

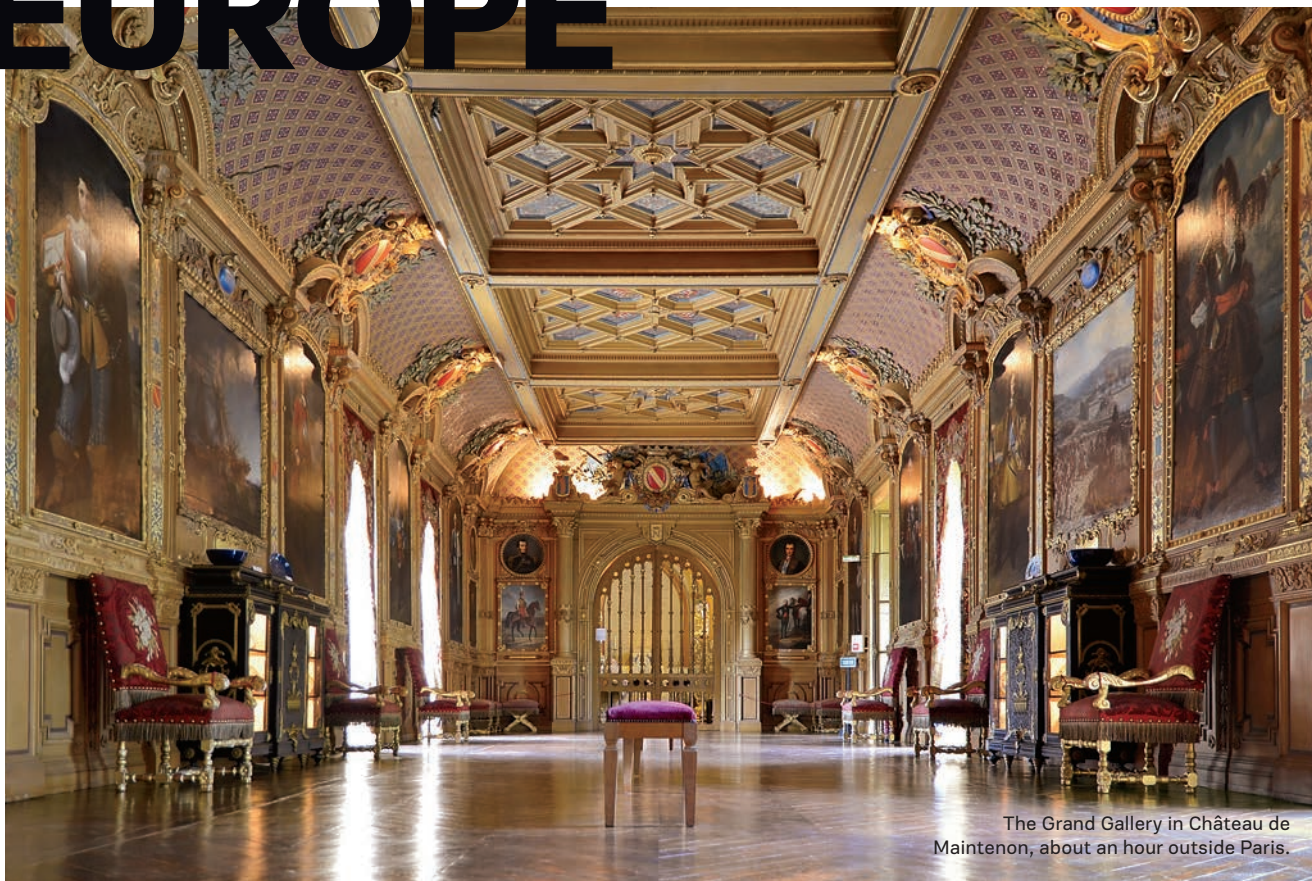


50 DREAM TRIPS

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? That's what we asked our followers on Facebook and Twitter and the frequent travelers we interviewed on the streets of New York. Their answers spanned the globe, from an overwater bungalow in Bora-Bora to a South African safari to the beaches of Brazil. Here, our advice on how to make these dream getaways a reality—plus, the trips that are on T+L editors' bucket lists.

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EUROPE



The Grand Gallery in Château de Maintenon, about an hour outside Paris.

"I WOULD VISIT THE BERLIN WALL AND TRY NEW FOODIE HOT SPOTS."

VICTOR AU YEUNG, 28, Doctor

The former West is buzzy thanks to **Bikini Berlin** (bikiniberlin.de), a new cool-kid shopping center full of local high-design brands such as Gestalten. Next door, there's the whimsical **25 Hours Hotel Bikini Berlin** (25hours-hotels.com; \$), whose rooftop restaurant Neni and Monkey Bar lounge are the city's hardest-to-get reservations. November 9 marks the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. See it via a new food-focused tour from **Berlinagenten** (berlinagenten.com), which includes meals at three restaurants along or near the wall.



FRANCE ↑

"I want to see Chartres Cathedral, Château de Maintenon, with its old Roman aqueducts, and Château Pierrefonds—the list goes on!"
Cindy Corrello Hilke

Château de Maintenon (chateaudemaintenon.fr)—where Louis XIV's second wife lived—is 55 miles southwest of Paris, a beautiful drive through an old oak forest. A little farther south, the medieval **Chartres Cathedral** (chartrescathedral.net) is known for its French-Gothic architecture and 13th-century stained glass. About 60 miles northwest of Paris, a visit to **Château Pierrefonds** (once owned by Napoleon) is best combined with a stop at the resplendent **Domaine de Chantilly** (domainedechantilly.com), with 115 acres of gardens; the **Condé Museum**, dedicated to the old masters; and historic stables.



