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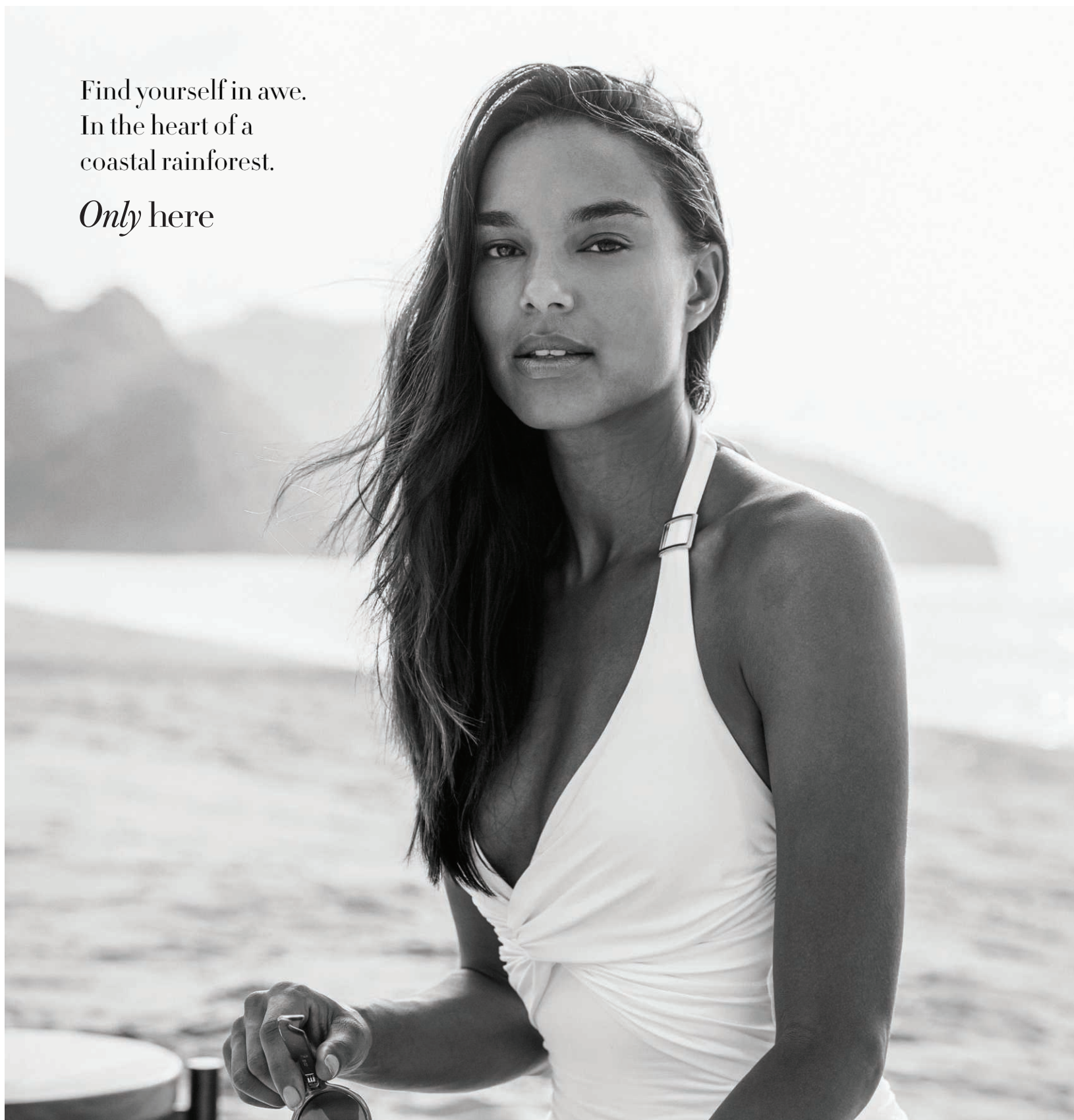
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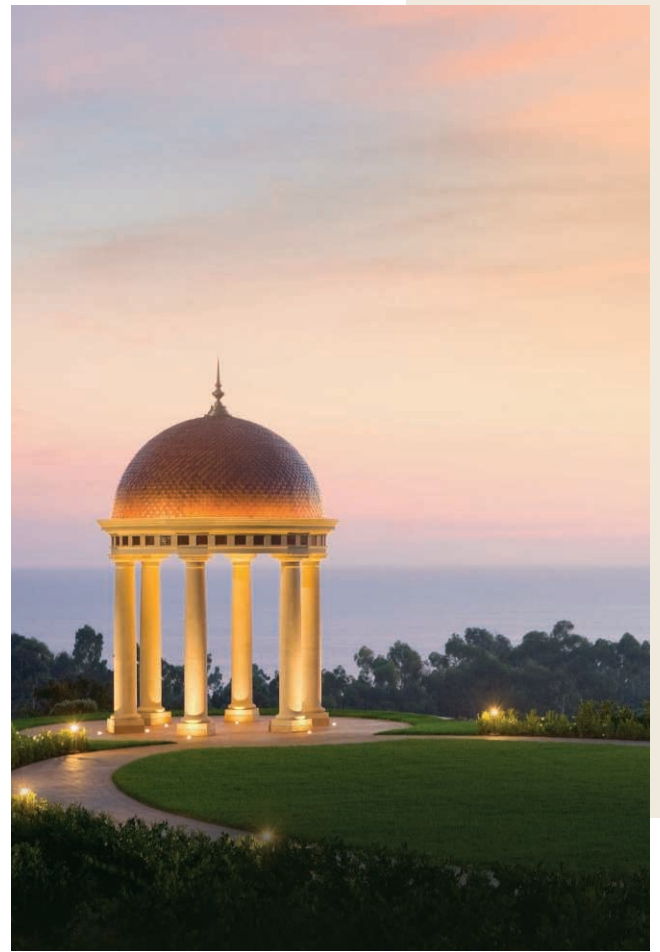
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LUIS GARCIA

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# Silver Linings

**S**O ... THE SUMMER certainly didn't turn out like we'd hoped. Ambitious travel plans were scuttled, events were canceled, and uncertainty still looms. I try to keep my eyes on the horizon, reminding myself that this too shall pass.

While my family didn't take our usual international vacation, we definitely had an abundance of togetherness, and I'm grateful for this borrowed time with my 20- and 17-year-olds. I spend most of my week working from home on an endless loop of video calls. But "home" these days is where your computer is, and the options expand when you can take that computer to the beach, mountains, or lake. (Let's just say my kids perfected their wakeboarding skills these last few months.) I took a father-daughter road trip to visit old family friends, boarded my first flight in months for a quick jaunt to the South Carolina coast (I've never been so happy – or nervous – to get on a plane), and finally had time to commit to weekly volunteer service with my husband and kids.

This issue celebrates the joys of the open road and the beauty of our own backyard. A photo essay excerpted from the upcoming book, *Accidentally*



*Wes Anderson*, offers a quirky take on places that will be within reach again someday, and our sustainability report underscores the economic, cultural, and environmental impact – and importance – of our travels.

As always, in these pages you'll find inspiration for future trips and ideas about where you can get away now. (With ever-changing rules and restrictions, your Virtuoso advisor is your best resource for real-time information.) You'll also read interviews with travelers, industry insiders, and advisors around the world, all of whom point to the silver linings of this pause in travel. Their positivity and optimism reinforce our belief that travel will endure – and that we'll emerge from this pandemic with an even greater appreciation for the immeasurable rewards of travel.

*Elaine Snrka*

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## WHAT WE'VE LEARNED THIS YEAR

- **Masks are the new must-have accessories.** Pro tip: Spritz with an aromatherapy spray for a mood boost.
- **Embrace your protocols.** I've always traveled with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer, furtively wiping down surfaces around me and smiling apologetically to my seatmates. I'll no longer be embarrassed about my preemptive paranoia.
- **We'll never *not* use a travel advisor.** We heard so many stories of DIY travelers who were stranded when travel restrictions were implemented in the spring – and of Virtuoso advisors who saved the day (not to mention time and money). As the world continues to reopen, we value our Virtuoso advisors' expertise, connections, and advocacy more than ever.
- **Travel is more than just the trip.** It's about the excitement of planning, the experience, and the memories you make along the way. And it's the knowledge that you're giving back just by going – supporting local economies and people whose livelihoods depend on the travel and tourism industry.
- **Seize the moment.** As travel journalist Kellee Edwards tells us (page 48), "Who's to say you'll have the chance to do it again? Life is for living, not contemplating and overthinking."





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“Our round-trip drive from NYC to the Four Seasons Resort Orlando was nothing short of ambitious with a 1- and 5-year-old in tow. We took in D.C. sights, visited Savannah, and even caught a couple of baseball games.” — D.T.

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"The Only 1 You Need," page 60

**THE REPORT:** "When I photographed the Pacific Coast Highway, I was surprised to see more people than expected out and about enjoying nature – it seemed too 'normal.'"

**TRAVEL PLAYLIST:** "Traveling or not, I usually stick with the 1980s – Blondie, The Psychedelic Furs, Duran Duran. The music from that era always brings me good memories."

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**Digital Content Manager**  
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"The Summer We Stayed Home," page 86

**THE REPORT:** "A week after I finished this essay about waiting months for my daughter's first passport to arrive, it finally showed up in our mailbox. We're still not jetting off to Italy this year, but that hasn't stopped me from shopping online for Eleanor's vacation wardrobe and – who are we kidding? – mine too."

**TRAVEL PLAYLIST:** "I love making mixes that feature artists from the destination I'm visiting: Sigur Rós and Of Monsters and Men (Iceland), Lorde (New Zealand), Say Anything (Los Angeles), and one of my all-time favorite bands, Stars (Montréal), to name a few."

@@amycassell



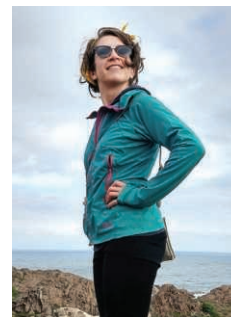
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"The Summer We Stayed Home," page 86

**THE REPORT:** "It was wonderful to draw an aspect of Amy's life experience and how she spent it this summer with her family, which reminded me of the diversions I've found to enjoy life at home: puzzling, playing games online with friends, reading, and drawing."

**TRAVEL PLAYLIST:** "Drake is one of my favorite artists, so I'd definitely have a few of his albums on repeat."

@@queenbemonyei



**Writer**  
**Jen Rose Smith**  
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"Port of Cool," page 34, and "For Heavens' Sake," page 44

**THE REPORT:** "After a night of stargazing on the flanks of Tenerife's Teide volcano, I drove downslope to a *guachinche*, a rustic taverna that serves local dishes with tumblers of house wine. My favorite red came from indigenous listán negro grapes, whose mineral quality evoked the sharp pumice scent of the lava fields themselves."

**TRAVEL PLAYLIST:** "*El Mal Querer* by the Spanish singer Rosalía, who merges flamenco sounds with global R&B and Barcelona street culture. The album's 11 songs unfold like a story, so it's perfect for long stretches of open road."

@@jenrosesmithvt



A man and a young girl are relaxing on white lounge chairs under a large palm tree. The man is wearing sunglasses and a grey t-shirt, and the girl is wearing a blue swimsuit. They are both looking up at the sky. The background shows a beach and some resort buildings.

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*canilla de cordero* (lamb shank) to traditional fare like *chuño cola* (spicy potato soup).

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past picturesque villages and archaeological sites or trek alongside wildlife and waterfalls. Nature steals the show in the valley's luxury spas as well with treatments that harness the power of local ingredients, often grown right on the property.

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ADRIÀ GOULA

PASSPORT IS REPORTED BY: Michael Frank, Elaine Glusac, and Bethanne Patrick





## BACK IN BLACK

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, its **Costume Institute** will exhibit *About Time: Fashion and Duration*. The show pairs related designs from different centuries, such as a shapely 1870s princess-line dress beside Alexander McQueen's tailored and revealing Bumster skirt of 1995. The collection of 120 pieces – all black – aims to highlight fashion cycles and shape-shifts among the world's most influential designers, from Azzedine Alaïa to Yohji Yamamoto. *October 29, 2020, through February 7, 2021; metmuseum.org.*

**Dutch designer Iris van Herpen's Timeline dress from her 2012-2013 collection.**



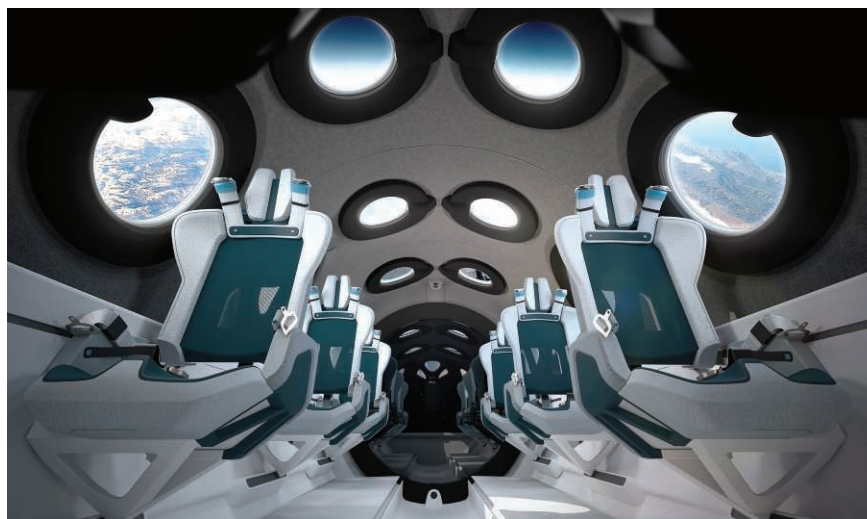
## Art That Binds

Chicago's **Museum of Contemporary Art** has responded to pandemic-forced separations with *Just Connect*, a group show exploring solitude and how people connect and interact with one another in works by artists such as Emeka Ogboh, Jenny Holzer, and Kerry James Marshall. *Through November 8; mcachicago.org.*

**Nicolas Africano's *I Get Hurt*.**  
Below: A rendering of SpaceShipTwo's passenger cabin.

### SPACE TRAVEL

## ROCKET SCIENCE



**Virgin Galactic** recently revealed the first glimpse of SpaceShipTwo's cabin as part of its 16-year quest to fly travelers into suborbital space: Mood lighting adjusts to various stages of flight (and cuts out entirely in space to focus attention on Earth's glow), a dozen circular windows with soft foam rings double as handholds for moving about the cabin during weightlessness, and a large tinted mirror at the rear to allow passengers to perfect their zero-g acrobatics. Designers streamlined the interior to maximize passenger maneuverability. Seats are sized to fit individual passengers and feature pilot-controlled recline settings for greater comfort when g-forces intensify, as well as personal seat-back screens to display data and updates from the flight deck. Our favorite touch: 16 high-def cameras to record the experience, leaving passengers free to take it all in rather than fumble with settings.

