



Sustainable Travel Index: Ramping Up Action for Positive Change

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INTRODUCTION

Scope

Introduction to the Sustainable Travel Index

Key findings

LEADERS IN SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

Europe leads the way in sustainable travel

Top destinations in the Sustainable Travel Index

Most improved performance dominated by Latin America

Melbourne strikes out as sustainable city leader

Travel sustainably but will consumers pay more?

PILLAR PERFORMANCE

Pillar 1: Environmental sustainability weightings

Big strides in environmental sustainability in Africa and Latin America

Croatia: Improving environmental stewardship makes its mark

Pillar 2: Social sustainability weightings

Europe leads in terms of social sustainability for a fair and just transition

FRONT RUNNERS IN THE METAVERSE

Planeterra puts social impact at its heart for positive ripple effects

Pillar 3: Economic sustainability weightings

Qatar rides the wave of the FIFA World Cup 2022 to boost economic sustainability

Pillar 4: Risk weightings

European countries enjoy downgrades in risk, but more to do to protect biodiversity

Pillar 5: Sustainable tourism demand weightings

Building sustainable tourism demand through creating value and building resilience

4VI embraces a new social enterprise model for tourism

Pillar 6: Sustainable transport weightings

Europe stands out for sustainable transport with a focus on multi-modality

Heart Aerospace: Regional electric flights take off

Net zero airport: Schiphol aims for 2030 and shares its long-term vision

Pillar 7: Sustainable lodging weightings

Denmark heads out in front with eco-certification and organic food

Iberostar: Sharp focus on decarbonisation and nature-based solutions ahead of time

DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE

Latest IPCC report points to real risk of reaching irreversible tipping points

Envision 2030 points out that business as usual “doesn’t cut it”

WTTC elevates metrics with Hotel Sustainability Basics

Greater engagement from business required to drive sustainable development

Communities come first and resonate most with business and consumers

Protecting the blue economy

Financial cards encourage sustainable lifestyles

Evaneos : Working in partnership with local agents to drive sustainability

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Call to action for sustainable travel

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Pillars #3 and #4

Pillars #5 and #6

Pillar #7

Greenview CHSB data integration to the index

Geographical coverage

Full ranking

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