T+L
Editor's Pick
TUSCANY

"On my splurge short list: a week with my family at CASALE DI FIESOLE (home baseabroad.com; from \$13,500 per week), a renovated farmhouse set in the hills outside Florence. We'd shop and eat in local markets, and take an after-hours tour of the Uffizi Gallery, courtesy of T+L A-List advisor Andrea Grisdale (andrea@icbellagio.com)."

Jennifer Barr,
Executive
Editor/Content
Strategist

GREECE

"I'd bring a few friends on a private chartered sailboat and explore the beautiful Greek islands." *Maria Leach*

T+L A-List advisor Mina Agnos (mina@travelive.com; seven days from \$35,000 for up to four people) recommends a weeklong sail from off-the-map Amorgos, in the Cyclades, to Santorini, with stops in Mykonos (below) and the untrammeled beaches of Folegandros. Two couples can share the 68-foot motor yacht *Lou Lou* with a crew of two—including a skipper who cooks with ingredients picked up along the way.






Pints and pub fare in Connemara. **Above, from left:** A pony in Connemara; the 83-room Ashford Castle.



IRELAND

"I'm dreaming of castles, wild ponies, and pubs full of raucous live music." *Charmaine Grills* 

Here, an itinerary from T+L A-List advisor Carol Cornell (carolc@covingtontravelinc.com; 10 days from \$5,100 per couple).

DAYS 1-3 Start in Kinsale, a harbor village near Cork. "It's the culinary capital of Ireland," Cornell says. **Fishy Fishy** is perfect for a lunch of local oysters; stay at the 22-room **Perryville House**, a short walk from the pubs.


DAYS 4-5 Fringed by rugged cliffs, the Dingle Peninsula has gorgeous scenery. **Dingle Horse Riding** offers guided mountain or beach rides for

all skill levels. Book a sea-view room at Dingle's intimate **Pax House**.

DAYS 6-7 Near Connemara, a west-coast region of farmhouses and emerald green hills, **Ashford Castle** is unveiling a new look in March, updating its 83 unique rooms and adding a pool. There's also clay shooting, falconry, and the Dungeon Bar for Irish karaoke at its best.

DAYS 8-10 End in the capital, where you can take a pub crawl of the Temple Bar district led by two musicians. The grand **Shelbourne, a Renaissance Hotel** faces St. Stephen's Green.

ENGLAND

"I would visit the country's famous tea shops." *Cheryl Strait* 

Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House & Museum (sallylunns.co.uk), in Bath, earns raves for its light-as-air bun—a cross between a brioche, bread, and cake; the closely guarded recipe dates back to the 17th century. In London, you'll find quality blends at **Fortnum & Mason** (fortnumandmason.com), a food-focused specialty store with a royal warrant. Sit down for champagne and a pot of Queen Anne in the Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon. Founded in 1919, **Bettys** (bettys.co.uk) now has six locations across Yorkshire; if you're a traditionalist, visit the original in Harrogate and have afternoon tea in the chandelied Imperial Room.



I want to go to...
PARIS

"IT'S THE IDEAL CITY FOR ROMANCE. I'D LOVE TO VISIT MUSEUMS AND EAT AMAZING FOOD."

ANGELA HARRY, 47, Patient-Care Technician

The city's smaller museums are quieter, and much more romantic. A short walk from the Jardin du Luxembourg, **Musée Maillol** (museemaillol.com) is a love letter to the artist Aristide Maillol founded by his muse, Dina Vierny; you'll also see works by Henri Matisse and Paul Gauguin.

The gardens of the **Musée Rodin** (musee-rodin.fr) are intimate and peaceful—and right next door to Alain Passard's **L'Arpège** (alain-passard.com; \$\$\$\$), which offers a poetic and refined twist on farm-to-table eating. And the **Jacquemart-André Museum** (musee-jacquemart-andre.com)—set in a 19th-century mansion—has works by everyone from Botticelli to Boucher.



TOUR DE FRANCE

"The race goes past beautiful villages. What an experience that would be, to travel the same roads as those athletes!"
 Dan Mclean

Follow in the foot pedals of legendary cyclists with **Trek Travel** (trektravel.com; six days from \$5,599). On the itinerary? A top-of-the-line Domane 5.9 bike to ride on the course, stays in historic inns, and VIP finish-line passes.

CORSICA, FRANCE

"It seems amazing, with hiking, turquoise water, great food, and varied scenery." Joanne Papineau



Stay

On almost 6,000 acres of fields and forests in southern Corsica, an estate with 16 former shepherds' houses has been transformed into **Domaine de Murtoli** (murtoli.com; from \$2,975 per week); options include a luxurious villa with a private beach and a cottage surrounded by oak and olive trees.

Eat

At **La Ferme de Campo di Monte** (fermecampo.dimonte.com; \$\$\$), near the northern village of Murato, Pauline and Jo Julliard serve family-style meals of Corsican cuisine—house-made charcuterie; sweet beignets with fig jam—inside a 17th-century stone farmhouse.

Do

Dramatic cliff-top vistas and sleepy beach towns dot the Sentier des Douaniers, a 12-mile coastal trail around the northern Cap Corse peninsula. The secluded **Capo di Feno** is a surfing hot spot—but the soft, chalk-white sand is ideal for a solitary, sun-drenched snooze.

Hotel Tresanton,
 in St. Mawes, England.
Right: A sailboat
 in St. Mawes.



CORNWALL, ENGLAND

"Visiting St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall, then taking in a play at the Minack Theatre."
 Mollie Smith Waters


First stop: the fishing village of St. Mawes and the chic 30-room **Hotel Tresanton** (tresanton.com; \$\$\$), overlooking the Fal Estuary. Just 90 minutes south in Porthcurno, the open-air **Minack Theatre** (minack.com) is set on a cliff; plays run May through September. Stay at the **Old Coast Guard** (oldcoastguardhotel.uk; \$\$), whose 14 cheerful rooms have views of St. Michael's Mount, a family-owned island with a tiny village.



