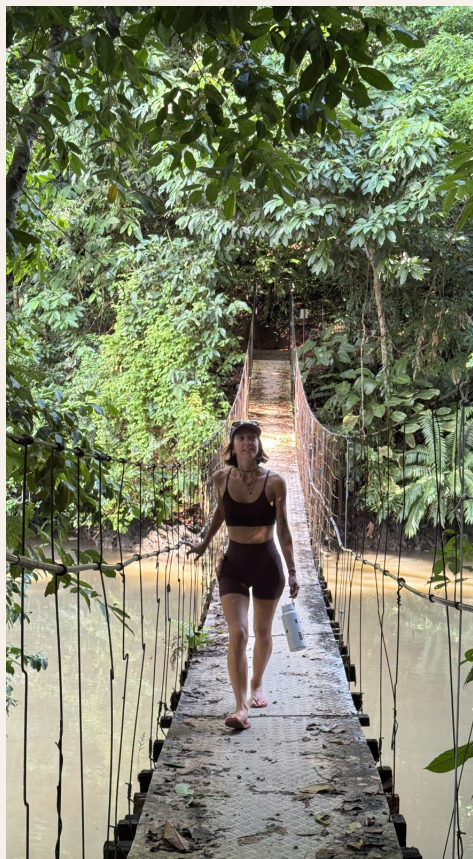
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Twelve months, twelve choices

Our pick for each month, the alternatives that also work, and what we would skip.

MONTH	OUR PICK	ALSO GOOD	AVOID
Jan	Costa Rica	Northern Thailand · Kenya	North Shore swimming
Feb	Tanzania · Ndutu	Koh Tao · Costa Rica	Bali
Mar	Australia	Koh Tao · Antigua (Holy Week)	Chiang Mai · East Africa
Apr	Guatemala	Northern Argentina · Vietnam	Central Thailand · East Africa
May	Hawaii	Komodo · Bali	Guatemala
Jun	The Dolomites	Tanzania · Bali & the Gilis	Pass closure days
Jul	Kenya & Tanzania	The Alps · Komodo	Hawaii (crowds)
Aug	Masai Mara	Bali & the Gilis · Koh Tao	Dolomites · Maya Bay
Sep	The Alps	Koh Tao · Northern Argentina	Central Vietnam · Guatemala
Oct	Northern Argentina	Hawaii · Northern Vietnam	Central Vietnam
Nov	Chiang Mai	Cambodia · Australia	Koh Tao · Hoi An
Dec	Guatemala	Cambodia & Koh Rong · Costa Rica	Hawaii (holidays)



January

Costa Rica

The dry season on the Pacific side: sunny days from Santa Teresa to the Osa peninsula, and a rainforest still green after the rains.

IDEAL FOR

Couples, families, nature lovers

ALSO GOOD

Northern Thailand: cool and dry, the best stretch of the year up north. Kenya: dry, green and with fewer vehicles than in migration season.

AVOID

Swimming on O'ahu's North Shore: big winter swell and serious currents.

Ten to twelve days: Arenal, Santa Teresa or Manuel Antonio, and Drake Bay for Corcovado, where a certified guide is mandatory.



February

Tanzania · Ndutu

Calving season on the southern plains of the Serengeti. February is the peak for newborns, and for the predators that follow them.

IDEAL FOR

A second safari, photographers

ALSO GOOD

Koh Tao: its best visibility begins. Costa Rica: the heart of the dry season on the Pacific coast.

AVOID

Bali: the rainy season, with short and heavy tropical downpours.

Ndutu is green and it may rain in the afternoon. That is the price of the best predator action of the year.



March

Australia · the south-east coast

Early autumn: the sea is still warm in Byron Bay, the summer holidays are over and the Great Ocean Road is mild, with the Twelve Apostles at their quietest.

IDEAL FOR

Road trips, active couples

ALSO GOOD

Koh Tao: 15 to 30 m of visibility and the start of the whale shark window. Antigua, Guatemala, for Holy Week (21 to 28 March 2027): unforgettable, and the busiest week of the year.

AVOID

Chiang Mai and northern Thailand (smoke season, March and April). East Africa from mid-March (the long rains).

Byron Bay to the Great Ocean Road is close to 2,000 km. Fly the middle leg, or give it three weeks.



April

Guatemala

The last weeks of the dry season: clear nights on Acatenango, with Fuego erupting across the valley.

