

5 Places to visit before they disappear

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As the world continues to suffer from the effects of ..... and ....., more and more of our natural wonders are beginning to disappear. When deciding on the ..... for your vacation, consider visiting the following five locations as their days on earth just .....

Maldives

Renowned for being ..... in the world – over 80% of the 1,200 islands that make up the Maldives are less than ..... level. It's no surprise that the unique island group is currently ..... by the rising waters of the Earth's oceans. The circumstances have become so dire that the president has

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announced that the federal government will begin ..... in other nations for its citizens. It's predicted that within one century the Maldives will not be able to sustain habitation.

Great Barrier Reef

Situated off the ....., the Great Barrier Reef is the largest and inarguably the most breath-taking ..... in the world. However, increased ocean acidification, ..., cyclones and ..... are causing massive coral bleaching problems. More than half of the Great Barrier Reef ..... in the last three decades and the rest of this natural beauty ..... as soon as 2030.

Venice

Often nicknamed the city of water, Venice has a long history of being one of the ..... Italian cities, known for its small canals and beautiful ..... Today many people are beginning to question how much time Venice has left as reports indicate the city is sinking five times ..... thought.

Madagascar

As the fourth ..... on the world, Madagascar is home to some of the richest ..... and most diverse wildlife, including lemurs and the mongoose. However, the ..... ecosystem has been continually ..... by poaching, logging and ..... If actions aren't taken to save the island, it's expected that its rainforest and unique inhabitants will vanish in 35 years.

The Dead Sea

With 33.7% salinity, the Dead Sea is one of the ..... on the globe and is nearly 8.6 times saltier than the oceans. In the last 40 years, the large salty lake has shrunk by more than 1/3 of its original ..... and sunk by 80 feet (=24,284 m). Since it's only ..... comes from the Jordan River, it's expected that the Dead Sea will disappear within another 50 year.

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