Tapas at El Rinconcillo,
in Seville, Spain.

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SPAIN

"I would love to go to Andalusia, to the provinces of Granada, Seville, and Málaga, to visit the places where my ancestors are from."
Eva Molina-De Vilbiss 

T+L A-List advisor Virginia Irurita (virginia@madeforpain.com; 10 days from \$8,000 per couple) highlights insider spots and classic sites.

GRANADA Some say that Queen Isabella I was the world's first art collector;


her pieces are housed in the **Royal Chapel**. At the workshop **Laguna Taracea**, learn about the intricate wood marquetry used in traditional furniture. **Don't miss** The iconic **Alhambra**, an 11th-century Moorish palace complex.

SEVILLE Tour the private **Casa de Pilatos** palace, which mixes Italian Renaissance and Gothic-Mudejar styles, before sampling tapas at **El Rinconcillo** and buying jam and cakes made by nuns at **Monasterio de Santa Paula**.

Don't miss The tomb of Christopher Columbus at **Seville Cathedral**.

MÁLAGA You can't leave Spain without eating some *jamón ibérico*; try it at **El Pimpi Bodega Bar**, a local favorite that now has an adjacent cocktail and seafood restaurant. **Don't miss** The **Picasso Museum**, home to more than 230 works by the Málaga-born artist, and the **Alcazaba** (or citadel), a vast Moorish fortification overlooking the port.

CROATIA

"I would like to go on a cycling tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park, explore Dubrovnik, drink unknown wines in Korčula, and visit the beaches of Hvar." *Jennifer O'Leary* 



1 PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

About two hours south of Zagreb, discover the waterfalls and caves of Plitvice Lakes National Park on a daylong guided cycling trip with Huck Finn Adventure Travel (huckfinncroatia.com; from \$70). More independent travelers can rent a bike to explore this storybook landscape solo.



2 HVAR

Off the Dalmatian Coast, Hvar (below) is known for its relaxed lifestyle, lavender fields, olive groves, and sublime beaches. It's where you'll find Dubovica Beach, with pebbles in place of sand, gin-clear water, and a waterfront restaurant.



3 KORČULA

On the island of Korčula, sip hard-to-find local varieties such as Pošip and Grk at Vinum Bonum (385-20/715-014), a wine bar that also offers *rakija* (a Croatian grappa-like spirit) and antipasto-style plates (below).



4 DUBROVNIK

The tony, 13-room Villa Orsula (above; adriaticluxuryhotels.com; \$\$\$) is an ideal base for a stay in Dubrovnik. Sample Adriatic-prawn ceviche at Azur (azurvision.com; \$\$), an alfresco restaurant inside the famous stone walls of the old city, before stocking up on traditional hand-painted silk from the Konavle region at AR Atelier (antoniaruskovic.com).

"I'D BIKE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS, STOPPING IN A BRUIN CAFÉ FOR BEER AND BITTERBALLEN."

JOHNNIE DAVIS,
25, Courier/Cyclist


Cherry-red bicycles are available for rent at MacBike (macbike.nl), which has seven locations across the city. Route maps offer self-guided art- or architecture-themed tours. Refuel on beer and bitterballen—a croquette-like Dutch specialty made with minced beef, broth, and flour—at the recently reopened waterfront spot Loetje aan de Amstel (ouderkerk.loetje.com; \$\$). The new Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam (waldorfastoria.com; \$\$\$\$), set on the Herengracht canal, was carved out of six Golden Age houses. It contains 93 luxurious rooms, a Guerlain spa, and an indoor pool. For a dose of culture, the Rijksmuseum (rijksmuseum.nl) is just a five-minute bike ride away.

I want to go to...

Amsterdam



LAKE COMO, ITALY

"Would love to be surrounded by the small-town charm and beautiful scenery of Lake Como." *@michellempanzer* 

Following a 12-year restoration, the 17th-century Palazzo del Vice Re (palazzodelvicere.com; \$\$), in Lezzeno, has finally debuted as a five-suite hotel. For lunch, fisherman Claudio Abaterusso serves simple platters such as perch drizzled with butter and sage at the no-frills Ittiturismo da Abate (ittiturismodabate.it; \$).



AFRICA+ THE MIDDLE EAST



Singita Boulders Lodge,
in South Africa

I want
to go to...

Egypt

"AS A FORMER ANTIQUITIES TEACHER,
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THE SUBJECT OF
ANCIENT EGYPT. I'D VISIT MUSEUMS
AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS."

HELENE JORGENSEN, 65, Teacher

T+L A-List advisor Malaka Hilton (malaka@authentescapes.com; 10 days from \$5,950) suggests starting in Alexandria with a tour of the underwater excavations at **Pharos Lighthouse**, one of the original Seven Wonders of the World. Other highlights: the largest known Roman burial site in Egypt and the Royal Jewelry Museum. It's a six-hour drive to the Siwa Oasis—which Alexander the Great visited in 331 B.C.—for an unplugged stay at the desert eco-lodge **Adreer Amellal**. Just outside Cairo, Hilton can arrange private viewings of the ongoing digs at the **Great Pyramids** of Giza.



SOUTH AFRICA ↑

"To experience South Africa's natural beauty and the wine, and a safari." *Charlotte Livingston Piotrowski*

T+L A-List advisor Tamsyn Fricker (tamsyn@travelartistry.com; 13 days from \$13,685 per person) recommends the following journey:

DAYS 1-2 Arrive at stylish **Birkenhead House**, in Hermanus, on the southern coast. From June to November, keep an eye out for southern right whales, visible from the pool deck.

