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So youâ€™ve not decided where to pack your bags for next vacation. Well, if youâ€™ve already carved out well-trampled paths like India, Singapore and Thailand, why not to head on to the countries with less than stellar reputation this time. These nations, either the war-torn, with a history of political problems or harassed by the nature itself, are like lotuses in the mud. They have bad reputation, but once you go there you find them featuring as many attractions as the tourist superstars do. Really, youâ€™ll find diamonds in the rough. Hereâ€™re a few names in this category.

Myanmar (Burma): Political drama here was globally infamous just a few years ago. The country was seeking for revolution, when cruel military cracked down on protesters and imprisoned as many as thousands of them. Aung San Suu Kyi â€“ the leader of opposition and noble peace-prize winner was arrested under dubious charges. But now everything is cool after fair and transparent parliament elections where Suu Kyi won herself a seat in Burma. This isolated country now allures thousands of tourists all through a year. Stunning Buddhist temples on the plains of Bagan, beautiful floating hamlets, famous Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon and an electric mix of Chinese, Indian and Southeast Asian cultures â€“ Myanmar has a lot more to satiate your travel appetite to the core.

Armenia: You may know this nation for Armenian racial extermination in neighboring Turkey or probably the famous dark Armenian features of Kim Kardashian (Hollywood actress). But once youâ€™ve been there, you will remember it forever for its outstanding natural splendors or the captivating 3000-years old history. The worldâ€™s first Christian country, Armenia is famous for its ancient mountaintop monasteries and the cathedrals nestled within deep forest. The country has enough opportunities for active travelers too: you can trek to Mount Aragats or can windsurf across mammoth crystal blue Lake Sevan.

Iran: This country stuns the world for both good and bad concludes. Iran has no ally in international community due to its stubborn pursuit of nuclear weapons. Alongside, its age-old enmity with Israel is also deranged around the world. But there is a lot more enfolded by this notorious nation that never fails to bewitch its visitors. Yazd, a 3000-year old living city, has unique charms matchless to anywhere else in the world. â€“Cyrusâ€™ tomb located in Pasargadae is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Magical beauty of Kish Island will also leave you spellbound. With captivating historical sites, Iran is rated among top 10 touristic countries in the world in term of history.

Pakistan: The mind-blowing natural beauty of Pakistan has always been covered up with the news of its alignment with the generationâ€™s most notorious terrorist groups. But away from the political heat of Islamabad, there locates a beautiful Pakistan with sky-kissing Himalayan peaks, gushing rivers and stunning scenic remote landscapes. Many of Worldâ€™s highest peaks are in Pakistan, making it Mecca for trekkers and nature-lovers.

Cuba, Ethiopia, Colombia and Uganda are some other countries in this list. They are incredibly beautiful and fruitful to visit on, despite of the fact that they are suffering from internal problems.

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