

Welcome 2020 in Style with TomTom's Dazzling New Year Destinations

After the fun, the presents and the indulgence of Christmas, New Year is the last chance to celebrate in 2019 before welcoming in 2020. It's a time to celebrate with friends and family, look back on the year gone by and look forward to a new one.

Could it be time to say goodbye to your usual New Year event and embrace an exciting new finale to 2019? RoadTrips by TomTom thinks so, and has collected the pick of destinations that not only draw visitors from across the globe for the big night, but also provide some of the best road trip experiences the next day. It's time to see out 2019 in style and bring in the new year with an unforgettable adventure.

Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh, is a feast of a New Year's festival. The city gets together to proudly celebrate 'Hogmanay', a word said to be of Norse or Gaelic origin meaning the last day of the year. The Scottish Hogmanay celebrations are legendary and known for their unrivalled scale, passion and spectacle. The event is among the best in the world, filled with street performers, DJs, food stalls and more, capped off with a fireworks display choreographed to music that has to be seen (and heard) to be believed!

Another must for all Hogmanay visitors is the historic Torchlight Procession, a massed walk of torchbearers through the city to the sound of drummers and pipers that culminates in Holyrood Park. At the park all the walkers come together to form the giant image of two people shaking hands, sending a message of goodwill to welcome another year.

Reaching Edinburgh is simple and can be done in a day's drive from most of the UK and offers some truly stunning scenery for your road trip. RoadTrips by TomTom recommends you blow off the New Year's Day cobwebs with an iconic drive out from Edinburgh on one of Scotland's most famous trips, to Glencoe. It's a less than 3hr drive and takes in majestic mountains, wild scenery and a castle or two!

The next hit on TomTom's New Year list is the German capital Berlin. Centralising it's celebrations on a stretch of road between the iconic Brandenburg Gate and magnificent Victory Column, Berlin throws an incredible celebration that welcomes visitors of all ages. Featuring a feast of food tents, laser and light displays, carnival performances and a stunning climactic fireworks display. If you're feeling extra energetic after the Christmas indulgence you can take part in the Spielbank Berlin New Year's Eve Run before the main celebrations start; over 2500 runners take on distances of 2-10km to reach the stunning views of the city from the Teufelsberg and Drachenberg hills.

The many routes from Berlin take you through some breath-taking German scenery. Why not follow locals in-the-know on New Year's Day and take a drive out to the Spreewald (Spree Forest). The route is less than 100km from the city and takes you to an enchanted forest of canals and secluded beaches to soothe your soul.

The Portuguese Madeira archipelago's capital Funchal is the final stop on TomTom's New Year Honours list. Home to one of the world's largest fireworks shows and one of the most colourful street parties you'll ever see, the picturesque island city draws huge crowds year after year. Keeping the unique Madeiran Christmas celebrations alive right to the end of the year, the thousands of multicoloured lights throughout the streets bring the party's focal point Avenida Arriaga stunningly into life.

Choose from many of the local restaurants to relax in, and get ready for the Madeira Orchestra New Year's concert at the city pier, playing to thousands of visitors to say farewell to the past year. Once the music finishes it's time to begin the countdown to midnight, where the spectacular fireworks show launches in a 6Km long ellipse that lights up the island and surrounding ocean for miles.

Located in the North Atlantic off the west coast of Morocco, Madeira is best reached by air and can be accessed from most European destinations. Once there RoadTrips by TomTom highly recommends making a few days of it, hiring a car and creating some New Year memories with an amazing road trip around this stunning island.

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