DAYS 3-4 Head to Richard Branson's new wine country estate, **Mont Rochelle Hotel & Mountain Vineyard**, in Franschhoek. You can ride horses in the valley and dine at chef Chris Erasmus's new spot, **Foliage**.


DAYS 5-7 Your Cape Town stay includes a white-on-white suite at the **Cape View Clifton**, hiking Lion's Head mountain, and the vibrant art scene in Woodstock.

DAYS 8-10 The revamped 12-suite **Singita Boulders Lodge** is breathing new life into the game-rich Sabi Sand Reserve. A dining pavilion hovers over a river where hippos and elephants gather.

DAYS 11-13 At the 250,000-acre **Tswalu Kalahari Reserve**, a favorite of Bono, you'll track the black rhino, hear the majestic Kalahari lion roar, and, if you're lucky, see an elusive armadillo-like pangolin.



PETRA, JORDAN ↓

"Ever since seeing *Indiana Jones*, I've wanted to visit the historic sites of Petra." [@sarahjenksdaly](#) 

You should follow Indy's footsteps through the slot canyon, or *siq*, that leads to the Treasury building, hewn by hand from a sandstone cliff. But there are many worthwhile sites, including cave dwellings and a massive colonnaded Monastery that sits atop the highest peak (it's a steep hike, so hire a horse or donkey). Our tips: start early to avoid the afternoon heat; use a guide, who can explain Petra's architecture and mysterious history (we love Mahmoud Ahmed, mat65petra@yahoo.com); and stay at the Mövenpick Resort Petra (moevenpick-hotels.com; \$\$\$\$), with a pool and prime location just outside the entrance.




T+L
Editor's Pick
MADAGASCAR

"For an adventure-minded traveler like me, nothing would beat seeing a ring-tailed lemur jumping across branches; visiting the legendary pirate vessels on Ste. Marie; and scuba diving off coral reefs. I'd stay at the **ANAJAVY L'HOTEL** (anjavy.com; \$\$\$), accessible by private plane. The property lets you plant your own baobab tree."

Kira Turnbull,
Photo
Assistant

MOROCCO

"I'm dying to go to Morocco, with time split between a stylish desert camp and shopping in Marrakesh!" Maggie Gavigan 



Stay

How about sleeping among the rolling dunes of the Sahara? The romantic Dar Ahlam (maisondesreves.com; \$\$\$\$), a restored casbah turned 14-room hotel in the Skoura Oasis, can arrange overnights in one of its luxurious bivouac tents. Combine this with Marrakesh's iconic La Mamounia (above; mamounia.com; \$\$\$\$), famous for its lake-size swimming pool.



Eat

Come lunchtime, head straight to the roof deck at Un Déjeuner à Marrakech (2-4 Rue Kennaria; \$\$), which offers excellent quiches, terrines, and panoramic city views. For fine Moroccan cuisine in a beautiful riad, try Le Tobsil (above; 22 Derb Abdellah Ben Hessaïen; \$\$\$); your multicourse meal may begin with shared salads, and move on to *pastilla* (pigeon pie) and chicken *tagine*.



Do

La Porte D'Or (115 Souk Semmarine) is a treasure trove of antique doors, jewelry, and Berber carpets, while Aya's (ayasmarrakech.tripod.com), in the Jewish Quarter, is known for its made-to-order linen tunics (ready in a day or two). Attika (34 Rue de la Liberté), in Guéliz, specializes in colorful loafers (above)—for less than \$100.




The Treasury building at Petra, in Jordan.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: COURTESY OF KIRA TURNBULL; COURTESY OF ANSON SMART; MONICA SHAW/FICKR.COM; ALAN KEOHANE; TIM BARKER/GETTY IMAGES


ASIA

THE MALDIVES

"Those crystal-clear blue waters are a sight, and I'd love to escape for a week...or two...or three!" *Christian Smith* 

"This destination is great for couples and families; you can be as 'busy' as you want with activities such as fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving, and sailing on a traditional Maldivian dhoni," says T+L Super-Agent Valerie Ann Wilson, who advises homing in on two hotels (island-hopping isn't always easy here). Her picks: **Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** (*fourseasons.com*; \$\$\$\$), where guests can indulge in an ayurvedic massage or swim with manta rays in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and **One&Only Reethi Rah** (*oneandonlyresorts.com*; \$\$\$\$), whose 32 recently renovated overwater villas now have private pools.

COURTESY OF ONE&ONLY REETHI RAH

 Tell us what destinations are on your bucket list. Join @TravlandLeisure in our #TLDreamTrips Twitter chat at 2 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 30.

A deck leads into the ocean at One&Only Reethi Rah, in the Maldives.



CHINA + TIBET

"I want to experience the ultimate wellness escape in China: spa days, drinking tea, and more!" **Kate Bellin**

Here, four unique experiences from T+L Super-Agent Guy Rubin, founder of Imperial Tours (imperialtours.net). + Rubin can schedule a morning consultation with a traditional Chinese medicine doctor in any of the major cities. If you're in Beijing, your practitioner will lead a short session of qigong, which coordinates slow movements with breathing. + **Hong Zhi Cha Zhuang** (10 Maliandao Rd., Xicheng; 86-10/6328-6015), a shop in Beijing's Maliandao Market, specializes in high-grade, hand-processed teas from Anhui province in eastern China. *Taiping houkui* may lower blood pressure, *Huangshan maofeng* reduces stress, and *Liuan guapian* is said to prevent heart disease. + While formally a martial art, tai chi is appreciated for both its physical and mental health benefits in controlling chi (energy flow). Rubin recommends a private tutorial with a 21st-generation master on the beautiful grounds of Beijing's Temple of Heaven. + A detoxifying tsampa massage at the new **Shangri-La Hotel, Lhasa** (shangri-la.com; \$\$\$), in Tibet, stimulates circulation. It ends with a gentle barley flour scrub, which exfoliates and absorbs excess oil.



