



10 of the World's Most Underrated Destinations



El Mirador Ruins, Guatemala

Nestled deep in the Guatemalan rainforest, the ancient Mayan ruins of El Mirador were hidden for 2,000 years until their discovery in 1926. They're much harder to get to than the tourist-swamped ruins at Tikal just 40 miles to the south, but the payoff is huge — it's rare to see ruins this untouched. To see El Mirador, you'll have to hike in or travel by donkey. Or better yet, you can fly: Operators like [Big Five Tours & Expeditions](#) ferry visitors in via helicopter, offering an eagle eye's view of ruins that were once home to a bustling, densely populated metropolis.