

Secret Marvels of the World: 360 Extraordinary Places You Never Knew Existed and How to Find Them

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Lonely Planet wants you to visit the far reaches of weird. Are you prepared for three hundred jars of human brains in Lima's Museo del Cerebro? How about the sight of ten million hay-colored bats flying over your head as you wander through the Mushitu swamp forest in Zambia's Kasanka National Park? Maybe you'd prefer a lighthearted stroll among eight hundred whimsically painted wooden tombstones in Romania's Merry Cemetery? Or, ever more grimly, the permanent shadows of atomic-bomb victims on certain city streets and walls of Hiroshima?

Yes, the Egypt's great pyramids are marvels, and New York's Gay Pride Parade is crazy weird, but those top tourist destinations are overrun with visitors. With this beautiful coffee-table guide to 360 little-known places, Lonely Planet does what it does best: gets you off the beaten path.

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