T+L
Editor's Pick
**RAJASTHAN,
INDIA**

"I'd join a camel safari through the Thar Desert with **INDIA BEAT** (india.beat.co.uk; from \$135 per person) and sleep in tents among the dunes at the **SERAI JAISALMER** (sujanluxury.com; \$\$\$), where **Manganiyar** tribesmen sing during firelit dinners. The finale? A behind-the-scenes tour with **COX & KINGS** (coxandkings.usa.com) of **Chandni Chowk's** spice market in Old Delhi."

Shane Mitchell,
Lifestyle
Correspondent



T+L
Editor's Pick
JAPAN

"First, skiing **Nagano's HAKUBA HAPPY-ONE** (happy-one.jp) on slopes once graced by the likes of Picabo Street. In Tokyo, I'd indulge my food fantasy on an **izakaya** crawl that includes **MARU** (81-3/6418-5572). **Kyoto** would be my last stop, for a tour of the Imperial Palace and nights in a restored **IORI MACHIYA** (kyoto-machiya.com; \$\$\$) town house."

David Alexander
Arnold,
Photo Editor



Shwedagon Pagoda,
in Rangoon.
Right: The new
Sanctuary Ananda.

BURMA

"I want to take a boat trip around Burma. I would love to see that part of the world before the Golden Arches spoil it." **Eleanor Clark Larsen**

Start your days with yoga on an Irrawaddy River voyage from **Sanctuary Retreats** (sanctuaryretreats.com; 11 nights from \$5,214 per person). The new 20-suite **Sanctuary Ananda** will take you from Mandalay through lush rice paddies to Rangoon, with a hot-air ride above Bagan's temples along the way. The Chindwin River sailing on the **Belmond Orcaella** (belmond.com; 11 nights from \$6,900 per person) provides a deeper glimpse into rural life, with stops in Sittaung, Mingin, and other towns.



CAMBODIA

"Touring Angkor Wat tops my #travelbucketlist. Any advice to help me plan?" **@little_ducky**



Stay

Designer Bill Bensley has been busy in Siem Reap, with two recent redos. **Shinta Mani Resort** (above; shintamani.com; \$\$) offers rooms with mirrored walls, cooking classes, and sightseeing tours, while the **Park Hyatt Siem Reap** (park.hyatt.com; \$\$)—set right downtown—is filled with Khmer-inspired art.

Eat

Located in a traditional house outside of central Siem Reap, **Cuisine Wat Damnak** (cuisinewatdamnak.com) showcases hyper-seasonal French-Khmer dishes (sandy fish in galangal leaf with coconut-tree-heart salad) from chef Joannès Rivière. The garden is the perfect setting for the six-course menu—a steal at \$28.

Do

ABOUTAsia (aboutasia.travel.com) knows how to avoid the crowds at the temples of Angkor, so a private tour with them is a must. Get a little more off the beaten path with **Indochine Exploration** (indochineex.com), which can arrange excursions by foot, bike, and kayak to surrounding villages and temples.

"Antarctica and South Georgia Island, to see the penguins."
Karin D. Beebe

Seabourn Cruises (seabourn.com; 21 days from \$12,999) recently began sending its 225-suite *Seabourn Quest* to Antarctica. Expect daily Zodiac expeditions (weather permitting) and photography workshops. Expert naturalists—on ornithology, marine biology, climatology, and local history—are the

hallmarks of **Abercrombie & Kent's** cruises (abercrombiekent.com; 12 nights from \$9,995) through the ice floes of the Antarctic. Each of the 199 passengers on the *Le Boréal* gets a private veranda. For active travelers, **Hurtigruten** sailings aboard the 276-passenger *Fram* (18 nights from \$7,299; hurtigruten.us) offer kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing, and overnight camping on the ice. Extreme-weather gear included.

The *Seabourn Quest* plying the waters of Antarctica.

ANTARCTICA



A macaron with ice cream flavored with *rica rica*, a flowering shrub that grows in the Atacama Desert.

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA + CHILE ↑

"I could really get into a #SouthAmerican #food tour." @IMJPRO

We've narrowed it down to two culinary capitals. Here's how to tackle them, one meal at a time.

+ BUENOS AIRES In Monserrat, Gonzalo Aramburu puts a "Nueva Cocina" spin on traditional dishes such as gnocchi soufflé and suckling pig at **Aramburu Bis** (aramburubis.com.ar; \$\$), while **Sucre Restaurant Bar & Grill** (sucre.restaurant.com.ar; \$\$\$) reflects chef Fernando Trocca's global sensibility (think risotto with Black Angus osso buco).

+ SANTIAGO, CHILE Boragó (borago.cl; \$\$\$) is the top table in a city that's just beginning to celebrate its culinary roots. Chef Rodolfo Guzman turns native ingredients—shellfish, mushrooms, herbs, and highland flowers—into edible bonsai. 99 (99restaurant.com; \$\$\$) is young, radical, and market-fresh. Don't miss the wild-boar *caldo* if it pops up on the three-course lunch menu.

PERU

"Hike the Inca Trail, see Machu Picchu, experience the Amazon, eat authentic food." @worldbefore30

T+L A-List advisor Marisol Mosquera (marisol@aracari.com; 14 days from \$5,690 per person) suggests starting in Lima, home to the country's best restaurants. Our pick: **Astrid y Gastón**, which chef Gastón Acurio recently relocated to a converted hacienda. Spend a few nights at the eco-lodge **Refugio Amazonas**, where biologists lead hikes through the surrounding rain forest. Those treks are nothing compared with the **Inca Trail**. You'll cover 26.7 miles in four days; campsites are set up along the way. The reward? Two days at the spectacular Incan ruins of Machu Picchu.