IDEAL FOR

Active travellers

ALSO GOOD

Northern Argentina: autumn in the Calchaquí valleys, dry and golden after the summer rains. Northern and central Vietnam: spring, the mildest weather of the year.

AVOID

Ayutthaya and central Thailand: above 40 °C. Kenya and Tanzania: long rains, although park fees drop until mid-May.

Seven to nine days: Antigua, two days for Acatenango, Atitlán, and Tikal by plane.



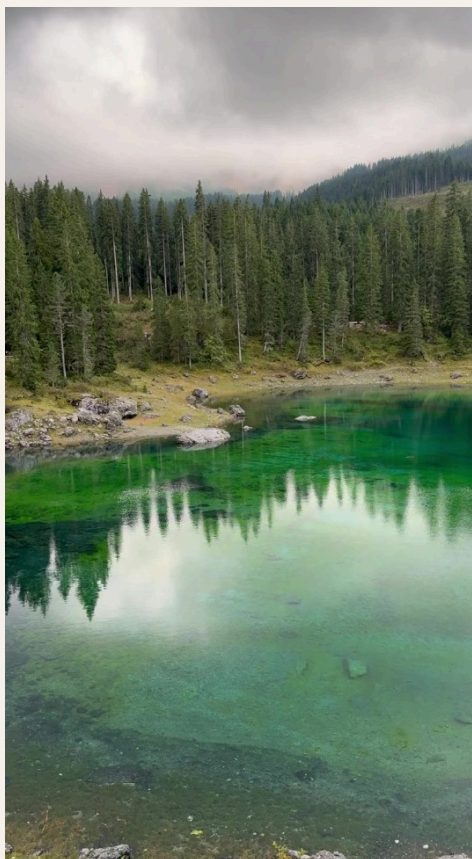
May

Hawaii

Between the winter swell and the summer crowds: stable weather and calmer seas on most of the coast.

- IDEAL FOR** Couples and families
- ALSO GOOD** Komodo: the dry season settles in, with calm seas for boat trips. Bali: the dry season begins.
- AVOID** Guatemala: the rainy season starts in May.

5 to 7 nights on O'ahu, or 10 to 12 with a second island such as Kaua'i or Maui.



June

The Dolomites

From the second half of June every pass is open, with far fewer people than in August.

- IDEAL FOR** Road trips, hikers, couples
- ALSO GOOD** Tanzania: the herds march north through the western corridor to the Grumeti river. Bali and the Gilis: dry and sunny.
- AVOID** The days the passes close for cycling events: Sellaronda Bike Day (5 June) and Dolomites Bike Day (19 June 2027).

7 days for the Dolomites and the Stelvio; 10 to 12 to add Austria and Switzerland.



July

Kenya & Tanzania

The dry season begins: short grass, little water and wildlife gathered around the rivers. The herds keep moving north.

IDEAL FOR

A first safari

ALSO GOOD

The Alps: every pass open (the Maratona dles Dolomites closes several passes on 4 July 2027). Komodo: dry, clear water and good diving.

AVOID

Hawaii in July and August: the busiest months, with higher prices.

Three or four nights in the Masai Mara, rather than one night in three parks.



August

Masai Mara & northern Serengeti

The river crossings. A window, not a date: they depend on the rain, so we plan several days in the right sector.

IDEAL FOR

Wildlife lovers

ALSO GOOD

Bali and the Gilis: the peak of the dry season. Koh Tao: good diving while the rest of Thailand gets the rain.

AVOID

The Dolomites, especially the week of 15 August. Maya Bay, closed for the monsoon (usually August and September).

Fly to the Mara instead of driving: two days on the road become two mornings of safari.



September

The Alps

The first half of September: everything is still open and the summer crowds are gone.

IDEAL FOR

Road trips, couples

ALSO GOOD

Koh Tao: one of its best months, and a second whale shark window. Northern Argentina: spring, dry days and clear skies over the Quebrada de Humahuaca.

AVOID

Central Vietnam (wet season and typhoon risk, September to December). Guatemala: the heaviest rains.

Start early on the big passes. From 1 September the Grossglockner road opens 6:00 to 19:30.



October

Northern Argentina

From Tafí del Valle to Purmamarca: the Calchaquí valleys, Cafayate's vineyards and the Quebrada de Humahuaca, with dry days and mild temperatures before the summer rains.