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Clockwise from top: Elio's green mole with turnips, Pineapple Club's piña colada, and the Farmer's Plate and chef Alison Settle at Barn8.



## Strip Stop

Celebrated Mexico City chef Enrique Olvera has expanded his restaurant empire with his Cosme and Pujol partner, chef Daniela Soto-Innes, at **Elio** in Las Vegas. Opened in the 4,748-room Encore at Wynn Las Vegas, the venue champions refined Mexican seafood, meat, and vegetable dishes in a sleek room inspired by 1940s and '50s modernist Mexican cinema. Start the night at the adjacent bar dedicated to agave spirits. [eliolv.com](http://eliolv.com).



## Stable Genius

In Louisville, renowned art collectors and hoteliers Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown invite diners to walk around their 683-acre working horse farm before sitting down at its new **Barn8 Restaurant**. The nineteenth-century "bank barn," or storage structure, with exposed rafters and former horse stalls, provides an apt setting for dishes highlighting local foraged and farm-raised ingredients, such as bison schnitzel and chive-blossom *cacio e pepe*. The adjoining Bourbon Bar & Lounge specializes in guided tastings of Kentucky small-batch and vintage bourbons. 10500 W. Highway 42; [barn8restaurant.com](http://barn8restaurant.com).



## Urban Oasis

Proving you don't need a beach to appreciate the sunshine of an umbrella drink, Manhattan's new **Pineapple Club** in the East Village operates an adult lemonade stand dispensing frozen piña coladas and ginger-mezcal margaritas to go or to sip on the patio alongside tropical bites such as jerk fried chicken. 509 E. Sixth Street; [pineappleclub.com](http://pineappleclub.com).



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**2. Apple's AirPods Pro** deliver superb sound reproduction with active noise-canceling capability and an exceptionally comfortable fit. This fall, the company will introduce "spatial" separation to its flagship buds through a software update, so concert recordings, especially, will let you distinguish different voices and instruments. *4.5 hours of listening per charge.* \$249, [apple.com](https://www.apple.com).



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**3.** You'll pay extra for them, but for playback time, stellar sound, and waterproof design, **Bang & Olufsen's Beoplay E8 Sport** buds are the king of the passive-noise-canceling bunch. Like the JBLs, they also offer a mode to allow in ambient sounds for safety. *7 hours of listening per charge.* \$350, [bang-olufsen.com](https://www.bang-olufsen.com).



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**4. Sennheiser's Momentum True Wireless 2** earbuds offer active noise canceling to shut out the world's din, convey a pure sound profile with clear highs and strong bass, and recognize voice prompts to activate either Siri or Google Assistant. *7 hours of listening per charge.* \$300, [sennheiser.com](https://www.sennheiser.com).



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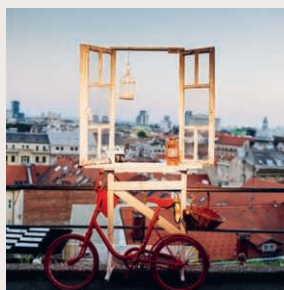
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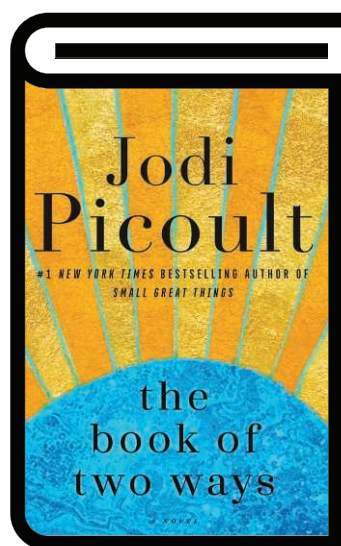
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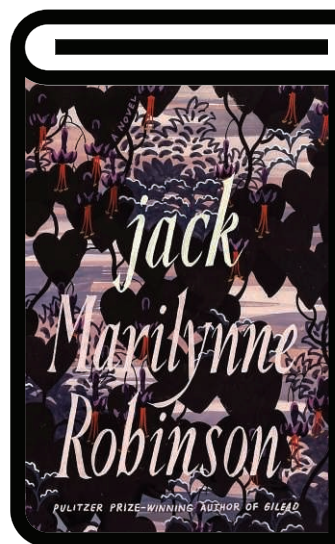
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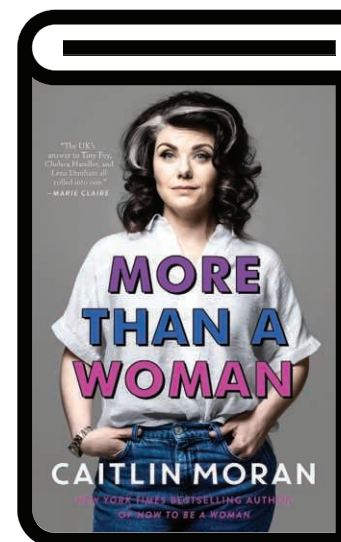
● **THE BOOK OF TWO WAYS** BY JODI PICOULT (Ballantine, \$29) When Dawn Edelstein braces for a plane crash, her thoughts turn not to her husband, but to another man she once loved, archaeologist Wyatt Armstrong. And when she survives that crash, instead of heading home to her family, she goes to Egypt, where he's directing a dig. However, readers will see that Dawn could truly pursue either path: one in which she returns to her husband and daughter, and the other where she rekindles her relationship with Wyatt in pursuit of a different life. Faced with the consequences of her choices, Dawn realizes that "maybe the miracle isn't where we wind up, but that we get there at all."

● **ONE BY ONE** BY RUTH WARE (Scout Press, \$28) Like her fore-mother Agatha Christie, Ruth Ware proves that the venerable "locked-room" mystery trope can work in many situations – such as at an executive retreat at a remote French Alps chalet. The eight-person team of Snoop, a social-media music app, arrive at their luxurious lodgings and, almost immediately, get cut off from the wider world by an avalanche, with one of them missing and possibly dead. What follows is made fresh by the modern characters and their relationships – from Snoop founder Topher to chalet chef Danny and Topher's former assistant Liz – and how each one responds to the pressure of losing contact in our 24/7 digital culture.



● **JACK** BY MARILYNNE ROBINSON (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$27) A new Marilynne Robinson novel is always reason to rejoice. Set in Saint Louis, Missouri, *Jack* follows preacher's son John Ames Boughton, who falls in love with another preacher's daughter, Della Miles. It's a match seemingly made in heaven – but because Della is Black and it's the 1950s, the interracial match upsets the carefully maintained community balance. Robinson may write about churchgoers and their milieu, but her writing never preaches. Her latest – tied delicately but inexorably to her previous books *Gilead*, *Home*, and *Lila* – meticulously unpicks the fabric of an American time and place, revealing what's fine and what's shoddy, then and now.

● **MORE THAN A WOMAN** BY CAITLIN MORAN (Harper Perennial, \$27) The hilarious Caitlin Moran returns with her second neo-feminist memoir, following *How to Be a Woman*. Things have changed in the last decade, and she wants to know if everyone's kept up: If there's a "dad bod," why isn't there a "mum bod?" How long can a to-do list get before it's something else entirely? What happens when your teenaged child needs more help than you can provide? Women with changing bodies, aging parents, and children at home will relate to Moran's biting humor, and men partnered with those women might want to read this to save their relationships.







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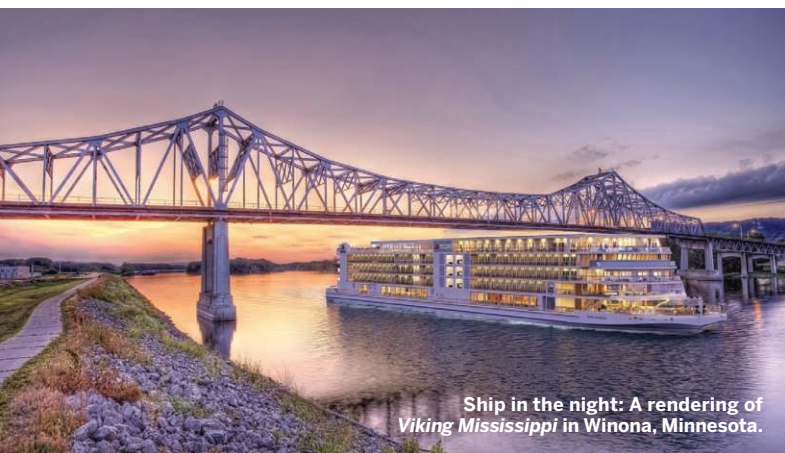
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Ship in the night: A rendering of *Viking Mississippi* in Winona, Minnesota.

## ROLLING ON THE RIVER

Sail in the spirit of Huckleberry Finn: **Viking's** river cruises have unveiled a first look at the 386-passenger *Viking Mississippi*, set to debut in August 2022, as well as its 2022 and 2023 itineraries. The new ship will sail the length of America's great river from Minnesota to Louisiana, marking the line's first U.S. venture. During the 8- to 15-day sailings, musicians will help travelers explore the roots of Saint Louis blues, while cocktail classes set in pre-Civil War mansions in Natchez, Mississippi, invite cruisers to taste Sazeracs, mint juleps, vieux carrés, and other Southern staples. On board, Scandinavian-style staterooms and suites range from 268 to 1,024 square feet, all including private balconies, heated bathroom floors, and 24-hour room service. Throughout the ship, eco-friendly fixtures include LED lighting and solar panels, and floor-to-ceiling windows maximize natural sunlight. Be sure to check out the top deck for barbecues on the open-air Aquavit Terrace and sundowners by the infinity plunge pool. *Departures: Multiple dates, August 27, 2022, through 2023; from \$3,699.*

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

Three new sailings to plan for in 2021.



Start next spring on a healthy note with a 14-day wellness retreat on board **Hurtigruten's** newest expedition vessel, the 530-passenger *Fridtjof Nansen*, which sails from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Palmeira, Cape Verde. The blue-water cruise incorporates a special nine-day cleanse program with daily meditations, chakra-cleansing and sound-healing workshops, tai chi classes, detox juices, and, of course, skilled massage therapists on hand. *Departure: April 3, 2021; from \$2,681.*



**Seabourn** has announced new seven-day sailings between Tel Aviv and Athens aboard the 604-passenger *Seabourn Ovation* for next year's Mediterranean summer season. Cruisers visit the Greek Isles – tasting ouzo in Mykonos and learning folklore in Symi – and explore parts of Turkey, including first-century archaeological sites in Ephesus and beaches on the Turquoise Coast. *Departures: August 7 and 14, 2021; from \$4,999.*




Seattle-based **UnCruise Adventures** specializes in small-ship expeditions to places such as Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, and Mexico's Sea of Cortés (vessels accommodate 22 to 86 passengers). Next year, the cruise line will launch a series of six-day sailings in the Salish Sea on the U.S.-Canada border to provide quick outdoor getaways – perfect for families and working professionals. *Departures: Multiple dates, May 9 through October 17, 2021; from \$2,695.*



**SHIPSHAPE: Royal Caribbean International** and **Norwegian Cruise Line**, in collaboration with sister lines **Silversea** and **Celebrity Cruises**, respectively, have launched a Healthy Sail Panel of experts to ensure traveler well-being at sea. The panel, including scientists, hospitality specialists, and public health officials, will create recommendations and protocols to share across the industry with other cruise lines, tour operators, and hoteliers. Former U.S. Department of Health and Human Services secretary Mike Leavitt and former U.S. Food and Drug Administration commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb will cochair the panel. Royal Caribbean's new public health and chief medical officer, Dr. Calvin Johnson, will collaborate with the panel to ensure health initiatives are met.





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Park Hyatt Aviara's new lobby and (below) The Alpina Gstaad.