T+L
Editor's Pick
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

"The wildlife-filled archipelago in Ecuador is more alluring thanks to the carbon-neutral **PIKAIA LODGE** (pikaialodge.galapagos.com; three-night minimum; \$\$\$\$), a luxurious property that is pioneering a hybrid land- and sea-based experience. I'd spend the day visiting nearby islands. Or I'd cruise with **SILVERSEA CRUISES** (silversea.com; seven nights from \$5,450 per person) on the refurbished 100-passenger **Silver Galapagos**."

Jennifer Flowers,
Hotels & Food
Editor

"I WOULD LOVE TO SEE PENGUINS, GO HORSEBACK RIDING, AND MEET GAUCHOS IN PATAGONIA. THE MOUNTAINS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL."

ROSEMARY HERRERO, 30,
Investment Manager

The best Patagonia experience combines the Argentine and Chilean sides, according to T+L A-List advisor Jordan Harvey (jordan@knowmadadventures.com; 14 days from \$7,000 per person). His itinerary includes a stay at **Estancia Nibepo Aike**, a sheep and cattle ranch near El Calafate, Argentina; guests hike on the massive Perito Moreno Glacier and experience hacienda living. Across the border and through the Andes, **Explora Patagonia** is ideal for its location within Torres del Paine National Park and horseback-riding program (it's the only hotel in the area with its own stables). You'll canter with the cowboys across vast grasslands—and even trade stories over maté. For something newer and more modern, **Awasi Patagonia** offers similar park excursions—as well as a visit to Otway Sound, home to a colony of Magellan penguins, during the transfer out of Torres del Paine.

I want
to go to...
Patagonia



BRAZIL

"My ultimate fantasy: relaxing on Brazil's stunning beaches by day; sipping caipirinhas & eating fresh seafood at night." @JoeDudas

Ubatuba, three hours east of São Paulo, has 74 beaches, some so deserted that sea turtles come to lay their eggs on the sand; surfers prefer buzzier **Praia do Félix**, where stiff prevailing winds create challenging breaks. + Vehicles are banned on Ilha Grande, a Robinson Crusoe-style island that's home to



Praia de Lopes Mendes, a prized two-mile swath of deserted shore. Hitch a ride in a fishing boat or hike a forest trail, ravines, and serrated peaks to get there. (It's worth it.) + Something is always happening at Rio de Janeiro's **Praia de Ipanema**, cradle of bossa nova and Brazilian bohemia, where perfectly sculpted youths sip coconut or sweetsop juice at **Polis Sucos** (70A Rua Maria Quitéria; 55-21/2247-2518) and plot their next bout of excess. + At Bahia's **Ponta do Corumbau**, 30 miles south

of Porto Seguro, visitors snorkel a seven-mile coral reef, then pair fresh-caught prawns with organic mango salad at the 10-room oceanside **Fazenda São Francisco do Corumbau** (corumbau.com.br; \$\$\$\$). + Things get lazier still on Brazil's sultry northeastern shore at **Praia do Iguape**, near Fortaleza. Lunch on grilled grouper and caipirinhas at nameless, tumbledown beach shacks—and doze away the afternoon in a beach hammock.

MEXICO + CENTRAL AMERICA

MEXICO

"I want to go to Oaxaca for cooking classes and San Miguel de Allende for the art." Tara O'Leary

Start at **Casa Oaxaca Café Restaurante** (below; casaoaxacacafe.com; \$\$) for a nouveau-Oaxacan brunch in the garden terrace before heading to **Casa de los Sabores** cookingschool (casadelossabores.com; \$75), run out of chef Pilar Cabrera's house. Classes include a visit to the local market and mezcals tastings. A seven-hour drive is the easiest and most direct route to San Miguel de Allende. See the bounty of the colonial town's art at **Fábrica La Aurora** (fabricalaaurora.com), a collection of almost 40 galleries, shops, and studios. **Hotel Matilda** (hotelmattilda.com; \$\$) has an unrivaled contemporary collection and a posh infinity pool.



BELIZE

"I want to explore the mountains, caves, rivers, cashew fields, and, of course, the coral reef and beaches. It has a bit of everything all in one small country." Mary Sheridan Faubion



1 CROOKED TREE

Home to the country's best cashew farms, the town hosts a festival in May where you can even taste wine made from the meaty nut. Look for monkeys and endangered tropical birds at the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary.



3 MOUNTAIN PINE RIDGE FOREST RESERVE

The Lodge at Chaa Creek (chaacreek.com; \$\$) has 23 palm-thatched cottages and a hilltop spa set on a 365-acre nature reserve along the Macal River. Sign up for a guided tour of the neighboring Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, blanketed with orchids and surrounded by waterfalls.



2 SOUTH WATER CAVE MARINE RESERVE

This tiny island is off the beaten path, even for Belize—and you'll be rewarded with incredible diving. Pelican's Island Paradise (pelicanbeachbelize.com; \$\$) offers five bungalows and night snorkeling along the reef.



4 HOKEB HA AND TIGER CAVES

Tide Tours (tidetours.org; \$80) will take you through the pools of Hokeb Ha Cave and into Tiger Cave (left). Stay nearby at Belcampo Lodge (belcampobz.com; \$\$\$), which has its own organic farm.



AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA ↑

"I would take a dream tour of Australia, from Queensland to Tasmania, hug koalas, play with kangaroos, and swim with turtles." @ck_laughlin

DAYS 1-2 T+L A-List advisor Cassandra Bookholder (cassandra@camelbacktravel.com; 14 days from \$14,247 per person) can arrange wildlife

encounters in Cairns, Queensland, including stops at **Hartley's Crocodile Adventures** to feed kangaroos and Kuranda State Forest to hang out with koalas. You'll love the oversize lagoon pool and apartment-style rooms at **Pullman Sea Temple Palm Cove Resort & Spa**.

