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THE BEST CITIES TO VISIT IN EUROPE FOR 2022

*The most exciting cities to visit in
Europe for a cultural break*

There are so many incredible European cities to visit, whether you want to return to old favourites or find new ones to love – and these are our pick of the best cities in Europe for 2022.

With short flight or train times and easy journeys, breaks to Europe's great cities are the perfect option for mini-breaks and longer holidays, especially when you want to be immersed in culture and history. There are also lots of destinations to choose from for people in search of a food-focused trip, or for those who will enjoy history-packed walking tours.

As the saying goes, Paris is always a good idea and Rome never gets old, but there's so much more to Europe than these grande dames. If you loved Lisbon, you'll adore Porto, with its port warehouses along the waterfront, medieval alleys and winding Douro backdrop.

Enjoy a city break with a difference and visit Reykjavik, the Icelandic capital named after its steaming hot springs. Or head to the very edge of the continent and Istanbul, for its magnificent Ottoman architecture, fabulous food scene and boat trips down the Bosphorus.

Read on for Country Living's pick of the best cities to visit in Europe in 2022...

PALMA

Mallorca may have its beautiful beaches to lounge on and mountains to hike, but its capital Palma is not to be missed – especially for a glimpse of its golden, Gothic cathedral, looming above the edge of the bay. Visitors can ride the old wooden tram down to Soller, for lunch on the edge of its marina. Other things to experience include Bellver Castle, Almudaina Palace and the lively Lonja fish market. And it's a city that can be enjoyed all year round, since temperatures rarely drop below 18 degrees.

WHERE TO STAY: Stay close to the cathedral by checking in at seafront **El Llorenç Parc del Mar**, which references the city's Moorish past with courtyards and carved doors.