## Retreat Ready

Carlsbad, California's **Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa** made the most of the shutdown, wrapping up a renovation that added two redesigned swimming pools – a cabana-ringed adults' pool and a family pool with two-story waterslides and a wade-in entry – to its lush 200 acres on Batiquitos Lagoon. When the resort reopens (currently planned for September), guests will find its 327 rooms updated in coastal sand and sea colors, as well as a new ocean-view lobby. *Doubles from \$599, including breakfast daily, a \$100 resort credit, and complimentary spa access.*

## SWISS FIX

Swiss mountain resort **Alpina Gstaad** aims to nourish guests post-lockdown with an enhanced focus on personal wellness. In addition to hatha, vinyasa, and power yoga, the 56-room retreat has added yang yin (a mix of slow and dynamic practices), pi-yo-chi (a combination of Pilates, yoga, and tai chi), Tibetan yoga, and yogic sleep (a three- to five-day program focused on better rest) to the lineup of group classes or one-on-one sessions. New two-day retreats focus on forest healing through mindful mountain walks, and energy sound healing using gongs, singing bowls, and tuning forks. Travelers can bring a bit of the resort home with the Alchemy Bar's mix-them-yourself health and bath-and-body products. *Doubles from \$1,095, including breakfast and a \$200 dining credit daily, plus a \$100 spa credit.*



## SPYWEAR

Ian Fleming wrote the Bond novels from a Jamaican hideout that's part of the present-day **GoldenEye resort**, home to 45 cottages and villas on the island's northeast coast. To celebrate the release of *No Time to Die* this November, the resort tapped British brand Orlebar Brown for swim trunks featuring Fleming's villa and its private beach. *Doubles from \$480, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit. Swim trunks, \$345; available at the resort boutique and [orlebarbrown.com](http://orlebarbrown.com).*



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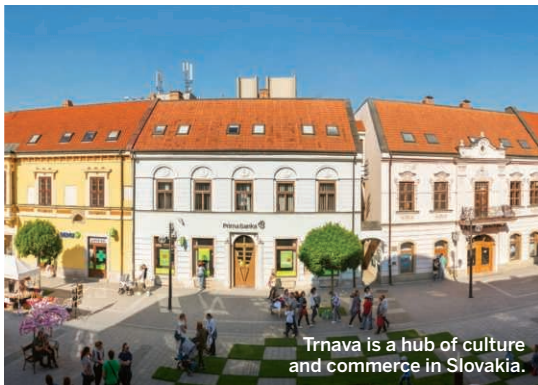
Discover the centuries-old Karlštejn Castle in the Czech Republic.



Visit Hungary's lavish Festetics Palace in Keszthely.



Charming towns on Poland's Baltic coast offer true relaxation.



Trnava is a hub of culture and commerce in Slovakia.

**CZECH REPUBLIC.** Less than an hour from Prague you'll find castles and châteaux worthy of royalty. Wander through Karlštejn Castle, where King Charles IV once lived and kept his crown jewels, or Konopiště Château, the former home of Franz Ferdinand, assassinated heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. A trip to South Bohemia will lead you to the romantic Hluboká nad Vltavou Château, often described as the most beautiful Czech château due to its intricately detailed interiors and immaculate gardens.

**HUNGARY.** With its gorgeous lakes and nearly 1,500 hot springs, Hungary has its fair share of natural wonders. Make your first stop Lake Hévíz, the world's largest biologically active thermal lake, known for its healing properties. Then head to Lake Balaton, a popular year-round destination boasting everything from museums and palaces, including the grand Festetics Palace, to hiking trails and vineyards. Speaking of wine, be sure to try a glass of *szürkebarát* or wine made from the *kéknyelu* grape, grown only in Hungary.

**POLAND.** If kayaking, canoeing, or river rafting is on your travel agenda, Poland's open waters won't disappoint. The Mazury region, known as the "Land of a Thousand Lakes," features secluded waterways as well as ones surrounded by small shops and eateries. The Baltic coast offers plenty of soft sand beaches and seaside resorts, where you're free to spend the day catching some rays or honing your kitesurfing skills. Keep an eye out for local amber that has washed ashore. This fossilized resin draws treasure hunters to the region from around the globe.

**SLOVAKIA.** Rich in history, culture, and natural beauty, Slovakia is a treat for all the senses. Explore the ancient streets and sacral monuments of Trnava. Hike through the Little Carpathians in search of local flora and fauna. And admire the country's finest sculptures and paintings at Bratislava's Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, built on an island in the Danube River, and the Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art, a tribute to the king of pop art, whose ancestral village is the small town of Miková.

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## City to Go



Clockwise from top left: The main attraction at Eventide Oyster Co., downtown water features, Portland Head Light, and a Vena's Fizz House Lumbersexual cocktail.

# Port of Cool

Sea air and alfresco dining in Portland, Maine.

BY JEN ROSE SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY BY ERIN LITTLE

**GO FOR** Perched where Maine fractures into myriad islands and inlets, Portland tucks a cosmopolitan clutch of cocktail bars, restaurants, and boutiques into a compact peninsula. Dry land's just the start: Historic schooners swan across **Casco Bay** past the **Calendar Islands**, once said to number as many as days in a year (the tally is up for debate). Marking southerly rock ledges is **Portland Head Light**, inspiration for artists including Edward Hopper, who rendered the landmark in a 1927 canvas. The **Portland Museum of Art** houses more of Hopper's wistful Maine depictions, as well as masterpieces by Winslow Homer and Andrew Wyeth that fairly glow with salt air.

**EAT** **Eventide Oyster Co.** (86 Middle Street) piles tender steamed buns with sweet lobster meat and velvety browned butter, a combo best paired with half-shell oysters chilled atop a 1,200-pound slab of pink Maine granite.

Farm-sourced small plates burnish a reputation for creative American cooking at **Central Provisions** (414 Fore Street), where warm evenings on the patio find locals sipping classic cocktails gone beachy, including a coconut negroni.

Maine potatoes are the key to the ultra-moist dough at **The Holy Donut** (194 Park Avenue and 7 Exchange Street). Elevated flavors – including chocolate sea salt and maple bacon – and vegan and gluten-free options grew this Old Port shop's cult following.

**DRINK** Craft beer is high art in Portland, but family-owned **Rising Tide Brewing Company** (103 Fox Street) keeps it casual. Sunny days mean pints of Mountainside IPA in an airy tasting room that opens onto an area with picnic tables.

Scandi-inspired **Portland Hunt + Alpine Club** (75 Market Street) mixes offbeat spirits into heady



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Clockwise from top left: Campfire Pottery, fresh treats at Holy Donut, harbor pursuits, and Venn + Maker.



## TIP

“Take the ferry to Peaks Island and rent bikes from Brad’s Bike Shop. There are various spots to stop and explore, and near the end of the ride you can stop at the water’s edge to cool off with an ocean swim.”

– Michelle Ferris, *Virtuoso travel advisor, Portland*

cocktails sporting clever descriptions. (The Cloudbreak’s coconut rum and Batavia arrack are “a ray of sunshine.”)

At **Vena’s Fizz House** (345 Fore Street), bartenders’ deft use of botanicals packs complex flavor into a colorful menu starring nonalcoholic drinks (and alcoholic ones too).

**SHOP** **Venn + Maker’s** owners (65 Washington Avenue) scout Maine studios for remarkable craftsmanship, stocking their boutique with favorite treasures. Dip-dyed rope harvest baskets by artist Lauren Beveridge are roomy enough to fill with maple syrup, wild blueberry jam, and Maine cheeses from the **Portland Farmers’ Market** (Deering Oaks Park, Wednesdays and Saturdays).

Sleekly reimagined shipping containers house small businesses at **The Black Box** (93 Washington Avenue), a boutique incubator. Two of its current tenants: **Campfire Pottery**, starring modern, homespun artistry, and **Mulxiplay**, whose jewelry and handbags are wearable reminders of Portland.

**STAY** Mile-long Crescent Beach is steps away from 61 rooms and private-entrance suites at **Inn by the Sea** in Cape Elizabeth, seven miles south of Portland. Here, creature comforts are planet friendly: Servers whisk sustainable Maine sashimi to a deck overlooking bobbing lobster boats; below, New England cottontails hop through restored thickets of bayberry and wild roses. And, best of all, guests can adopt the inn’s resident rescue pups. *Doubles from \$449, including a \$30 breakfast credit daily and a \$100 spa credit.*

Summer-camp nostalgia infuses 56 bungalows, cottages, and treetop lodges on 60 acres of forest at **Hidden Pond** outside Kennebunkport, a 29-mile drive south from Portland. The Tree Spa’s treatment rooms perch in a dappled birch grove, and families pedal cruiser bikes to nearby Goose Rocks Beach. Garden-fresh meals at Earth restaurant are served in a woodsy dining room or private dining areas secreted across the property. *Bungalows from \$549, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.* **VI.**



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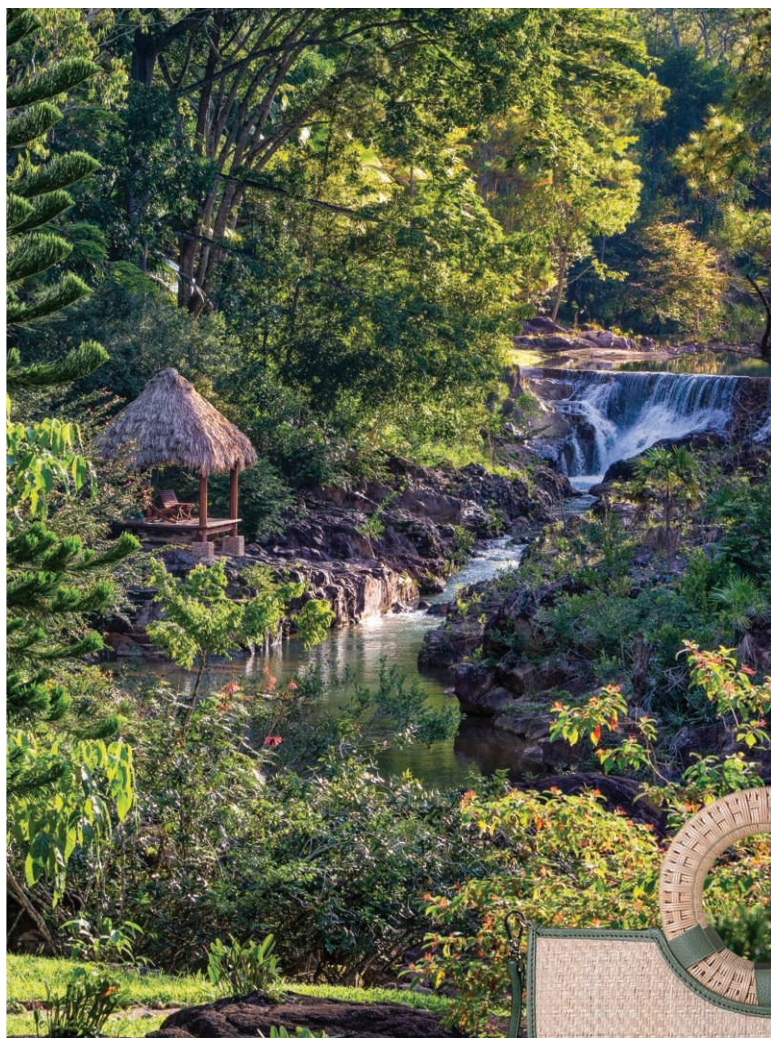
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## Lush Life

**A Belizean rain-forest hideaway with open space to spare.**

For off-the-grid ambience and a sultry jungle vibe, make a break for the interior of Belize. Francis Ford Coppola's **Blancaneaux Lodge** occupies a dreamy spot in the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, complete with waterfalls tumbling into natural swimming holes and 20 thatch-roofed cabañas and villas with hammocks and private decks. Guests can track toucans during outings in nearby Elijo Panti National Park or take a nighttime excursion to Chiquibul Forest for a chance to spot jaguars, peccaries, and other large mammals on their nocturnal circuits. *Cabañas from \$289, including breakfast daily and a \$100 activity credit.*



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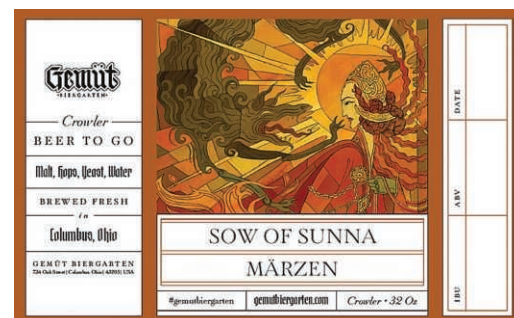
Munich's historic core and 1874 New Town Hall.

WITH ITS BUOYANT OOMPAH bands, brimming steins, and traditional outfits, Munich's Oktoberfest is one of the world's most recognizable celebrations. It's a festival of beer and Bavarian heritage, sure, but during its two and a half weeks between late September and early October, it's also a *feeling* – one so pervasive you'd think every chimney and gutter and church spire in the historic city diffused some invisible, irresistible joy mist.

"It really gives the city a special flair," says Carolin Grove, of Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Munich. The property sits an easy walk from the Oktoberfest fairground festivities, known as the *Wiesn*, where national breweries such as Paulaner, Hofbräu, and Löwenbräu erect dozens of mammoth, ornately decorated *Festzelte* (festival tents) that typically attract 6 million annual visitors. "All the windows of the shops have special displays, and the hotels do special

treats," she says – like serving beer during breakfast at the Vier Jahreszeiten. Grove swaps out her usual attire for traditional German dress, as is the custom for residents. "Even in Gucci and Louis Vuitton shops, instead of all black, the workers sometimes wear dirndls and lederhosen," she says.

This year, of course, things are different: Germany has canceled Oktoberfest for the first time since World War II. So many of its hallmarks – dancing, live music, the communal tables within the *Festzelte* – are antithetical to social distancing in a country that has taken Covid-19 very seriously. To safely celebrate, Munich-based Virtuoso travel agency cofounder Gabriel Doucet Donida suggests having Oktoberfest at home. "Start the party with pear schnapps, a long-held tradition," he says. "And no Oktoberfest is complete without Bavarian pretzels with *Obatzda* cheese spread, grilled chicken with potato salad or duck accompanied by red



## CANNERY SHOW

Craft breweries' labels are as creative as their beers. Here's the story behind one we love.