DAYS 3-5 Helicopter from Cairns to **Orpheus Island**

Resort, in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. Green sea turtles might join you during a dive or snorkeling session.

DAYS 6-8 Spend three nights in Sydney; the **Park Hyatt Sydney** has unrivaled views of the harbor and Sydney Opera House.

DAYS 9-10 In Hobart, Tasmania, the **Henry Jones Art Hotel**—located in a former jam factory—is your base for a couple of days. Don't miss the legendary **Salamanca** craft market (*Saturdays only*) and the avant-garde **Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)**.

DAYS 11-14 Luxury lodge **Saffire Freycinet** will pick you up in Hobart in a town car for the scenic, 2½-hour drive. Hiking to the white-sand Wineglass Bay beach is one of the many activities included in your stay.



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Editor's Pick

FIJI + NEW ZEALAND

"I've been dying to hit the beach in Fiji and taste wine in New Zealand. At **NAMALE RESORT** (namalefiji.com; all-inclusive; \$\$\$\$), I'd splurge on a villa facing the Koro Sea. In New Zealand, the **South Island's OTAHUNA LODGE** (otahuna.co.nz; \$\$\$\$), set in a Victorian mansion, is an hour from Waipara—prime Pinot Noir country."

Gabrielle Blitz,
Associate
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CHRISTMAS ISLAND

"I'd like to visit Christmas Island and see the red crab migration." Karin Gardner

The annual migration on this Australian territory—a 3½-hour flight from Perth—is nature at its most wondrous, ending with millions of crabs releasing their eggs in the ocean at low tide. This year's predicted spawning dates are Dec. 17–18. If that timing doesn't work, **Indian Ocean Experiences** (indianoceanexperiences.com.au) can book culture and wildlife tours. Hotels are limited; our pick is the **Sanctuary Adult Retreat** (thesanctuarychristmasisland.com; \$\$\$), a private, modest two-bedroom bungalow.



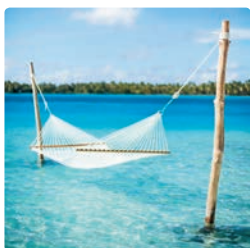
Orpheus Island, in Queensland.

FRENCH POLYNESIA ↓

"An overwater bungalow in Bora-Bora is at the top of my bucket list."

Mindy Muniz Findley 

For an up-close look at Bora-Bora's lagoon, T+L A-List advisor Robin Turner (robin.l.turner@aexp.com) can arrange a tour with the *très genial* Christophe Poch (reefdiscovery.pf; from \$112 per person), a French navy veteran who'll take you swimming with leatherback sea turtles and a family of manta rays. Follow it up with a dinner of French-Tahitian dishes (seared ahi in vanilla oil; bananas flambé) at the cozy *Villa Mahana* (villa.mahana.com; \$\$\$\$). When it comes to hotels, Turner recommends the **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora** (fourseasons.com; \$\$\$\$) for its 100 overwater bungalows with soaking tubs; the wellness-focused **InterContinental Resort & Thalasso Spa** (intercontinental.com; \$\$\$\$); or the **St. Regis Bora Bora** (stregis.com; \$\$\$\$), spread out over 44 lush acres.



Above and below:
The St. Regis Bora Bora.

CANADA

"From Banff to Lake Louise, there's so much to see and capture on my camera in the Canadian Rockies."

Pesca R. Langley 

Few hotels are as photogenic as the **Fairmont Banff Springs** (fairmont.com; \$\$\$), a 768-room castle. It's set within the national

park, which offers naturalist-led alpine hikes, canoeing, and horseback riding. Between Banff and Lake Louise, you'll find a jaw-dropping panorama at the glacier-fed Moraine Lake, whose iridescent water mirrors 10 snowcapped peaks. It's an Instagram-worthy stopover en route to the chalet-style **Post Hotel & Spa** (posthotel.com; \$\$) in Lake Louise.



Fairmont Banff Springs.

CARIBBEAN



The Rainforest Spa at Sugar Beach, a Viceroy Resort, in St. Lucia.

ST. LUCIA

"My husband and I would relax by our in-room pool with a view of the Piton mountains, and then enjoy a couples massage."

Jen Christiansen 

At the Piton-facing **Jade Mountain** (jade.mountain.com; \$\$\$\$), all but five of the 29 open-air suites come with private infinity pools. (You'll have to tear yourself away to make it to the beach.) As for that massage: we suggest the neighboring **Sugar Beach, a Viceroy Resort** (viceroyhotelsandresorts.com; \$\$\$), where the Rainforest Spa has seven tree-house treatment rooms.



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Editor's Pick

CUBA

"On an art tour with **GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS** (geoex.com; from \$5,680 per person), I'd get an insider take on traditional printmaking, explore the Museo de Bellas Artes with a curator, and meet painters. Also on my list: Jaimanitas, a fishing village whose houses are covered in wall sculptures by native artist José Fuster. In between, I'd eat in family-run *paladares*—and try a fabled Cuban cigar."

Patrick Sheehan,
Production
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ST. BART'S

"As a card-carrying Francophile with an elemental yearning for sun, water, and white-sand beaches, I would spend a week at the iconic **EDEN ROCK** (edenrock.hotel.com; \$\$\$\$). Glamorous hotels, hidden coves, real croissants: this is my French Caribbean fantasy."

Luke Barr,
Features
Director

UNITED STATES

NATIONAL PARKS

"If money was no object, I'd hit up every U.S. National Park, A–Z."

