

Top nature destinations from every continent

(except Antarctica!)



Yellowstone in the USA was the first national park in the world. It sits on the Yellowstone Caldera, one of the largest volcanos on earth. This is why there are many geysers and hot pools around the park, along with lakes, canyons, rivers and mountains. You can often see elk, deer and the north American bison. Sometimes wolves and grizzly bears are also nearby.



Iguazú National Park is the subtropical rainforest in the northeast of Argentina. Its main attraction are the Iguazú Falls, some of the world's most incredible waterfalls. There are many hiking trails to walk and, if you're lucky, you can see exotic wildlife such as jaguars and toucans (large colourful birds).



The Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya is connected to the **Serengeti National Park** in Tanzania. These two parks are among the most popular safari destinations. It is not strange to see all the Big Five (the lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo) in a single morning.



Vatnajökull is the biggest glacier not just in Iceland but in the whole of Europe. It is also Europe's largest national park. There are many natural marvels to see, such as glacier rivers and lagoons, canyons, waterfalls, and ice caves. There aren't many animals, though: mostly reindeer and farm animals.



Borneo is the third largest island in the world, shared between Malaysia, Indonesia, and Brunei. It has seven ecoregions, among which is the oldest rainforest on Earth. It is one of the rare places where you can see orangutans in the wild, but also elephants, rhinos, leopards and fruit bats.



The Great Barrier Reef in Australia stretches 2,300 kilometres along the Queensland coast. Unfortunately, the world's largest coral reef system is slowly dying because of climate change. You can still snorkel in the warm water, however, and see colourful marine life: fish, starfish, and sea turtles.

Answer the questions.

- 1 Which of the destinations from the text would you like to see?
Which wouldn't you like to visit? Why?
- 2 Compare the six destinations:
 - a) Where would you be hottest / coldest?
 - b) Where would you see most / least animals?
 - c) Where are there a lot of / a few people?
 - d) Which is the most / least dangerous place to see?
 - e) Which is closest / furthest from Croatia?
- 3 Do you prefer travelling to natural or urban destinations? Why?
- 4 Have you been to a Croatian nature destination? Which one? What did you see? How did you like it?
- 5 What are important things to take with you when you spend time in nature?
- 6 What are the rules for visiting national and nature parks?

Task: Pick one national or nature park and present it in your class.