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**(4 December 2025, London)** With a new year of adventures on the horizon, the Jan/Feb issue of *National Geographic Traveller* (UK) invites readers to uncover unique experiences in one of the world's most varied and culturally rich destinations — Japan.

The East Asian archipelago has truly captured the imaginations of travellers in recent years, thanks in part to the ever-increasing prestige of its art, cuisine and fashion. Between January and October 2025, Japan saw record-breaking visitor numbers, and while that means some parts of the country have been busier than usual, much of it remains unknown to travellers. Comprising four main islands and thousands of smaller ones, this is a nation that stretches some 2,000 miles in length. Uncover its most idiosyncratic experiences — from island-hopping in Okinawa to hopping between vinyl listening bars in Tokyo — with the Jan/Feb issue of *National Geographic Traveller* (UK).

Readers will also find a free guide to cruise travel included with the Jan/Feb issue. Brimming with inspiration for anyone looking to explore the world's oceans, the cover story this year looks at the best small-ship expeditions, taking travellers everywhere from French Polynesia to uninhabited islands in the Seychelles.



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**Sweden:** Sámi creativity blooms amid the ice and snow of the country's northern Lapland region  
**Grand Canyon:** A backcountry hike through Arizona along the multi-day Escalante Route  
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**Notes from an author:** Piers Torday's fiction-inspiring voyage to Transylvania

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**Travel talk:** Ask the Experts returns with advice on **Amazonian** adventures, cold-weather safaris and more; Hot Topic explores the debate surrounding **Wales's** proposed new national park; The Info delves into the world of Agatha Christie; and The Report looks ahead to the trends set to shape travel in 2026. Finally, photographer Jonathan Stokes discusses capturing the otherworldly landscapes of **Puerto Rico** for the December issue.

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