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## Remote destinations top 'most searched' list for Aussie travel lovers





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## What's at the top of your post-pandemic bucket list?

Despite the fact that much of the country remains in quarantine, the travel dream is very much alive for most Australians, according to new data from Melbourne-based online travel planning site, Rome2Rio.

Aussie travellers' wings may be temporarily clipped courtesy of the global pandemic and ensuing travel restrictions, but that's not deterring us from searching up a storm and planning for the future.

America and Europe top the list of the most sought-after destinations despite their current coronavirus situations, making up for 20.06% and 15.53% of overseas travel searches in March, respectively.

These destinations are closely followed by searches for Canada, with 5.35% of the searches, New Zealand with 4.75% of all searches and Indonesia with 3.63% of the total.

Interestingly, according to the figures, the novel coronavirus pandemic seems to have sparked in some, a desire to travel to less popular, remote and unusual destinations — the data shows that searches for Greenland and French Polynesia are significantly up, making the list of the top 10 most searched countries in the twelve months to March 2020.

The ten countries that demonstrated the *greatest increase* in searches during this period were:

- 1. Greenland
- 2. United States of America
- 3. French Polynesia
- 4. Papua New Guinea
- 5. Tuvalu
- 6. Costa Rica
- 7. Columbia
- 8. Burkina Faso
- 9. Fiji
- 10. The Maldives

And if that information leaves you with a significantly larger bucket list than you had five minutes ago, just know that there's a whole host of great travel deals up for grabs for those travellers savvy enough (and willing to risk cancellations) by booking ahead.