"All four of us on the Gemüt ownership team are big mythos nerds, which inspires our packaging," says Chelsea Rennie, creative director at Gemüt Biergarten. For Sow of Sunna, named for the Nordic goddess of the sun, she commissioned London-based illustrator Kate Baylay. "Every day Sunna pulls the sun across the sky with her chariot and two horses; talismans imbued with Odin's magic in their harnesses protect them from the sun's searing heat. Sunup to sundown, she's chased by Skoll, the wolf," Rennie says. Nordic people traditionally believed you could catch a glimpse of the pursuit at high noon, when the sun moves slowest across the sky: Sunna would slow down to allow Skoll to get close enough to nearly touch her, only to pick up speed and pull the setting sun to the horizon.



cabbage, and *Bayerischer Kaiserschmarrn*,” – a pancake that’s torn into pieces and typically served with applesauce or plum jam.

As for the brews, skip the big import brands and check out these U.S. craft brewery selections. And get festive – it’s the spirit that matters most. “The atmosphere is what makes Oktoberfest so special,” Grove says. “I don’t even drink beer.”

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Seven seasonal brews for throwing your own Oktoberfest.

While many brewmasters focus on flashy sours, prestige IPAs, and other zeitgeist-y styles, **Jack’s Abby** in Framingham, Massachusetts, dedicates itself to lagers such as its **Copper Legend**, brewed with hops from the Seitz family’s 600-year-old Bavarian farm. [jacksabby.com](http://jacksabby.com).

**Oaktoberfest**, from Austin’s oldest operating brewery, **Live Oak Brewing Company**,

**“Even in Gucci and Louis Vuitton shops, instead of all black, the workers sometimes wear dirndls and lederhosen.”**

isn’t just a clever play on words – it’s a faithful expression of *Märzen*, the original Oktoberfest beer brewed in March (*März* in German), with an elevated alcohol content to make it last until the fall. [liveoakbrewing.com](http://liveoakbrewing.com).

At Columbus, Ohio’s year-old **Gemüt Biergarten**, where custom stained-glass windows depict scenes from German and Nordic mythology, the crisp **Sow of Sunna** märzen gets its spicy aroma from Hallertau and Saaz, two of the four “noble” hops that have underpinned Bavarian brewing for centuries. [gemutbiergarten.com](http://gemutbiergarten.com).

Generous on the malt and light-handed on the hops, **Brooklyn Brewery**’s easygoing, toasty, and widely available **Oktoberfest** marks its 20th anniversary this year. [brooklynbrewery.com](http://brooklynbrewery.com).

Burlington, Vermont’s **Switchback Brewing Co.** makes its **Smoked Märzen Fest Bier** with beechwood-smoked malt, giving the Oktoberfest brew a campfire aroma that’s a natural match for mustard-streaked pretzels and wursts. [switchbackvt.com](http://switchbackvt.com).

**Vida y Muerta**, from Chicago’s Latin American-inspired **5 Rabbit Cervecería**, is an Oktoberfest/Day of the Dead crossover with Argentinean dulce de leche and Mexican cinnamon applied to a brisk märzen template. [5rabbitbrewery.com](http://5rabbitbrewery.com).

In McMinnville, Oregon, the **Heater Allen Bobtoberfest** from father-daughter brewer/owners Rick and Lisa Allen has a smooth, butterscotch malt backdrop and a snappy hop finish. [heaterallen.com](http://heaterallen.com). VI



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The Milky Way spangles the sky over Tenerife's Teide National Park.

## For Heavens' Sake

Worshipping the stars on Spain's volcanic islands.

BY JEN ROSE SMITH

**D**AYLIGHT FADED AS I drove upward through Tenerife's misty pine forests, fado music crackling over the car radio. The air – along with the mournful tunes – went suddenly clear when I left the trees and entered Teide National Park. Below me, a skirt of clouds spread to the horizon; high above, stars framed the triangular profile of El Teide volcano, Spain's tallest peak.

Alluring beaches have long drawn European sun seekers to Spain's Canary Islands. Scattering westward from Morocco's coast, the volcanic archipelago (Tenerife is its largest and most populous island) basks in African sunshine through the winter. But I'd come for a nighttime show – the Canary Islands are among the finest places on earth to watch the sky.

"You have very high mountains surrounded by the ocean," says Héctor Socas, a researcher at the Canary Islands Institute

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## Great Outdoors

of Astrophysics, whose futuristic white observatory sprawls over Teide's flank. "That gives you ideal conditions to make observations." High-altitude stargazing means less atmosphere to distort the view, while marine weather reduces the air turbulence that can have a blurring effect. Scientists come from across the globe to look at the stars here, and, in recent years, they've been joined by stargazing travelers.

At a trailhead near Teide's lower slopes, I met with a star guide who'd set up high-powered telescopes for the evening's group. We followed him down a path lined by volcanic rock formations, jagged teeth rising to an unbroken swath of stars. To my right, I spotted the dim freckles of the Pleiades, and the guide pointed out the North Star's steady light above the far horizon. In summer, he said, we'd see the Milky Way sweeping past in a luminous band; locals call it the Camino de Santiago, named for the pilgrimage footpath spanning northern Spain.

Bundled against the mountain air, our group took reverent turns at the telescopes. Venerating the skies is nothing new in the Canaries. Archaeologists have found temples here with architecture fine-tuned to celestial rhythms, pointing to a cult of star worship. One such site, on the neighboring island of Gran Canaria, is Risco Caído, a troglodyte settlement that joined the UNESCO World Heritage list last year. There, in a temple known simply as Cave Six, sun rays and moonlight enter an ancient sanctuary through a carved tunnel, painting shadows across the interior walls.

As stars arced past Teide's summit, the guide adjusted the telescope a final time, focusing on the pale smudge of the Andromeda galaxy. The nearest major galaxy to our own, it's still 2.5 million light years away, the most distant object that can be seen with the naked eye.

It's easy to imagine Tenerife's ancient inhabitants on a night as clear as this one, watching the faraway galaxy against a velvet-dark sky. Thousands of years later, the view retains its power. I looked a final time, then moved aside as another stargazer took my place at the telescope. He drew in a quick breath when Andromeda came into sudden focus: "My god!" he said.



Daytime adventures in Teide National Park.

## TIP

"When people think of the Canary Islands, often the resorts of Tenerife are top of mind. But travelers who venture farther across this volcanic archipelago are rewarded with four stunning national parks boasting diverse landscapes, from Spain's highest mountain to desertlike dunes and tropical beaches rivaling those of the Caribbean."

— Sarah Lang, *Virtuoso* travel advisor, San Francisco



The village-style Bahía del Duque.

## STAY

White stucco architecture and red-tiled roofs evoke a traditional Canarian village at **Bahía del Duque**, a resort that wraps around a sheltered bay on Tenerife's sunny southern coast. The property's 288 rooms and 58 suites spiral through lush gardens and cascading pools, with eight restaurants that range from modern Basque to beach-club casual, plus a wellness center with a thalassotherapy circuit. After dinner, meet the property's resident astronomer at an on-site observatory for a sparkling nightcap of stars. *Doubles from \$286, including breakfast daily and one lunch for two.*



## MORE DARK-SKY DESTINATIONS

The show begins when the sun goes down.

### CANADA

See constellations reel over the Canadian Rockies at the 442-room **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge** in **Jasper National Park**, the world's second-largest Dark Sky Preserve. At the hotel's on-site planetarium, astronomy experts lead virtual tours of constellations and train the Canadian Rockies' most powerful telescope on the night sky. Watch for flickering tongues of purple, green, and blue light, too, as the aurora borealis makes flash appearances above Jasper from August to April. *Doubles from \$367, including a welcome gift, breakfast daily, and a \$100 hotel credit.*

### NAMIBIA

Even in full sunlight, the **Namib Desert** resembles something from another planet, with its Martian-red plains grazed by spiral-horned kudu. At night, it's the dark skies that dazzle in NamibRand Nature Reserve. An International Dark Sky Reserve renowned for stargazing, the wildlife sanctuary is also among the largest private nature preserves in Africa. **Ker & Downey's** private, customizable, eight-day fly-in Namibia safari includes two nights in the nature reserve at the recently renovated and Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, where an on-site observatory and resident astronomer help

guests make the most of the starry abundance overhead. *Departures: Any day through 2021; from \$9,000.*

### IRELAND

Coastal hills on the Iveragh Peninsula along the Wild Atlantic Way frame twinkling night skies in the **Kerry International Dark Sky Reserve**, the first such reserve in Ireland. Locals have long kept an eye on the heavens here: Some 6,000 years ago, the peninsula's Neolithic people aligned their stone monuments to celestial events. Now, moonless nights reveal hosts of galaxies, nebulas, and shooting stars. At the gateway to the peninsula,

the 72-room **Sheen Falls Lodge** offers falconry, outings on horseback, and salmon fishing on a private stretch of river within the 300-acre estate. *Doubles from \$427, including breakfast daily, a bottle of wine, and an excursion in the hotel's 1936 Buick. VI.*

A starry night over Kerry.



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# My Travel Essentials

Kellee Edwards takes her show on roads less traveled.

**T**RAVEL AND ADVENTURE journalist Kellee Edwards has journeyed more than 200 miles along the Peruvian Amazon to visit remote tribes, searched for mummies in Alaska, piloted a Cessna 172 along Australia's Kimberley coastline, and gone cave swimming in Fiji's Yasawa Islands. "If you're the least bit curious about experiencing something, that's the perfect reason to do it," she says. "Who's to say you'll have the chance to do it again? Life is for living, not contemplating and overthinking." Pre-pandemic, the host of the Travel Channel's *Mysterious Islands* and, more recently, of *Travel + Leisure's* "Let's Go Together" podcast traveled at least twice a month for her projects or for fun. For now, she welcomes the opportunity to explore within the U.S. and to her third trip to Alaska, one of her favorite adventure playgrounds.



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**5.** I wear a red lip on all my adventures, and **Fenty Beauty Stunna** lip paint lasts throughout the day.

**6.** I use the latest **GoPro**, the only camera that can go anywhere I go by land, air, or sea.

**7.** **Garmin's InReach Explorer+** satellite communicator lets me send a text from anywhere in the world to let loved ones know I'm OK. Hi, Mom!

**8.** **Rest & Renew** satin pillow protectors help me avoid bed head.

**9.** The **Yeti Panga** backpack 28 is waterproof and extremely durable.

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KELLE EDWARDS





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Old Town in Bremen.



Sea bridge in Ahlbeck, Usedom Island.

# GERMANY

## Dream Big

If you've been dreaming of Germany's charming medieval towns, enchanting forests, and vineyards where you can sip the finest rieslings, there's good news. Germany is now one of the safest and most stable countries in the world because of its response to the global pandemic. And that means it's time to turn everything you've been dreaming about into reality.

Thanks to Germany's early readiness and resilience, restrictions throughout the country are being lifted. Stores, museums, restaurants, and cafés are reopening with social distancing guidelines and safety measures in place. And national parks are welcoming guests back to their rugged mountains, Alpine lakes, and remote islands.

Perhaps you'll meander along the German Wine Route with its ancient ruins, Michelin-starred restaurants, and award-winning whites. Or follow in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm through fairy-tale fortresses, magical castles, and cobblestone streets. Or take in views of UNESCO-listed landmarks, seaside resorts, and sandstone cliffs on the country's many hiking and cycling paths.

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# GREATER GOOD

Galápagos best practices, looking out for the locals, and industry insiders on travel's future.



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Natural intrigue: Bartolomé  
Island in the Galápagos.



# GOOD NEWS

The latest in supporting local economies, celebrating cultures, and protecting the environment. REPORTED BY MARIKA CAIN



## GOOD NEIGHBORS

Through its charitable arm, safari company **Elewana Collection** has launched a fund for locals affected by the recent downturn in East African tourism. The Land & Life Foundation's Elewana Pamoja Fund supports communities neighboring Elewana's properties through a variety of initiatives, from providing meals for children at an orphanage and a girls school near Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro to supporting wildlife protection in Kenya and Tanzania. Travelers who want to pitch in can make donations through Elewana's Land & Life Foundation. [landandlife.foundation](http://landandlife.foundation).

## Raising the Bars

**Kempinski Hotels** is turning waste into well-being through a new partnership with Clean the World. The organization collects discarded soap from Kempinski properties, runs it through a refining and sanitization process, reinvents it as fresh bars of soap, and distributes it to groups such as World Vision and the Red Cross. The end result: Hygiene products that might otherwise be discarded instead wind up at homeless shelters, food pantries, and refugee camps around the world, helping to prevent disease – an especially squeaky-clean mission in Covid-19 times.



An eagle hunter in Mongolia and (left) the Mwema Children Centre near Elewana The Manor.

## GOLDEN EAGLE STANDARD

**Nomadic Expeditions** helped found Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival 20 years ago, securing the continuation of the area's ancient falconry tradition – and creating an enduring draw for travelers. Now the tour operator is funding a research initiative to support golden eagle conservation, a logical next step for this sustainability-minded operation. The project, conducted by the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia, includes a study of western Mongolia's golden eagle population and review of the long cultural tradition of hunting with golden eagles.



# TAKE ONLY PICTURES

**Silversea naturalist guide and environmental manager – and third-generation Galápagos resident – Aura Banda on seeing her favorite destination responsibly.**

**WHY THE GALÁPAGOS?** The Galápagos is one of the most pristine archipelagoes in the world. What you see now is probably not so different from what Darwin saw in 1835. And on some islands, what you see is even better than what it was before, thanks to the amazing conservation efforts and continued work of the Galápagos National Park. From Galápagos giant tortoises to the only marine iguana in the world, the only penguin that lives on the equator, and 17 different species of Darwin's finches, what you encounter here is truly unique. Where else could you swim with penguins and parrotfish at the same time?

