

NEWS LESSON

Where Might You Travel in 2027?

BEFORE YOU READ

1 Warm up

Talk about these questions with a partner.

1. Would a TV series ever make you want to visit a place?
2. What can make a busy destination feel worth the crowds?
3. Would you rather plan a trip around food, a story or an event?

2 Key words

These words are in the article. Write the letter of the meaning (A to H) in each box.

1	**destinations**	☐	A	websites or apps where you can search or buy things
2	**platforms**	☐	B	not needed
3	**peaceful**	☐	C	places that people travel to
4	**environment**	☐	D	showing good judgement and not taking silly risks
5	**festivals**	☐	E	big events with music, food or celebrations
6	**sensible**	☐	F	things you throw away because you do not need them
7	**waste**	☐	G	quiet and calm
8	**unnecessary**	☐	H	the air, water, land and nature around us

3 Read

Read the article and underline the key words from task 2. The paragraphs are numbered.

Expedia says searches are growing for Busan, Perugia, Punta del Este and Holbox. But a search is not a booking.

1 Where will people want to go on holiday in 2027? The travel company Expedia has made a prediction. Paris and Rome will still attract visitors, but its report says searches are growing for places that receive less attention.

2 In October 2026, it published a list of destinations with fast-growing searches for flights and places to stay. The list included Busan in South Korea, Perugia in Italy, Punta del Este in Uruguay and Holbox in Mexico. These are very different places, from busy cities to relaxed coastal destinations.

3 Busan is known for beaches, markets and city life. Perugia offers historic streets, food and cultural festivals. Punta del Este attracts visitors to its Atlantic beaches, while Holbox is an island where tourists come for nature and a slower pace. Each place offers something different from the usual holiday in a famous capital.

4 However, searches do not prove that millions of tourists will arrive next year. Expedia compared interest on its own platforms with the previous period. People might search for a destination and then choose somewhere else. Other travel companies may also see different patterns.

5 A place becoming popular can be good for local businesses, but it can also bring problems. More visitors may mean higher prices, crowded streets and pressure on the environment. A destination that looks peaceful in a photograph may feel very different during its busiest month.

6 Before choosing a trending destination, it is sensible to do your homework. Look at the weather for the month you want to travel and find out whether local buses and trains are convenient. Some places become very busy during school holidays, festivals or special events. A beautiful island may be hard to get to, and a famous restaurant may be fully booked.

7 You can also think about how visitors affect people who live there all year. Respecting local rules, avoiding unnecessary waste and supporting local services can make travel better for everyone. Online lists are useful for picking up ideas, but they cannot tell you what will suit your family, health or budget. A less famous place may offer an amazing holiday, but it still needs careful planning.

8 Perhaps the best travel choice is not the place everybody is talking about. It is the place that matches your interests, budget and the way you enjoy spending time. A travel trend can help you discover somewhere new, but it should not make the decision for you.

Sources: Expedia UK Newsroom. Picture: AI illustration.

4 True, false or not given

Circle **T** (true), **F** (false) or **NG** (the article does not say).

1. Expedia's list included Busan, Perugia, Punta del Este and Holbox. T F NG
2. The searches prove that millions will visit these places. T F NG
3. Flights to Busan have become cheaper. T F NG
4. Expedia compared interest on its own platforms with an earlier period. T F NG
5. Expedia only looked at searches for flights. T F NG

5 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with words from the box. Two words are not needed.

budget **convenient** **prediction** **pressure** **scenic** **souvenir** **suit**

1. The travel company made a _____ about next year's holidays, but it may be wrong.
2. Buses and trains that run often make a town _____ for visitors without a car.
3. Too many visitors can put _____ on the environment.
4. We cannot spend much, so we must stay within our _____ .
5. A quiet town may _____ you better than a busy capital.

6 Verb forms

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. In October 2026, Expedia _____ a list of fast-growing destinations. (PUBLISH)
2. Last year, my friends _____ a week in Busan. (SPEND)
3. Searches do not prove that millions of tourists _____ next year. (ARRIVE)
4. A place _____ popular can be good for local businesses. (BECOME)
5. The best choice is not the place that everybody _____ about right now. (TALK)

7 Language focus: prepositions

Complete the sentences with words from the box. Two words are not needed. Some words always go with the same small word. Learn them as a pair, for example known for and depends on.

at	for	in	of	on	through	under

1. Busan is known _____ its beaches and markets.
2. You should look _____ the weather before you book.
3. The island is full _____ small shops and quiet cafes.
4. Many travellers are interested _____ visiting quieter places.
5. Whether the beach is nice depends _____ the weather.

SPEAK

8 Talk about it

Discuss in pairs or small groups. Give reasons for your answers.

1. Would you visit the place everyone was talking about or go somewhere quieter?
2. How much should a travel company's predictions influence your plans?
3. What would make a holiday feel like your own choice?

9 Role-play: choosing the holiday

Work in pairs. Read your card, then have the conversation. Swap roles and do it again.

Student A · the trend follower

You have seen a list of fast-growing destinations. You want to book a week in one of them. Explain why it excites you and answer your friend's worries.

Student B · the careful planner

You think a trending place may be busy and expensive. Ask questions about prices, crowds and transport. Suggest a different place, or a different month.

Useful phrases

I've just seen a list of places everyone's searching for.

It looks amazing, but isn't it going to be crowded?

What's the weather like at that time of year?

I'd rather go somewhere quieter.

Let's compare the prices before we decide.

Could we meet halfway and go in September?

Afterwards, tell the class: where are you going, and who changed their mind?

ANSWER KEY

2 Key words

1 C · 2 A · 3 G · 4 H · 5 E · 6 D · 7 F · 8 B

4 True, false or not given

1 T · 2 F · 3 NG · 4 T · 5 F

5 Vocabulary

1 prediction · 2 convenient · 3 pressure · 4 budget · 5 suit

6 Verb forms

1 published · 2 spent · 3 will arrive · 4 becoming · 5 is talking

7 Language focus

1 for · 2 at · 3 of · 4 in · 5 on

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