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2 The best way to visit the **BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK** in Utah is by bicycle. Indeed, to promote the Geopark as a bicycle-friendly destination, several businesses offer a free cup of tea to anyone who rides to their business. This acts as an incentive for visitors to drop motorized vehicles and pick-up bikes to explore the Geopark. This sustainable tourism initiative, good for the people and the planet, helps foster harmony between humans and nature.

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1 Situated in the northern Italian Alps, the **ADAMELLO-BRENTA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** encourages low-impact tourism activities and climate-change awareness. Indeed, over the last 40 years, the surface area of the 41 glaciers within the Geopark has decreased by a third. On-site, local guided tours will allow you to witness first-hand the beauty of these great frosted giants and their slow disappearance.

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1 Within the **NGORONGORO LENGAI UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** (Tanzania) lies a garden of world-famous natural wonders where Maasai, Datoga, Hadzabe, and Iraqi communities live in harmony with nature. Oldoinyo Lengai, the sacred "Mountain of God" is an active volcano, which erupts an extremely rare black carbonite lava which turns white within a few hours. Known as the cradle of humankind, the Olduvai Gorge bears treasures of early human fossils, unearthed from sediments and volcanic ashes.

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1 An essential task of UNESCO Global Geoparks is to educate the community, students, and visitors about the Earth in a fun and engaging manner. Come explore and discover Earth's history in the **STONEHAMMER UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** of Canada.

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1 Striking red sandstones and conglomerates make up the landforms which characterize the landscape of the **DANXIASHAN UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in China. The Geopark was named for the resemblance of its rocks to rosy red clouds. The shapes of the mountains seem to have been created by master sculptors, but in fact, they have been crafted over time by geological processes.

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1 Discover **RIO COCO UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Nicaragua and its rich geological heritage such as wetlands, highland springs and canyons. Immerse yourself in nature with bird watching and cultural tourism with Taguzgalpa heritage, numerous pre-Hispanic settlements and cave art.

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1 The local Jomon-Ainu tribe in the **TOYA-USU UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Japan has always lived with the philosophy of "living together with an ever-changing Mother Earth". Their records and memories of past disasters actively teach us about ways to reduce disaster risks for future generations.

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1 Geosites of the **MIXTECA ALTA, OAXACA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** (Mexico) are selected on their scientific, cultural, historical and aesthetic values as well as on their unique relationship with people. Included in touristic and educational getaways, those sites are also selected for their scenery, accessibility, and interpretation potential. A good example of integrating geological materials and art are workshops for kids, where pieces of pottery are made with pigments obtained from different soils of the region of the Mixteca Alta.

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1 Prehistoric artists painted geometric shapes on the rocks of the **GRUTAS DEL PALACIO UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Uruguay thousands of years ago. Now you can taste history! The cave paintings inspired local cheese producers and instead of painting rocks, they now draw these pictographs on the locally produced cheese.

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1 UNESCO Global Geoparks are living laboratories and open classrooms. Visitors and local school children can learn about the natural, cultural and intangible heritage of **LANGKAWI UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Malaysia through the Geopark School and the Geopark Community Programme. Also you can become one of Earth's best ambassadors by discovering the stories behind all wonders of the Geopark.

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1 The art of Golabaton, needlework and portraying of mostly floral patterns, is a long tradition passed on from mother to daughter in the **QESHM ISLAND UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Iran. You can take a small piece of this tradition home as these traditional handicrafts are sold by the local women's cooperative of the Star Valley visitor centre. This cooperative also runs the local café and provides catering to one of the many Geopark guesthouses. This way the local women can actively contribute to the life of the community and benefit from an additional source of income.

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1 **YANGANTAU UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** is a unique place at the junction of Europe and Asia, where two continents and two civilizations meet. One of the outstanding geological features of the Geopark is the Yangantau Mountain with unique thermal anomalies, creating geothermal springs without the presence of magmatic activity. Come and learn about the history of this special region of the world history with local geoguides in geological exhibits!

© Yangan-Tau Geopark, Bashkortostan, Russia.

1 Children in the **AROUCA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Portugal learn how to make bread by hand. The children, who turn the flour to dough to a warm bread with a crunchy crust, experience a lifestyle in harmony with nature which values local products and sustainable living.

© Arouca UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

1 You can discover breathtaking landscapes while hiking or even horse-riding in the **MASSIF DES BAUGES UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK**. Reconnect with an awe-inspiring nature on a morning trip before enjoying an open air lunch with local french products!

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1 **ARARIPE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** in Brazil, is known as a "cultural melting pot" that celebrates the colourful traditions of its ancestors. The isolated region with a mix of various peoples (indigenous, European and African) shaped a distinct cultural identity with particular folkloric dances, songs, religious and artistic expressions.

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1 Geopark and sustainable lifestyle education are integrated into the daily activities of the local **DONG VAN KARST PLATEAU UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** schools in Vietnam. Educational methods are varied using local presenters, panels, brochures, guide books, posters and visual aids that promote both global citizenship, but also value the local cultural diversity.

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1 In the **MUIDEUNGSAN UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK** (Republic of Korea), you can witness this fortress, located on Mt. Geumseong ridge, Damyang County, about 350-600 m above sea level. It was built in the mid-13th century. To put it in perspective, Mt. Muideung was formed by Cretaceous volcanic activity about 87 million years ago!

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