## WHAT DO NATURALISTS BRING TO THE GALÁPAGOS EXPERIENCE?

Visiting the islands without a naturalist guide is like watching a fascinating nature documentary without the sound. Here, naturalists are prepared by the Galápagos National Park, and they have to be permanent residents of the islands. So when you visit the islands with a naturalist, you're benefiting from the insight of a person who knows these islands intimately and has a deep passion for the region.

## WHAT ARE SOME TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE VIEWING?

When the time comes to resume travel, start by choosing the right company to travel with. Companies that invest in the places they visit are also contributing to the protection of the place. Once you encounter wildlife, observe it with respect. Don't disturb the animals, don't call them, don't feed them – just enjoy the privilege of being there with them. Take photos, but don't take anything else. We don't have to take rocks, sand, and feathers as souvenirs. Contribute to NGOs or projects in the area. Be an ambassador and spread the word about the importance of visiting and keeping the place for future generations. The Silversea Fund for the Galápagos will finance projects related to youth empowerment, education and training, and science, technology, and conservation. I believe that it's our responsibility to prepare the children of the Galápagos to protect the islands for the future, and the only way to prepare them is to educate them about the importance of their home.

– Interview by Ariel Shearer



The Galápagos' South Plaza Island and (above) Aura Banda.



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# FORWARD THINKING

Industry leaders on where sustainable travel is headed. INTERVIEWS BY JOEL CENTANO

Sustainable travel matters now more than ever. That's our takeaway after interviewing nine industry experts, who all emphasized its role in preserving the environment, protecting cultures, and, perhaps most pressing in the wake of the coronavirus, supporting local economies. Last year, tourism accounted for one in ten

(330 million) jobs around the globe. But as the pandemic forced the world to take a collective time-out, it also paused many of the economic opportunities that travel – when done well – creates in the communities we visit. Here, our panelists' thoughts on the benefits of responsible tourism – and their hopes for the future.



**Ashish Sanghrajka**  
President, Big Five  
Tours & Expeditions

WE HAVE MUCH REBUILD-  
ing to do. Once the pandemic  
took away our ability to travel,  
we saw tens of thousands  
of people become impover-  
ished and an alarming rise in  
poaching. Sustainable travel  
represents the single biggest  
resistance to these issues.

Employment opportunities  
created by tourism give locals a  
vital seat at the table. This is still

the best way for travel dollars to  
directly reach Indigenous com-  
munities. Our company is built  
on this belief, from the hotels we  
visit – where at least 85 percent  
of staff come from the local area  
– to providing entrepreneurship  
education to women weavers  
in Peru. With travel on hold,  
we shifted our focus to raising  
funds for those in need.

One silver lining of the  
pandemic: It's made the need to  
get off the beaten track all the  
more important. The essence  
of a country is in the spaces  
between the large attractions  
and crowds, where life remains  
much the way it was 300 years  
ago. If we can maintain the  
need to travel with purpose and  
remain humble in seeing travel  
as a privilege, a bright future  
will be waiting.



Big Five has  
focused on sup-  
porting women  
weavers in Peru.



**Francesco Galli Zugaro**  
CEO and founder,  
Aqua Expeditions

THE WORLD'S PAUSE  
brought awareness to the im-  
pacts of overtourism. Travelers  
are reevaluating their priori-  
ties. Moving forward, they'll be  
seeking out companies that go  
beyond comfort and luxury to  
provide meaningful experiences  
and show how their journeys  
support local economies.

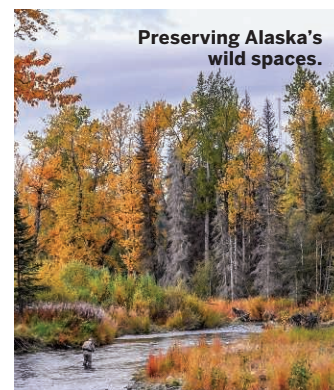
From the beginning, we've  
been committed to contributing  
to communities and protect-  
ing the environment. But the  
pandemic allowed us time to  
rethink our approach. One  
example is our support for the  
paiche project in the Peruvian  
Amazon, where we partner with  
local fishers working to nurse  
populations of this endangered  
species of native fish back to  
health. In addition to serving  
their sustainably caught fish on  
board *Aria Amazon*, we provide  
the tools needed to expand their  
business and sell to new mar-  
kets throughout the country.



**Kirsten Dixon**  
Owner and chef, Within the  
Wild Adventure Company

OVER THE PAST FEW DE-  
cades, travel has become the  
third-most-important indus-  
try in Alaska, behind oil and  
seafood. Oil is in decline here,  
and the seafood industry is in  
peril. Travel will save our state  
by providing a sustainable  
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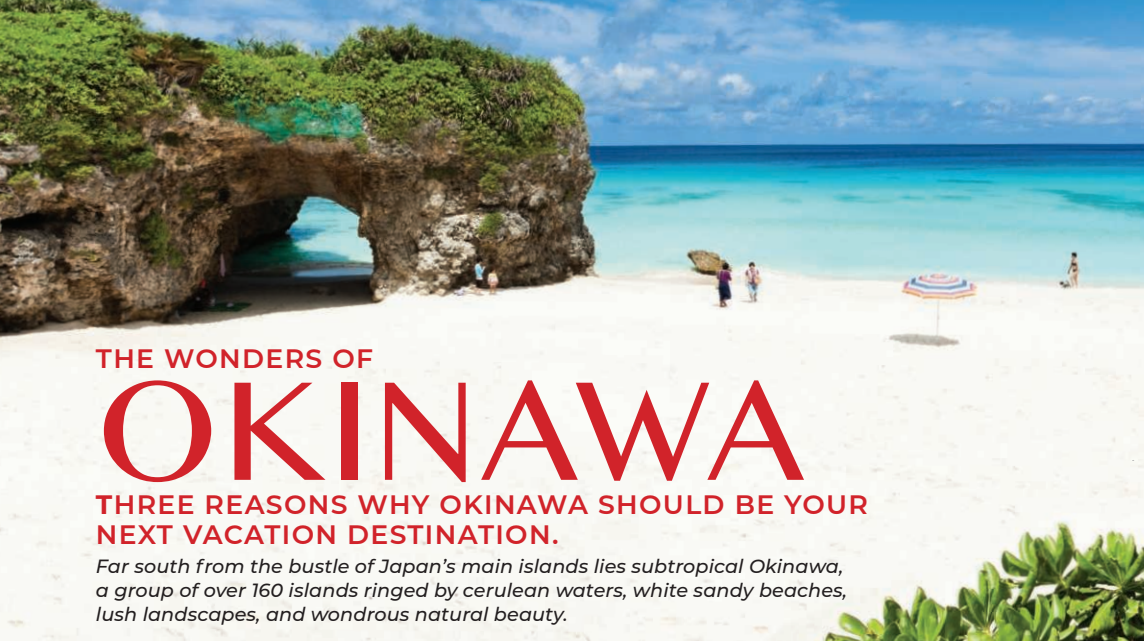
Overtourism, we've known, is  
detrimental to nature – and now  
we know that crowding is detri-  
mental to our health. In Alaska,  
there's been a trend toward  
bigger, bigger, and more – more  
cruise ships with more people  
on board, more buses heading  
to Denali. Can we all take a beat  
and step back and value quality  
over quantity? My family owns  
two wilderness lodges that  
accommodate only 12 people  
each. The ROI is not a business-  
school model, but we have a  
tremendous quality of life. We  
have to protect and preserve  
those places we wish to survive  
for future generations.



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## STUNNING NATURAL BEAUTY

Swaths of pristine sand, glass-like surf, and colorful marine life make Okinawa's breathtaking beaches ideal for whiling away your days. Many of the best beaches are a quick flight or ferry ride from the main island of Okinawa, such as Futamigaura Beach, featuring a painted blue seascape crowned by panoramic mountain vistas, and Kabira Bay on Ishigaki Island, bordered by tropical rainforests. Sea life thrives here as well. Thanks to warm crystal waters, diverse sea life, and some 200 different coral species, Okinawa is one of the best diving destinations in the world. Uncover nature at its best when you visit Iriomote Island. Nearly shrouded entirely in jungle, this outdoor lover's paradise is the last unexplored region of Japan, and home to unique animals like the Iriomote wild cat. Here you can experience nature's bounty by jungle trekking or canoeing through one of Japan's largest mangrove forests.



## LOCAL CUISINE

With its amalgamation of Ryukyu, Chinese, Japanese, Southeast Asian, and American cultures, Okinawa's cuisine is a diverse melting pot that vastly differs from mainland Japan. Okinawan people are said to have one of the longest life expectancies in the world, and in particular, because of their diet. Traditional dishes include Goya Chanpuru, a stir-fry made with goya, a bitter vitamin C and fiber-rich melon known for its rejuvenating properties. Once only served to royalty, Rafute is a local pork dish simmered in Awamori, an Okinawan liquor, along with brown sugar and soy sauce. The liquor makes the meat so tender it can be sliced with chopsticks. For dessert, Okinawan raw sugar, a mineral-infused brown sugar with a rich molasses flavor, is eaten like candy.

## WORLD CLASS RESORTS

Okinawa offers a variety of hotels from luxury resorts to quaint cottage-style hideaways, in breathtaking locations, such as adjacent to white sand beaches and emerald seas, or amidst tropical forests. Looking for a world-class, indulgent escape? Here you can experience five-star resorts in oasis-like settings, offering exquisitely-appointed, elegant rooms and suites, numerous dining options, championship golf courses, and tranquil spas. Prefer a more authentic-style experience? Some resorts offer accommodations inspired from traditional architecture cues such as the red-tiled roofs and stone walls the island is known for, as well as south-facing, floor-to-ceiling windows designed to let in the gentle southern winds.

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**Marina Elsener**

Director, sustainable development and communications, North and Central America, Accor hotel group

THE PANDEMIC HAS demonstrated how interconnected our world is, and my hope is that this pause will lead to a heightened consciousness in the tourism industry. It's important that travel providers acknowledge and embrace their responsibility to the planet and people living and working in the places where they operate. A few key areas of focus should include conserving water and limiting energy consumption; serving healthy and sustainable food; eliminating single-use plastics; promoting local hiring, development, diversity, and inclusion; and protecting local communities, culture, and heritage. Many companies have long been committed to addressing these issues, but there is always more that can be done.



**John Roberts**

Group director of sustainability and conservation, Anantara Hotels, Resorts & Spas

THE UPSIDE FOR SUSTAINABILITY is that destinations and hotels that can provide space and privacy will now be the ones most in demand. And it's these smaller hotels that find it easier to implement sustainable best practices such as sourcing local foods, providing community-curated tours, and caring for the natural world.

With current concerns about long-haul travel, I hope that travelers will seek new experiences in their home countries. I'd also like to see Anantara get more involved in nature-based tourism, similar to our camps in Cambodia and East Africa. This model has already shown how a socially distant, nature-immersive guest experience can protect the environment and fund broader conservation programs.



**Pause to reflect:**  
Angkor Wat.



**Case in point:**  
Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.



**Gerald Lawless**

Ambassador, World Travel & Tourism Council; former president and CEO, Jumeirah Group

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We need to measure success not only in terms of numbers of people taking trips, but also in the value of such trips economically, socially, and environmentally. I'd also like to see contributions to carbon-offset programs and initiatives such as the Emirates Airline Founda-

tion, which supports education in developing countries, be encouraged through tax breaks. And destinations that draw large crowds need to work with alternative nearby attractions to ease demand. Ireland's introduction of the Wild Atlantic Way is a good example of how we can move visitors away from main centers such as Dublin. Economically, this has had a significant effect on small towns and villages along the seaboard, which helps the slowdown of population drift to larger cities.



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**Erin Green**  
Virtuoso travel advisor,  
Minneapolis

TRAVEL BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER. It allows us to learn about different ways of life and appreciate beautiful destinations we'll want to protect. As our world goes through this challenging time, it's vital that we continue to build these levels of understanding. And because climate change poses such a huge threat – both for travel and life in general – it's critical that we continue to place pressure on the airline industry to research and develop new fuels and technologies to help reduce carbon emissions.



**Sarah Taylor**  
Virtuoso travel advisor,  
Los Angeles

WHEN WE TRAVEL, WE'RE guests in another country being welcomed into the cultural embrace of the place we're visiting. We need to treat that experience with utmost respect, honor, and care. The "giver" is not only the hotel or tour guide, but the airport employees, essential workers, neighborhoods, land, and entire ecosystem of the place we visit. Travel is a gift that enables us to experience other cultures, and we need to see it as such. My hope for the future is that more travelers adopt this

perspective, and not only "take" the experience, but give back to destinations in a positive way.

