

# 2025 Travel Trends and Beyond: Baboo Travel Shares Bold Predictions for the Future of Travel

*Baboo Travel is transforming trip planning by combining AI-powered tools with the insight of local experts.*

DOVER, DE, UNITED STATES, May 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As [Baboo Travel](#) marks its 20th anniversary, founder Paul Sarfati is offering a forward-looking perspective on where global travel is headed. In a newly released trend report, Sarfati outlines ten major shifts that will shape how we plan, book, and experience travel in 2025 and beyond.



Tourist looking at hot air balloons

The report reflects two decades of industry insights and a keen understanding of today's traveler—tech-enabled, values-driven, and craving more than just a vacation. “The future of travel is not just about getting from point A to point B. It’s about discovery, personalization, and meaningful connection,” Sarfati says. “We’re seeing a powerful intersection of artificial intelligence, local expertise, and conscious decision-making.”

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Here are the 10 key trends Baboo Travel sees defining travel for the rest of 2025:

## 1. AI-Powered Personalized Itineraries, Co-Created with Local Experts

In an era where travelers are seeking more than cookie-cutter itineraries, Baboo Travel is leading a new wave of personalization by combining powerful AI tools with the insights of local travel professionals. The journey begins with Baboo’s AI-driven planner, which quickly generates a proposed itinerary based on preferences, budget, and travel style. But instead of stopping there,

travelers are invited to collaborate directly with in-destination experts—locals who bring cultural authenticity and personal flair to the experience.

Whether it's a family of four dreaming of cherry blossoms in Kyoto, a solo traveler exploring Colombian street art, or honeymooners [uncovering secret beaches in the Greek isles](#), Baboo ensures that each trip reflects the traveler's unique interests. This hybrid approach allows every itinerary to be as dynamic and memorable as the people taking the trip.

## 2. The Rise of Human Expertise

AI can crunch data, but it can't interpret cultural nuance. In 2025, travelers continue to place a premium on human insight—especially from locals. Whether it's avoiding tourist traps in Paris, understanding the cultural etiquette in Kyoto, or discovering a family-run vineyard in Mendoza, travelers want recommendations with depth. Baboo connects users to a global network of local experts who add that invaluable human layer that no machine can replicate.

## 3. Hybrid Planning: AI + Local Experts

The most effective travel planning in 2025 is not man or machine—it's both. Increasingly, travelers are building the basic framework of their trips with AI, then refining it through one-on-one conversations with local specialists. For example, a traveler might use AI to map out a 10-day Greece itinerary, then turn to a local expert in Santorini to add hidden tavernas, off-the-radar swimming spots, or tips for timing the best sunset hikes.



The famous castle in Osaka, Japan



Happy dancer in Rio Carnival in Brazil



Tourist hiking in Pokhara, Nepal



It's efficient and deeply personal.

#### 4. Virtual Consultations Before Booking

Before confirming a trip, many travelers now schedule video consultations with local guides and planners. These virtual meetings provide reassurance, allow travelers to ask specific questions (“Is this hike too difficult for kids?” or “Can we fit in a market visit between transfers?”), and build trust with the expert designing their journey. This “try before you buy” model humanizes the booking process while aligning expectations early on.



Baboo - Women with Clay Pots - travel culture

#### 5. Purpose-Driven and Sustainable Planning

Sustainability isn't a trend—it's a standard. Travelers are increasingly prioritizing [ethical experiences and low-impact travel](#). Baboo's platform will soon integrate sustainability scores for accommodations, offers carbon-offsetting options for transportation, and curates eco-conscious experiences—such as visiting indigenous communities through ethical tour operators, volunteering for marine conservation in Belize, or staying at solar-powered ecolodges. Travelers want to know their trip is doing good, not harm.

#### 6. Real-Time Customization & Dynamic Pricing

The days of fixed bookings are over. Travelers expect the ability to adjust their plans on the go—whether that's extending a stay, swapping a tour, or adding a last-minute excursion. Platforms are responding with real-time itinerary updates, dynamic pricing, and on-the-ground flexibility, powered by live feeds from local providers. If it starts raining in Tuscany, travelers can seamlessly switch from a cycling tour to a pasta-making class, all within the same app.

#### 7. Slow Travel and Deeper Immersion

Fast, checklist-style travel is giving way to slower, more intentional journeys. Instead of hitting five cities in seven days, travelers now prefer spending a week in one place—learning to cook in a village in Umbria, participating in reforestation in Costa Rica, or mastering a traditional weaving technique in Peru. These kinds of local-led experiences foster deeper connection, support community economies, and allow travelers to step into a more mindful rhythm.

#### 8. Subscription-Based Travel Services

In an increasingly membership-driven world, travel is going the subscription route. Instead of paying per trip, users subscribe monthly or annually to access advanced planning tools, exclusive deals, and direct access to local experts year-round. Baboo is exploring this model to better support frequent travelers and those planning multi-country adventures who need ongoing,

flexible assistance beyond a single transaction.

#### 9. Social Media-Inspired, Locally Validated

Travel inspiration now often starts with a swipe. Viral TikToks and Instagram reels spark interest in destinations, but savvy travelers don't stop there. They seek confirmation from local experts who can validate (or debunk) the online hype. That trending "secret beach" may be overcrowded by noon, or that "hidden rooftop bar" might now cater to tourists. Baboo helps travelers sort the signal from the noise with firsthand insights that cut through the social media sparkle.

#### 10. Mystery Travel Curated by Locals

A niche but fast-growing trend is "surprise travel"—where travelers share their interests, and local curators design a completely secret itinerary, revealing stops along the way. Think: flying into Lisbon without knowing the next step, only to be handed an envelope that leads you to a boutique guesthouse, a private fado performance, and a picnic in a vineyard. It's the thrill of spontaneity, combined with the trust in local expertise.

#### About Baboo Travel

Founded in 2005 by Paul Sarfati, Baboo Travel is a global platform that connects travelers with local experts to design fully customizable, responsible, and immersive journeys. By merging AI-powered tools with human insights, Baboo redefines what it means to plan travel in a way that is smart, ethical, and deeply personal.

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