



Myths and Legends from Around the Globe: 2009 Must-see Travel Destinations

Are you searching for love or hoping to turn back the hands of time? Either way, look no further than these legendary travel destinations from around the globe. Selected for its rich mythological history, each location is sure to provide you with everything you could ever want in a getaway and more: inspiration, romance, forgiveness, youth, beauty or just a break from the everyday.

Whether you are seeking out your fantasy or just hoping to escape reality, consider these fabled destinations for your next adventure.



ARIZONA, UNITED STATES

Legend has it that the tears of Apache women who lost their fathers, sons and husbands in battle crystallized into black obsidian. Hold these up to the light and the original tears are revealed. It is said that they bring good luck, and whoever owns an Apache teardrop will never have to cry again, since the Apache women have shed their tears in place of his/hers.

CASA DI GIULIETTA, ITALY

Tourists flock to Verona, Italy for a chance to visit what is believed to be the home of star-crossed lover Juliet Capulet. Below the storied balcony, in the quaint and manicured courtyard, stands a bronze statue of Juliet. They say that if you stroke the statue you will have good luck and a blessed love life.



GANGES, INDIA

Have you been naughty? In India, the sacred Ganges is believed to embody the water of life. Legend has it that bathing in the Ganges will wash you free of sin. The outward purification is said to provide cathartic release for the soul.

MOUNT FUJI, JAPAN

Take escapism to the next level. The Ainu people, Japan's original inhabitants, believe that at the top of Mount Fuji lies a portal to another world.

Mount Fuji, also known as Fujiyama, is revered by followers of Shinto as a sacred place, home to the goddess Sengen-Sama, who is considered to be an avatar of earthly life.



FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, FLORIDA

The quest for eternal youth and all its pleasures has plagued us for centuries. It is said that Spanish conquistador Ponce de León discovered Florida in his search for the fountain of youth. Who needs Botox and face-lifts?! Over the past 100 years, countless people have visited the famous fountain in order to sip from its legendary waters and hear the history behind its fabled benefits.

THE CASTALIAN SPRING, GREECE

Suffering from writer's block? Lacking inspiration? Then visit the Castalian Spring that cascades between the Phaedriades at Delphi. It is said that visitors to the oracle of Delphi stopped at this spring to bathe. Roman poets would make pilgrimages to the spring to be infused with poetic inspiration.



THE BLARNEY STONE, IRELAND

Do people tease you for being introverted, shy and quiet? If so, one of Ireland's most renowned treasures may provide you with the perfect remedy! The Blarney Stone is a block of bluestone built into the battlements of Blarney Castle. The stone, which was set into a tower of the castle in 1446, is said to endow those who kiss it with the gift of the gab.