One way to do this is through community service. On a visit to Rio de Janeiro, for instance, I volunteered in a favela (a shanty settlement) where we cleaned and organized a school and library. As much as I love shopping and supporting local merchants, there's something especially inspiring about participating in community events. Making a positive impact on others touches your soul in a different way than spending can. VI



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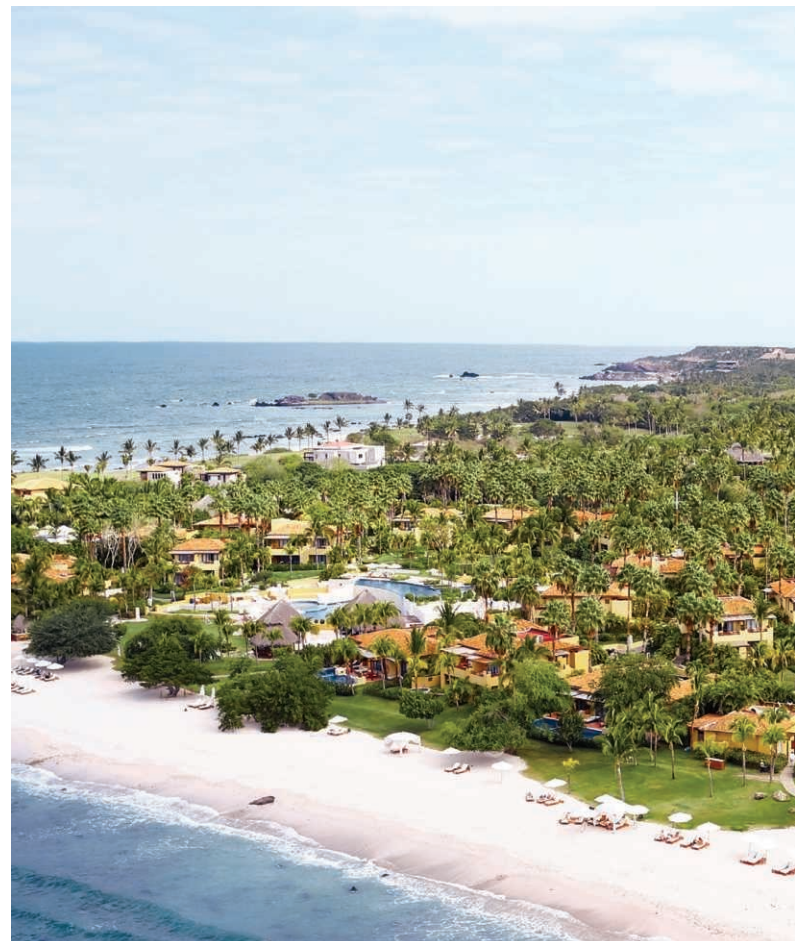


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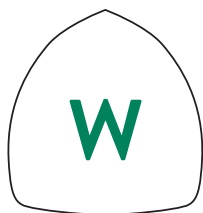
Ocean drive: Headed south into Big Sur on the Pacific Coast Highway.



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BY LUIS GARCÍA**





## WITH TRAVEL STILL

mostly limited to how far you can drive, the great American road trip is making a come-

back. Our unsolicited advice: Skip the RV and rent a convertible. You won't regret it. America's most exhilarating asphalt adventure deserves a top-down approach (with floppy hats and maybe some aviator shades) to match the drama of a journey that's somehow loftier than a mere "ride."

Highway 1's views trigger endorphins from the start. Rolling down the California Incline out of Santa Monica, the C-shaped curve of coastal road ahead – ocean on the left, misty peaks to the right – sets your mind to explorer mode. It pretty much stays there for the 450-mile venture north. Something about the waves crashing and the craggy blind curves and frequent dolphin and elephant-seal sightings quickens the pace, even if you push through all ten hours in one day. But better to savor the occasion with an overnight stop or two in some of the West Coast's choicest spots.

Three years after wildfires and mudslides ravaged Santa Barbara, the red-tiled beach town is polished again, but still enviably footloose. There's Santa Ynez winetasting in the downtown Funk Zone, a nearly 100-year-old botanical garden blooming with pre-Columbian species, and kayaking and hiking opportunities aplenty. Plus, you might spy Oprah or Gwyneth social distancing at the farmers market.

Pismo Beach is where things get wilder. The trip's halfway point is far enough from California's twin megalopolises for ranchers and surfers to outnumber showbiz and tech types, and where a perfectly respectable afternoon involves gazing at thousands of orange-and-black-winged creatures at the Monarch Butterfly Grove from late October through February. Pismo's vintage beach cottages and chowder huts recall a California that time (and gentrification) forgot.



## TIP

"The Monterey Bay Coastal Recreation Trail cuts through town from the wharf to the aquarium. Continue past the aquarium to Lovers Point to see otters, sea lions, and other wildlife and for beautiful views of the bay."

– Kelly Nadir, Virtuoso travel agency owner, Monterey





Clockwise from opposite page: Pebble Beach's Lone Cypress on 17-Mile Drive, Cambria diversions, Pismo Beach surfers, a sweet treat in Harmony (population 18), and McWay Falls at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park.





That throwback vibe continues north of Cayucos in Harmony, population 18, where the town's single paved lane has everything you need for the boho good life: a pottery studio, a glassblowing workshop, and an ice cream truck. But enough about simplicity. Up the road in San Simeon, Hearst Castle celebrates its centennial this year, recalling a time when newspaper publishing could buy you a hilltop super-mansion with 165 rooms, pools, and pet zebras roaming its 127 terraced acres (tours are currently suspended).

Nature's power and presence can be life-changing here on the continent's razor edge: A massive slab of earth came crashing down on a quarter-mile stretch of the PCH three years ago, closing the route south of Big Sur for an entire year. The detour-free passage now feels like a gift as you wind into the heart of the drive – the 96 miles from Cambria to Carmel Highlands. Redwoods and hidden waterfalls, not to mention some of the world's finest retreats, give meaning to all those white-knuckle switchbacks. Frequent stops help. There's no beach access inside Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, but a ten-minute walk from the road brings you to an epic tidefall that pours straight into the Pacific. The arched Bixby Creek Bridge, Highway 1's landmark of landmarks, has been called the most spectacular meeting of ocean and land in the entire United States. Pebble Beach's 17-Mile Drive and adjacent Carmel-by-the-Sea have horses in that race too.

After Monterey, unpack your three B's (Birkenstocks, beads, and board shorts) for one last rally along the legendary surf coast between Santa Cruz and Half Moon Bay – where, on a good swell, you can watch big-wave surfers tempt fate at Mavericks. From there, without much warning, the coast road's twin lanes give way to four, and four becomes eight or ten or whatever it takes to snarl into San Francisco. But even as the rental car's roof goes up, the momentum is hard to pack away. The best road trips linger with you like that.



From top: Santa Barbara's beachfront bikeway and farmers market goods.



For expert tips on planning your next road trip, turn to page 94.



## KEYS TO THE COAST

How to tackle the PCH road trip.

**GO** From muscly Mustangs to BMWs, Porsche 911s, and even Bentley Continental GTs, L.A.-based **Midway Car Rental**'s collection of convertibles gets road-trippers zipping up the coast in style. *Five-day BMW 650i convertible rental from \$2,495, plus a one-way recovery fee.*

### STAY

**LOS ANGELES** Set on five manicured acres atop bluffs overlooking the ocean in Santa Monica, the 297-room **Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows** is L.A.'s only beach hotel with private bungalows. The 31 ground-floor accommodations peek out at gardens and the pool, and range from 350-square-foot patio bungalows to the 2,500-square-foot, three-bedroom Bungalow One, with its curated art collection. *Bungalows from \$709, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*



**SANTA BARBARA** The historic 500-acre **San Ysidro Ranch** (Churchill slept here) once again welcomes travelers to its 41 suites – all with exterior entrances – and vine-covered private cottages featuring outdoor patios with rain showers and sunken hot tubs (and several with private plunge pools). *Doubles from \$895, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

Laid-back in the most civilized way, Santa Barbara's hilltop **Belmond El Encanto** has 92 California Mission-style rooms and one- to four-bedroom cottages with garden seating, heated stone floors in the bathrooms, and postcard views of the "American Riviera." All accommodations feature separate exterior entrances. *Doubles from \$645, including breakfast daily and a \$100 hotel credit.*

**BIG SUR** Perched 1,200 feet above the crashing surf in virgin redwood forest, **Post Ranch Inn**'s 40 secluded rooms, suites, and homes feel like private retreats with mountain and sea views, wood-burning fireplaces, and soaking tubs. An infinity pool built into the cliff often feels as if it's floating on a blanket of clouds below. *Doubles from \$1,275, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.*

**Ventana Big Sur**'s 59 indulgently large rooms and residences and 14 safari-style tents in its campground provide ample distance to recharge and reflect alongside woodsy gardens. How California is Ventana? Its new star-bathing outing kicks off with a guided hike through the redwoods for stargazing from a meadow, accompanied by CBD cocktails. *Doubles from \$1,575, including a room upgrade at time of booking, breakfast daily, and a \$100 resort credit. Tents from \$240.*



Ventana Big Sur and (left) the Fairmont Miramar.

**SAN FRANCISCO** **Luxury Retreats**' eight private homes in the city range from one to six bedrooms. A recommendation: the two-bedroom, two-bath Russian Hill penthouse with views of Alcatraz and the bay, plus a fireplace, bar, and dining room that seats eight; a shared rooftop terrace; and eco-friendly amenities that range from organic cleaning products to bamboo toilet paper. *Penthouse from \$600, including a \$200 concierge credit.*





# REVVED UP

Five great North American road trips to put on your list.

1

## HIGH WEST

Four Corners and Monument Valley  
Flagstaff to Telluride

Sure, the photo op is kitschy: you with a goofy grin at the point on the map where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah intersect. But the journey is the actual draw. The 525-mile drive rolls through lyrical Winslow, Arizona, into Petrified Forest National Park and the Technicolor hues of the Painted Desert. Highway 191 is the best way to take in Navajo country; Indigenous communities have called Canyon de Chelly home for thousands of years. Monument Valley, on Highway 163 farther north, is your *Butch Cassidy* or *Thelma & Louise* moment (both movies filmed there). The atmosphere thins as you climb into Colorado, where Pueblo structures still stand along the Trail of the Ancients and mountain towns like Telluride make you realize that ski season might not be prime time here after all.



2

## Y'ALL COME

The Low Country  
Savannah to Charleston

History, gardens, white-sand adventure, barbecue: There's much to discover among the palmetto- and Spanish-moss-lined roads linking these Southern sister cities. Take U.S. 17 out of Georgia's oldest town and feel the past emerge at Old Sheldon Church Ruins, a 1745 chapel burned during Revolutionary times and again during Sherman's March to the Sea. Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge's salt creeks and tidal marshes are worth exploring by kayak, while farther along, near Beaufort, stretch your legs (and views) with a climb to the top of Hunting Island's 1875 lighthouse. Trees have big personalities around here, and there's none greater than the Angel Oak, a 300-year-old live oak outside Charleston – a walker's kind of town with its grand old homes, historic row houses, and trendy shopping and dining scenes along Upper King Street.

3

## APPALACHIAN ESCAPE

The Blue Ridge Parkway  
Asheville to Charlottesville

The heart of this storied road takes you through Southern farmland and misty ridgelines that give the region its colorful name. Pace out the 400-odd miles of winding two-lane over the course of three or four days. The parkway itself starts at the base of the Great Smoky Mountains and meanders through several national forests on the way to the Shenandoah Valley. Musts along the way: Mast General Store in Valle Crucis is one of America's oldest. Grandfather Mountain nature preserve has a swinging footbridge over an 80-foot chasm. Chimney Rock near Asheville is an energetic climb that pays off with some of the parkway's best views.



From left: Petrified Forest National Park, Old Sheldon Church, and the Smoky Mountains.

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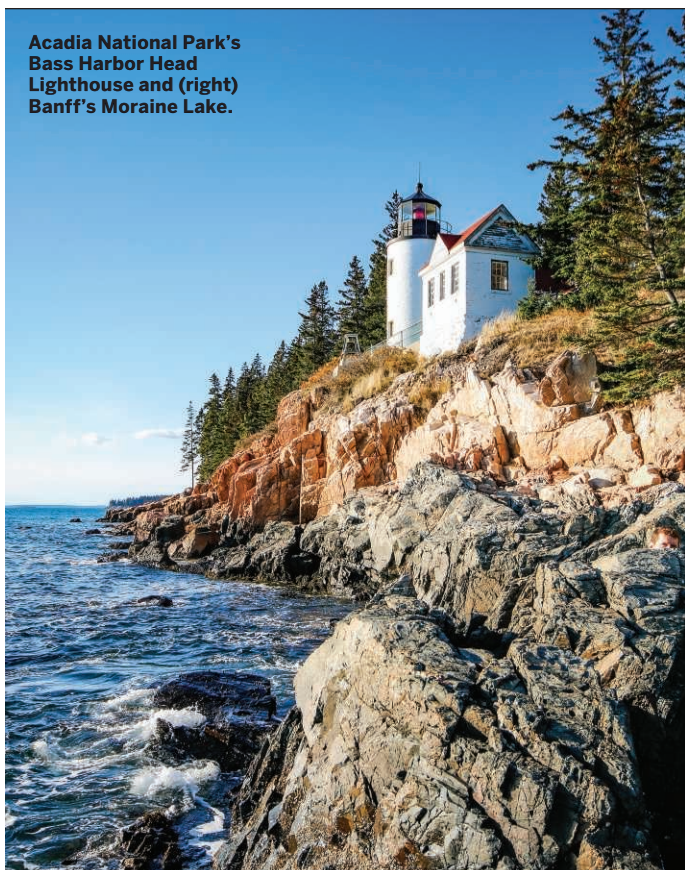
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Acadia National Park's Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse and (right) Banff's Moraine Lake.



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## LOBSTER RUN

New England  
Boston to Bar Harbor

Despite the down-easter saying, it turns out you *can* get there from here. This Mass-to-Maine classic is dotted with small-town main streets and roadside lobster and clam shacks. Zip up I-95 to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, then switch to U.S. 1 for the slower scenic route. Pull over for a nature walk among cottontails and piping plovers in Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. Nearby Kennebunk is the village of boutiques, galleries, and ice cream shops you came to New England to find, while Portland's microbrew and artisan coffee scenes make for a great overnight or two. Need some duck boots at 3 AM? L.L.Bean's Freeport flagship has outfitted locals 24/7, 365 days a year, since 1951. (The store currently closes at 8 PM due to Covid-19, but plans to resume 24/7 hours soon.) Put them to use around Bar Harbor, where the drive becomes a nature tour on 27 miles of historic roads through Acadia National Park.

