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The World's Lesser-Known Whiskey-Producing Regions You Need to Know About

Whiskey-lovers, here are a few destinations to tack on to your bucket list.

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The world of whiskey keeps on expanding. Not only are great examples being produced all over the planet, and often in unexpected places, but in many of them, unique styles have come (or are coming) to define what sets their best apart from the great whiskeys from elsewhere.

With that in mind, here are 10 standouts from all over the world, listed alphabetically, that are worth seeking out. From a benchmark Indian whisky and an urban distillery producing Israel's first drams in the heart of Tel Aviv, to an international blend from a Japanese legend and a double rye produced at a "ski-in gastro-distillery" in Utah, it's not only easy to drink well right now, but to travel the world one sip at a time, even if getting on a plane and winging your way to another hemisphere isn't all that easy to do.

Harmonie by Alfred Giraud French Malt Whisky



Courtesy Reserve Bar

There is a distinct floral note here, which provides a fascinating counterpoint to the baked pears and sweet spice, all of them intertwined with the subtlest touch of smoke and, on the finish, a lingering suggestion of salt-sprinkled honey wafers, singed cinnamon sticks, and orange oils. The extensive use of ex-Cognac casks—and very old ones at that—is deliciously apparent. Just seven casks are released each year.

To buy: \$190, reservebar.com