Jean Elliott Boyer 

The obvious favorites are Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon—but we suggest starting with more under-the-radar parks. Here, our top three.

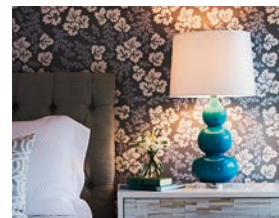
Sequoia National Park, in California, has all of Yosemite's High Sierra grandeur—soaring mountains; steep canyons; wildflower-covered

foothills—and only a fraction of its crowds. Highlights include the 275-foot-tall General Sherman tree (the world's biggest living thing) and overnights at the **Sequoia High Sierra Camp** (open June through Sept.; sequoiahighsierracamp.com; \$\$\$\$), a luxe, hike-in-only tented camp.


Our favorite way to experience Texas's **Big Bend National Park** is on a gourmet rafting trip with **Far Flung Outdoor Center** (bigbendfarflung.com; three days from \$875). Look up at Santa Elena Canyon's

1,500-foot walls as you travel down the Rio Grande by day, then fill up on rack of lamb or fish at the campsite before nightly stargazing sessions.

Join **Austin Adventures** (austinadventures.com; six days from \$2,998 per person, double) on a one-week multisport exploration of Montana's **Glacier National Park**—one of the Lower 48's largest intact ecosystems. It's not uncommon to spot grizzlies, mountain goats, wolves, elks, and moose as you hike to alpine lakes, bike across the Continental Divide, and more.




MASSACHUSETTS

"Sailing near Cape Cod, ending at a B&B in Nantucket."
Roxanne Price 

On a crewed sailboat from **Swift Yacht Charters** (swiftyachts.com; from \$1,000 per day for six people), head from Padanaram to the Cape's southern coast before reaching Nantucket. Stay at the year-old **Regatta Inn** (above; theregattainn.com; \$\$), which has eight individually decorated rooms. It's an easy ferry ride back.

HAWAII

"Two weeks to see volcanoes and Pearl Harbor."
Elizabeth Yanska 


DAYS 1–5 T+L A-List advisor Ed Phillips ([FroschTravel, trvaler@gmail.com](mailto:FroschTravel@trvaler@gmail.com); 14 days from \$3,500 per person) suggests kicking things off in buzzy Honolulu, "to have the high-energy part first." Get to the **Pearl Harbor Visitor Center** early (it opens at 7 a.m.); it's crucial to beat the crowds for a calmer experience. Stay at the **Kahala Hotel & Resort**, with an open-air lobby, koa wood floors, and a secluded beach.

DAYS 6–9 On Hawaii Island, **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park** has more than 150 miles of trails and a walk-in lava tube. Hotels close to the park are basic—a better bet is the 540-room **Fairmont Orchid**, on the Kohala Coast.


DAYS 10–14 End in Maui, and see the sunrise at the top of Haleakala Crater and paniolos (cowboys) up-country in Makawao. Phillips is a fan of the beach at Makena State Park, close to the elegant **Grand Wailea, a Waldorf Astoria Resort**.



Big Bend National Park, in southwestern Texas.

 Need inspiration for your next getaway? Check out our slideshow of dream trips at tandl.me/drmtrp.

NEW DESIGN CAPITALS

"I'm an architecture buff, and I want to go on a design pilgrimage. Where can I find the next Bilbao?" @TheAbbyVoice 



MUMBAI

Indian architect Sanjay Puri's new building for the 123-year-old **Bombay Art Society** (bombayartsociety.org) has a sculptural quality, with a curving concrete façade interrupted by a huge, glass-fronted trapezoid.

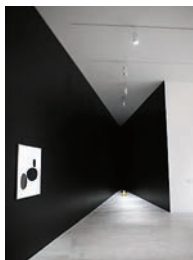
STAY The **Taj Mahal Palace** (tajhotels.com; \$\$\$\$), the city's historic grande dame hotel, is located right by the Gateway of India.



WILLIAMSTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Tadao Ando's addition to the venerable **Clark Art Institute** (clarkart.edu) is stealth architecture: the brilliance of its low-slung, ultramodern concrete and granite structures, located on a reflecting pool, sneaks up on you.

STAY The clapboard **Porches Inn at MASS MoCa** (porches.com; \$), in nearby North Adams, is traditional New England on the outside, retro-industrial inside.



MEXICO CITY

With its striking four-peaked roofline, the travertine-covered **Museo Jumex** (fundacionjumex.org) is one of David Chipperfield's signature achievements. What's more, it holds a world-class collection of contemporary art.

STAY The boutique **Condesa DF** (condesadf.com; \$) is tucked away on a tree-lined street; don't miss the rooftop bar.



LYONS, FRANCE

Set to open by the end of the year, **Musée des Confluences** (museedesconfluences.fr) is a science and anthropology museum that its design firm Coop Himmelblau likens to an "immense spaceship."

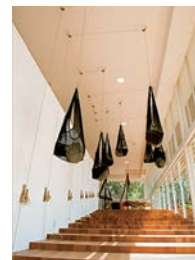
STAY Rooms at the **Mama Shelter Lyon** (mamashelter.com; \$) are playful—and affordable.



SEOUL

Korean architect Mihn Hyun-jun went for openness and light-filled transparency with his spare design for the **National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art** (mmca.go.kr).

STAY The new and LEED Gold-certified **JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Seoul** (jwmarriott.com; \$\$) offers views of the historic Great East Gate.



BRUMADINHO, BRAZIL

The latest addition to the sprawling, 5,000-acre contemporary art center and garden **Inhotim** (inhotim.org.br) is a simple, glass-fronted building devoted to 26 works by Tunga, one of Brazil's most important living artists.

STAY The 14-room **Pousada Nova Estância Inn** (novaestancia.com; \$), which overlooks the Atlantic Forest.

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