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## NORTHERN DELIGHT

The Canadian Rockies  
Vancouver to Banff

Whoever hatched the idea for driverless cars undoubtedly did it in this slice of western Canada, where it's almost impossible to keep your eyes on the road. Skip the more direct route of the Trans-Canada Highway, and head north to Whistler along the Sea to Sky Highway, which heightens the senses at every turn. You might spot a grizzly in Kamloops or maybe go winetasting (another case for autonomous driving). In winter, Revelstoke attracts extreme skiers, but summer and fall are all about strolling, mountain biking, and visiting the vintage railway museum. At Glacier National Park, Canada's second oldest, you can picnic beneath avalanche chutes (in summer and early fall only, of course) and hike on exposed ridgelines or through the world's only inland cedar rain forest. You'll know you're nearing Banff when you spot the turquoise, glacier-fed waters of Lake Louise.



## LET'S ROLL

Top road trips around the world.

► Iceland's Route 1, aka the Ring Road (round-trip from Reykjavík)

► Croatia's storied Dalmatian Coast (Split to Dubrovnik, via car ferries)

► Scotland's North Coast 500 (round-trip from Inverness)

► The Garden Route of South Africa (Cape Town to Port Elizabeth)

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# PAINTED BEAUTY







Beyond Santa Fe's galleries and restaurants,  
northern New Mexico's mountains, rivers, and empty  
backcountry might just be the best reason to visit  
right now. **BY AARON GULLEY**

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Abiquiú Lake's open expanses north of Santa Fe.





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ROM THE TOP OF DECEPTION PEAK, a precipitous northern New Mexico ridgeline that culminates at 12,320 feet, hikers can ponder three grandiose mountain ranges. The hazy cockscomb of Albuquerque's Sandia Crest tails off to the southwest; the rounded, black-rock Jemez peaks, often capped by a marshmallow dollop of thunderheads, push northwest; and Deception's gra-

nitic spine climbs northeast into the aspen- and ponderosa-fringed Sangre de Cristos. It's the sort of backcountry vantage that elsewhere might take hours or days to achieve. But here, paved parking is two miles away, and Santa Fe's plaza is a 30-minute drive beyond it.

Visitors typically throng to Santa Fe for the capital city's art and culinary scene, but the town – founded in 1610 – and its environs are also a wildly underappreciated outdoor refuge. From hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails within easy reach to rafting and fishing on the Pecos, Rio Grande, and Chama rivers, it's no exaggeration to say there are more adventures to pursue here than high-end restaurants, hotels, and galleries combined. There are even wilderness waterfalls and hot springs to discover.

Unlike other outdoorist favorites such as Denver or Salt Lake City, one thing this city of 85,000 doesn't have is people clogging up the backcountry –



**New Mexico  
state of mind  
(from top):  
Cerro Pedernal  
as seen from  
Ghost Ranch and  
descending  
Deception Peak.**





**ARMY-GREEN PIÑONS SPECKLE  
AN OCHER PLAIN, ABIQUIÚ LAKE GLINTS  
SAPPHIRE, AND RED-ROCK LAYERS LIKE MELTED  
WAX POUR OFF TO THE HORIZON OF THE HAZY  
TUSAS MOUNTAINS.**



there's likely no better place in the Lower 48 for social distancing. That all came into fine focus over the summer, when festival season, which usually sees the town gussied up with lights and garlands for a nonstop bacchanal of arts and food and mariachi bands, remained shuttered due to Covid-19. The town my wife, Jen Judge, and I have called home for 16 years felt as eerie as a beach without the crash of waves.

As a travel writer who can't travel now, I took the opportunity to explore more of the area's mountains and rivers. And there's so much to see. From Santa Fe, it's just an hour northwest to the red-rock country of Abiquiú and 90 minutes northeast to Taos – the jumping-off point for the Rio Grande Gorge and 13,161-foot Wheeler Peak, the state's highest. I resolved to spend some time in each of these spots, which is what led me up Deception Peak one evening.

The sun sagged to the horizon as another hiker emerged from the ponderosas below and made his way to the summit. It was the first time up the peak for Santiago, a musician who'd come to Santa Fe to busk for the summer and was consequently out of work. He dashed around the summit like an excited Labrador, taking selfies and marveling at the mile-high views. "This is the real New Mexico," he said.

Santiago's optimism was irresistible, but not unique. "As soon as I saw it, that was my country," wrote Georgia O'Keeffe, the







## TIP

**“Make time to visit Bandelier National Monument, roughly an hour’s drive west of Santa Fe, to explore Pueblo cliff dwellings, artifacts, and petroglyphs dating back more than 11,000 years.”**

**– Theresa Tyo, Virtuoso travel advisor, Santa Fe**



**Clockwise from far left:  
Casting for trout in the  
Rio Grande Gorge, El San-  
tuario de Chimayo, Inn of  
the Anasazi, and decision  
time on the river.**

modernist painter who arrived here in 1929. “Like something that’s in the air – it’s different. The sky is different. The wind is different.” And pandemic or not, autumn is arguably the best time to visit, when steady high pressure brings warm, clear days and crisp nights, and the summer tourist season has receded.

Ranging out from Santa Fe’s most immediate trails and mountains, the natural first sojourn is the blink-and-you’ll-miss-it arts hub of Abiquiú, near Cerro Pedernal, a top-hat-shaped mesa that featured prominently in many of O’Keeffe’s landscapes. Few people hike it, judging by its steep and rubbly path, but from the summit, it’s easy to see why artists have been so taken with this country. Army-green piñons speckle an ochre plain, Abiquiú Lake glints sapphire, and red-rock layers like melted wax pour off to the horizon of the hazy Tusas Mountains. This wilderness isn’t only a salve, but a quiet inspiration.

After the hike, I cool off with a swim in the lake, then grab a *carne adovada* burrito at Bode’s, a historic general store that’s renowned for some of the best locally inspired fast food in the state. Diners rave about Bode’s green-chile cheeseburgers and Tater Tots (yes, Tater Tots!), which you can eat at widely spaced picnic tables under breezy cottonwoods. Afterward, challenge yourself to polish off a Frosty Cow ice cream cone before the afternoon heat turns it into a sticky puddle.

A FEW DAYS LATER, I MOTOR NORTH FROM SANTA FE TO TAOS ON the High Road, billed as the scenic bypass to the standard drive. The route, which takes only 15 minutes longer and wends through juniper hills and ponderosa forests on isolated ribbons of pavement, is indeed stunning. But the irony has never escaped me that the standard drive – State Road 68 through a deep chasm along the Rio Grande – is no less glorious. Most years, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims travel the High Road to visit the Santuario de Chimayo, a free-form adobe chapel dating to 1810 with dirt that’s believed to cure illness and fix problems. Visitors rub the holy soil on their ailments; some eat it. I’m not superstitious, but I pocket a tablespoon of the dirt in a small baggie for good luck – these days, why not?

If Santa Fe is New Mexico’s quirky, artsy matron, Taos is its weirder, less self-conscious daughter that has long attracted writers, artists, and misfits. The day I visit, the main plaza is slightly busier





# Go Boldly

The Sonnenalp Hotel  
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than Santa Fe's, but still empty compared to a normal year, and I speed past headed north to chase inspiration of my own.

I park on the rim of the Rio Grande Gorge, an 800-foot-deep maw in the earth, and clamber down a trail to the water's edge. Here, the fiestas and markets and hubbub of Santa Fe summers are a distant memory. "I think New Mexico was the greatest experience from the outside world that I have ever had," wrote D. H. Lawrence, who lived on a nearby ranch in the 1920s. "In the magnificent fierce morning of New Mexico one sprang awake, a new part of the soul woke up suddenly, and the old world gave way to a new."

If there's a silver lining to this unusual time, it's the realization that the close-to-home roads and villages and mountains we often overlook are just as intriguing as the distant lands we devote lifetimes to pursuing. I spend the day casting for rainbow and brown trout in the Rio Grande's icy snowmelt waters. In the evening, I'll soak in a remote hot spring on the river's edge and watch bighorn sheep clattering loose rocks from the cliffs above. I won't see another person all day.

Afterward, I'll climb back to the rim, sunburned, bone-tired, and content. The familiar comforts of Santa Fe are two hours south; Red River, a high-country hamlet renowned for its friendly reception and trout-laden rivers, sits just 30 minutes north. I'll pause, briefly, then turn toward its new country.



Road-trip hit:  
Bode's green-chile  
cheeseburger.

## OUT OF THE WILD

**GO** **Backroads'** six-day hiking tour takes in some of the most dramatic landscapes in northern New Mexico, from a tour of well-preserved Puebloan cliff dwellings at Bandelier National Monument to a walk through Plaza Blanca, a chalk-white geologic anomaly that inspired many of O'Keeffe's paintings. Post-hikes, settle in for cocktails and spa treatments at some of the region's swankiest hotels. *Departures: Multiple dates, May 16 through September 19, 2021; from \$3,499.*

**EAT** Along with an impressive selection of teas, **The Teahouse** serves food all day on its shady Santa Fe patio, including homemade pastries, monstrous salads, and a spicy and nuanced *posole rojo*. 821 Canyon Road; [teahousesantafe.com](http://teahousesantafe.com).

Though you wouldn't know it from its unassuming Canyon Road adobe that dates to 1756, **Geronimo** creates Santa Fe's most exclusive and refined fare, including green-miso sea bass served with lobster ramen, and Tellicherry pepper-rubbed elk tenderloin. 724 Canyon Road; [geronimorestaurant.com](http://geronimorestaurant.com).

Head to **The Love Apple**, set in a time-burnished converted chapel on Taos' north end, for farm-to-table fare – such as Oaxacan-style mole tamales and house-made blue cornbread muffins – that's as unpretentious as its location. 803 Paseo del Pueblo Norte; [theloveapple.net](http://theloveapple.net).

**STAY** Fifteen minutes north of town amid piñon and juniper pines,



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In its historic adobe steps from Santa Fe Plaza, the 58-room **Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi** channels Southwestern heritage with bright Pendleton blankets and pillows to complement muted linens and handcrafted ceramics. The swank in-house bar offers one of the most extensive lists of premium tequilas in town, as well as guided tastings. *Doubles from \$355, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

With a prime downtown location and an impressive Pueblo facade, the **Inn and Spa at Loretto's** 136 rooms provide an urban oasis furnished with hand-carved wood furnishings and Navajo-style blankets – and many have balconies and kiva fireplaces. The in-house spa, including a pool, is known for its organic, Native American-inspired treatments. *Doubles from \$179, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.*

Local designers Ira and Sylvia Seret, owners of Seret & Sons importers a few blocks away, hand-selected the antiques, rugs, and textiles for each of **The Inn of the Five Graces'** 24 rooms while traveling through Afghanistan and central Asia. Book an Ayurvedic massage in the hotel's High-Mountain Tibetan treatment room, or find reprieve from the downtown scene in one of its leafy courtyards. *Doubles from \$425, including breakfast daily and a \$100 spa credit.* **VI**



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**T**HE ACCIDENTALLY WES ANDERSON INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT, WITH its million-plus followers, is a wonderland of travel photography inspired by the distinctive symmetry, colors, and quirks of films by Wes Anderson. Founded in 2017 by avid traveler Wally Koval, the account steadily grew into a community of adventurers who sent in scenes from around the world that looked straight from the sets of *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, and others in Anderson's oeuvre. Now Koval is releasing a coffee-table book filled with some of the community's most wanderlust-inspiring photos, organized by region and marked with approximate dates of origin. And Anderson himself has sanctioned it, writing in the foreword, "I now understand what it means to be accidentally myself."

## **MARSHALL STREET BATHS**

London, England | c. 1850

Photo by Soo Burnell

In 1931, the Westminster Public Baths (aka Marshall Street Baths) were opened to the public. Great attention was devoted to the main swimming pool, which was lined with white Sicilian marble and further embellished by Swedish green marble used at either end. The baths were closed in 1997 for refurbishment. The 2010 reopening returned them to their former glory, offering swimmers a tunnel into the past.





## FIGARO

South Yorkshire, England | c. 1989

Photo by Hayley Doyle

The Nissan Figaro is a happy little two-door convertible designed as a tribute to vintage microcars. Originally marketed solely in Japan with the slogan “Back to the Future,” the minicar’s retro design was always meant to shuttle drivers to another age. The car debuted at the 1989 Tokyo Motor show. Immediate demand so outstripped the company’s limited run of 20,000 vehicles that prospective buyers had to enter a lottery to drive one of the cars home.





## EL RASTRO FLEA MARKET

Madrid, Spain | c. 1740

Photo by Leah Patten

Madrid's open-air flea market has operated for north of 200 years in the city's La Latina neighborhood. Open on Sundays and bank holidays, the market is home to vendors who sell everything from clothing to kitchen supplies. Shops specializing in used books, art, and even live birds line the adjacent streets.





## ASCENSOR DA BICA

Lisbon, Portugal | c. 1892  
Photo by Jack Spicer Adams

Ascensor (or Elevador) da Bica climbs 800 feet up one of the city's steepest hills. A delightful, leisurely ride and a hop off at the top leads you to Miradouro de Santa Luzia, a terrace from which to marvel at the distinct rooftops of mainland Europe's westernmost capital city.







