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Holidays are meticulously planned,

eagerly anticipated and then, to the agony of those of us stuck at home, replayed to a green-faced audience. *Best in Travel* aims to make sure you're the one with stories to tell rather than the one stuck at home.

This year, like in previous years, we're making suggestions for the cities, countries

and regions we think you should consider visiting in 2014. Top picks Paris, Brazil and Sikkim might hog the headlines, but from Yorkshire to Macedonia, Vancouver to Antarctica, there's a globe-spanning range of recommendations.

Picking the best in travel each year is a delicious and agonising process, with a



shortlist made of suggestions from our authors, staff and community and voted on by a panel of travel-hardened hacks including Lonely Planet co-founder Tony Wheeler. For most places we've chosen there's a strong reason to go this year, be it a sporting event or a revitalised infrastructure, while there are a few we couldn't resist including because they just have that aura of 'right now' about them.

In addition to the top 30 places to visit this year, we've also included a selection

of travel lists which should give you a few fresh ideas, whether you're looking to mark an unusual anniversary, discover the world according to the Beatles or Shakespeare, try out the trendiest boot camps, or pinch the pennies with our eagerly anticipated best-value destinations

If you agree with us, the question is where to go first. If not, feel free to tell us where we've led you astray. Either way, a fabulous year on the road awaits.

Tom Hall, Lonely Planet Travel Editor