IDEAL FOR

Road trips, wine and landscape lovers

ALSO GOOD

Hawaii: stable weather and lower prices than in peak season. Northern Vietnam: autumn, with mild weather.

AVOID

Central Vietnam, still in its wet season. Guatemala, until the rains end.

Seven to nine days by car: Tafí del Valle, Cafayate, Salta and Purmamarca. Take the altitude slowly: the Quebrada is above 2,000 m.



November

Chiang Mai

The best stretch of the year begins in northern Thailand, and with it the lantern festivals, set each year by the lunar calendar.

IDEAL FOR	Couples, culture
ALSO GOOD	Cambodia: the dry season begins (November to February). Australia: late spring, before the summer holidays.
AVOID	Koh Tao, its one month to skip. Central Vietnam and Hoi An: wet season and floods. Kenya: the short rains.

Pairing the north with a beach? In November, choose the Andaman side over the Gulf of Thailand.



December

Guatemala

December to February are the clearest months of the dry season, and the coldest nights at altitude.

IDEAL FOR	Active travellers, families
ALSO GOOD	Cambodia and Koh Rong: dry and comfortable. Costa Rica: the Pacific dry season begins in mid-December.
AVOID	Hawaii in the last two weeks of the year: the highest prices. Koh Tao: still affected, with 10 to 20 m of visibility.

Never squeeze Tikal into a day trip: it is at the other end of the country. Fly to Flores.

The countdown

Work backwards from your travel dates. What sells out first is never the flight.

12 to 9 months

Safari camps in peak weeks (February in Ndutu, August and September in the Mara), Holy Week in Antigua and the year-end holidays in Hawaii.

9 to 6 months

Small hotels in the Dolomites and the Alps for late June and September, and long-haul flights.

6 to 3 months

Experiences with limited places: balloon flights, private guides, dive courses, the Acatenango operator.

3 to 1 month

Visas and e-visas, the yellow fever certificate if your route needs it, travel insurance.

The week before

Digital arrival cards (Thailand's TDAC within the 3 days before landing), cash for tips, the final details.

Is it too late for your dates?

Not always. Rooms are released when cancellation deadlines pass, and that is when knowing the right people makes the difference.



What to start early

Entry rules for Argentine, Mexican and Spanish passports in the destinations of this calendar. They change often: check them again before you book.

DESTINATION	ARGENTINA	MEXICO	SPAIN
Kenya	eTA (USD 30)	eTA (USD 30)	eTA (USD 30)
Tanzania	Visa (USD 50, e-visa)	Visa (USD 50, e-visa)	Visa (USD 50, e-visa)
Thailand	90 days, no visa	e-visa required	30 days, no visa
Vietnam	e-visa (USD 25)	e-visa (USD 25)	45 days, no visa
Cambodia	e-visa or visa on arrival (USD 30)	e-visa or visa on arrival (USD 30)	e-visa or visa on arrival (USD 30)
Indonesia (Bali, Lombok, Komodo)	Visa on arrival (+ Bali levy in Bali)	Visa on arrival (+ Bali levy in Bali)	Visa on arrival (+ Bali levy in Bali)
Australia	Visitor visa (subclass 600), online	Visitor visa (subclass 600), online	eVisitor (subclass 651), free, online
United States (Hawaii)	B1/B2 visa	B1/B2 visa	ESTA
Costa Rica	No visa	No visa	No visa
Guatemala	No visa	No visa	No visa
Argentina	National ID	No visa	No visa
Italy, Austria, Switzerland	No visa (Schengen)	No visa (Schengen)	EU citizen

Yellow fever: Kenya and Tanzania ask for the certificate if you arrive from Argentina, and Tanzania also if you cross by land from Kenya or spend more than 12 hours in transit in a risk country. Costa Rica lets these three passports in without a visa; ask for proof of onward travel. Australia's visas are applied for online on the official Home Affairs site, before you fly.

Sources: official immigration sites and the WHO list, checked between September and October 2026. Always check before you travel: these rules change often.

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Your year, planned around you

Tell us when you can travel, who is coming and how you like to travel. We will reply with a proposal built around your month.

The right month

We match the destination to your dates, or the dates to your destination.

The right places

Hotels and camps chosen for that trip, with the benefits of our network when the property offers them.

Every detail

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