## THE WHITE CYCLONE AT NAGASHIMA SPA LAND

Kuwana, Japan | c. 1994

Photo by Paul Hiller

Wooden coasters are extremely rare in Japan, a country with strong regulations on tree felling; the Cyclone was constructed with enough timber to build nearly a thousand homes. When time came for renovation, it was replaced by a steel-tracked coaster named Hakugei, or the White Whale. After a 14-year run, the Cyclone made its last spin in January 2018.



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## ROBERTS COTTAGES

Oceanside, California | c. 1928

Photo by Paul Fuentes

Shortly after the town layout was completed in 1883, Oceanside, California, was marketed as a seaside resort. In 1928, A. J. Clark bought a sizable strip of land, secured a permit, and built 24 beach cottages. The buildings still stand, representing an important moment in Oceanside's nascent days.



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## THE SUMMER WE STAYED HOME

WHEN YOUR BACKYARD BECOMES YOUR ENTIRE WORLD.

BY AMY CASSELL ILLUSTRATIONS BY QUEENBE MONYEI

**A**RMED WITH THE CUTEST BABY MUG SHOT EVER, MY HUSBAND AND I TOOK OUR 6-MONTH-old daughter to apply for her first passport in March. We had ambitious plans for the summer: Vancouver Island, Florida, and, best of all, a two-week jaunt through Italy to see friends get married and visit family. (One Saturday night, buoyed by take-out sushi, a soundly sleeping infant in the next room over, and a couple glasses of wine, we even started talking about an adventure in Tokyo.)

That trip to the passport office was on March 7 B.C. – Before Coronavirus. It turned out to be one of our last mask-free outings as a family before Washington State's governor announced a stay-at-home order two weeks



later. The State Department stopped processing nonessential passports in April. And, in an instant, all our plans – unlike us – were up in the air.

In an alternate, limoncello-soaked reality, this essay would have been packed with memories and lessons learned from our first big trip with Eleanor – our grand Italian adventure as a party of three. (And *my* first trip to Italy too!) We'd overnight in Rome, drive to Tuscany for the wedding weekend, then hop a flight and a ferry to La Maddalena, the tiny island off the coast of Sardinia where my mother-in-law grew up. We'd meet great-aunts and -uncles, and my husband would translate as I tried to keep up with the conversation. Eleanor would screech while we dipped her toes in the Mediterranean. Connecting with extended family while building our own family – all the makings of beautiful reflection, right?

We were ready. I'd done the research and had the sleek travel crib and the lightweight stroller in my online cart. The extensive "surviving baby jet lag" googling was complete. I felt empowered by the friends with older kids who kept encouraging us to "Go now!" They said traveling with Eleanor would be much easier before she could get bored on airplanes and moody on car rides. She'd be turning 1 while we were in Tuscany. We joked about letting her celebrate by digging into a

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## TRAVEL HAS ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL MOST LIKE MYSELF. AND AFTER WORLD-CHANGING MOMENTS – LIFE, LOSS, A PANDEMIC – WE ALL DESERVE TO FEEL LIKE OURSELVES.

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slice of tiramisu. I couldn't wait to watch her grab for strands of *cacio e pepe* at lunch. (I also couldn't wait to grab for strands of *cacio e pepe* at lunch.)

Instead, I'm at home, where we've more or less been for the past six months. I'm writing this in my new office, which is really just a desk tucked in the corner of a spare bedroom. According to the State Department's Passport Application Status website, Eleanor's passport is still processing. After this year, I think we're all still processing.

I know: She won't be disappointed by these foiled first-birthday plans because she won't remember this year. I don't remember my early vacations either, but I still love asking my mom to tell me about them.

There was the road trip from Connecticut to Florida for Christmas when I was 14 months old. (A horrible idea in hindsight, she admits. We flew home while my dad and grandpa drove the car back.) And the summer getaway to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. My mom chuckles while telling me how I ran around all day and then refused to fall asleep until 4 AM ... not surprising, given that my own daughter likes to party at midnight too.

My mom lights up over these memories. So, as much as I'm disappointed for Eleanor this summer, I think it's clear that I'm *really* disappointed for me. I want to start collecting stories that I can tell my daughter about later. And I want to travel again. Though having a child is a beautiful, fulfilling, no-regrets experience, it can also be an overwhelming, lonely, and disorienting one. There's an unbelievable rush of love *and* a momentous loss of independence. But travel has always made me feel most like myself. And after world-changing moments – life, loss, a pandemic – we all deserve to feel like ourselves.

It's a privilege to be able to travel abroad as a family; I don't take that for granted. But amid everything that's going on in the world right now, I still believe you're allowed to feel sad about canceled vacation plans. It's OK to wallow for a minute. Yet what this summer could have been is what next summer might be. I'm still looking forward to Eleanor's first scoop of gelato on the Via del Corso, and now I've got a few extra months to learn a little more Italian than *grazie* and *allora*. And the passport offices have slowly started to reopen. Here's to filling my daughter's fresh one with stamps someday soon. VI.





# OVERTOURISM

**THREE TRAVEL-INDUSTRY INSIDERS ON HOW WE CAN HELP, GREAT UNSUNG SPOTS, AND SKIRTING THE CROWDS (WHEN THAT'S A THING AGAIN).**

INTERVIEWS BY ADAM ERACE



**Andrea Grisdale**  
CEO, IC Bellagio

**COVID-19 HAS PRESENTED HUGE OPPORTUNITIES** for traveling in Italy. I think this will be the only year ever when you can enjoy major destinations and sites without the crowds. Just two weeks ago I was in Piazza San Pietro at 3 PM, and there were no crowds. Places like the Vatican Museums have hugely reduced admissions, so the experience is much more pleasant. I think this will be the year Italians get to love vacationing in their own country.

There is talk about cruise ships starting back from Venice soon, something we can very easily link to overtourism. Rome and Venice are the destinations from which many cruises start and end their itineraries. Or, last year and the year before, there were some days where we had 9,000 people getting off a ship in one day destined for the Cinque Terre. And if you put those 9,000 people together with the day visitors and the people who are staying there, it's total chaos. In the last five years, it's become more and more a situation of also managing our itineraries around when we know there's going to be that huge amount of people at that time and in that place. While many people see overtourism as a problem, we see it as an opportunity.

Capri is a fabulous example. Everyone links Capri with the Blue Grotto. We start our itinerary later in the day and actually go first around the *back* of the island, so our guests get to see the other beautiful grottoes, and usually there is nobody there. They can do their swimming and go to the private little beaches, and then by the time they come to the front of the island, and they see the circus at the Blue Grotto, we ask, "Would you still like to go?" and it's like, "No, no, no, get me out of here!" And by the time they're arriving at Capri, it's four in the afternoon, which is also what time the crowds leave. So then they get Capri all to themselves, with a huge highlight being by the time they get back on their boat to the Amalfi Coast, the sun is generally setting over Capri.

Overtourism is mentioned in about 50 percent of our requests. They will say, "We would love to go when there's less people" or "We would be willing to wake up early if it meant avoiding the crowds." To help us understand the client, a great question we ask is, "How comfortable would you be enjoying dinner with a local family in their home?" and if people say they would love it, obviously we would feel a lot more comfortable going into regions or areas which are perhaps less frequented by international travelers. Say, for example, we're in the height of summer in the Tuscan countryside – our driver-guides might say, "Listen, if you want, we can go to Siena or San Gimignano, which I know is going to be quite busy today, or I can take you to San Donato, one of my favorite towns, at the top of a hill with stunning views, very authentic." It's all about giving the traveler bragging rights. They can go home and say, "What do you mean you've never heard of San Donato? It's the most amazing place."

*IC Bellagio is an on-site tour operator based in Lake Como that works with Virtuoso travel advisors to create custom trips.*



**Catherine Heald**  
Cofounder and CEO, Remote Lands

**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INDIA, ASIA HAS** relatively few Covid cases and deaths, and the countries are all well into recovery and largely reopened. Siem Reap and Angkor Wat, which is usually totally overrun with tour buses, are completely empty. This may never happen again in our lifetimes.

In Kyoto, the temples and gardens are usually packed, but are now empty. When Japan first opens, I expect this will continue for a few months until people are able to plan trips again. But when travel returns to pre-Covid levels, as it inevitably will, travelers can combat overtourism by avoiding the most famous destinations and instead venturing off the beaten path. In Japan, minimize time in Kyoto and Tokyo, and instead focus on remote corners of Hokkaido, Shikoku, and Kyushu. Elsewhere in Asia, in Indonesia, for example, they can minimize their time on Bali and instead go to Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Sulawesi, and Sumba. In India, skip Rajasthan and instead focus on Darjeeling, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, and Ladakh. These destinations are what I call underrated and underappreciated Asia.

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Angkor Wat. That's something most people want to do in their lifetimes, so it's our job to figure out a way to avoid the crowds and have a more private experience, whether it's the timing to avoid the tour buses, like going very early, or going in through a different entrance, as well as visiting a lot of other smaller temples that are wonderful but nobody goes to them. Or Everest: In Nepal, which is still closed and really suffering as they depend very much on tourism, I assume it will take some time to get back to pre-Covid numbers, especially for group travel, so spring 2021 will probably be an excellent time for hiking Everest without crowds, especially for individual travelers.

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**Alonso Roggero**  
General manager,  
Metropolitan Touring Peru

**THE REVIVAL OF TOURISM HAS JUST STARTED** in Peru, but incoming travel will continue to be very slow in the rest of 2020, mainly due to the fear of Covid and the economic impact of the crisis. Since Machu Picchu overshadows everything else, 95 percent of our visitors come here to go there; it's like going to Paris and seeing the Eiffel Tower. But the experience wasn't the best because of the amount of people – more than 4,000 per day before Covid. Now, a very low limit of visitors has been set, 675 per day (75 per hour). This daily limit will be increased as protocols and control measures improve. So whoever has the opportunity to come to Machu Picchu in 2020 will undoubtedly enjoy it with very few people around.



In normal times, to ensure our clients have the best experience at Machu Picchu, we try to avoid morning visits. There's a belief that the sunrise on Machu Picchu is something special, but since it's in the middle of a cloud forest, it's usually cloudy, especially in the mornings. We go in the afternoon, when it's usually sunny and there are fewer people. Another suggestion is to overnight in Machu Picchu so you can experience it in the afternoon with fewer people, and then on the following morning, if you like, you can go back very, very early before people arrive by train, or climb to the Huayna Picchu mountain, an in-demand experience within Machu Picchu that's only available during the morning.

But we also recommend other Inca sites, like Choquequirao and Huchuy Qosqo, that don't have the branding yet but could be as impressive as Machu Picchu. For visitors who want to combat overtourism, the most important thing is to open your mind to other possibilities; prioritize unique and super-authentic experiences in uncrowded destinations. For example, in Peru, we also have the northern coast, with sunny and warm beaches all year round; the southern coast with amazing deserts; and many Andean destinations, plus the Amazon. Brazil has positioned itself as "the Amazon," but the Amazon River is born in Peru and our rain forest is pristine. Traveling in Peru is usually very intense: There are lots of early wake-ups, lots of flights, packing and unpacking, plus high altitude, so at the end, it's nice to have a more relaxing experience like an Amazon cruise or lodge, an escape to the beach, or a few days at a Paracas desert resort.

Most Americans come to Peru for a week, and they just check off the southern Peru circuit – Arequipa, Cuzco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, and Puerto Maldonado. But northern Peru is super interesting: Trujillo, Chiclayo, Chachapoyas, which our tourism board has been putting in a lot of effort and money to promote. While southern Peru is all about Inca sites, the north is *pre-Inca* sites, and while they're a lot older than Machu Picchu, they are recent discoveries, so you can see the actual teams of archaeologists digging and working there.

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The percentage of travelers who feel ready to take a road trip now, according to a recent Virtuoso poll.



Freeze-frame: Iceland's lagoons beckon travelers.

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#### What travelers should keep in mind before heading out:

Your travel advisor can help you prepare for a broad range of Covid-19 measures at different hotels and research city, county, and state pandemic policies in the places you want to go (be sure to bookmark the ever-changing guidelines).

**Practical tips:** Consider renting a car. No one wants to put thousands of miles (not to mention crumbs and trash) on their own car over a period of a few weeks! Start stocking up on sanitizing supplies weeks in advance.

**How to manage social distancing:** Wanting to



Annapolis Harbor and the nineteenth-century Saint Mary's Church.

see all your friends is tempting – but resist. Instead of calling friends in each state, choose to see one or two people you can social-distance with for a short period of time.

**Where to go this fall:** While taking recommended precautions, I suggest exploring the mid-Atlantic, including Pennsylvania; Maryland's Eastern Shore and Annapolis; Washington, D.C.; and Virginia. The California coast, from San Diego north to Eureka, is also gorgeous, with stops along the way in Malibu, Santa Barbara, Big Sur, and San Francisco.

## BACKGROUND RESEARCH IF YOU'RE GOING TO ...



**PORTLAND, MAINE**  
("Port of Cool," page 34): Make lobster rolls at home with the new *Eventide: Recipes for Clambakes, Oysters, Lobster Rolls, and More from a Modern Maine Seafood Shack*.



**THE OPEN ROAD**  
("Toast of the Coast," page 60): Follow a dysfunctional family as they journey from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, California, in the Oscar-winning film *Little Miss Sunshine*.



**NEW MEXICO**  
("Painted Beauty," page 70): Read *Bless Me, Ultima*, Rudolfo Anaya's semi-autobiographical coming-of-age tale of vaqueros and spiritual healers in New Mexico during World War II.





## INTERVIEW

### MOUNTAIN RETREAT

With six children ranging from ages 8 to 23, Maryland-based health-care industry executive David Blair and his wife, Mikel, look for places to visit where everyone can do things together outdoors – hiking in Montana’s Glacier National Park, skiing, and “anything on the water.” After Covid-19 canceled their trip to Europe in June, they turned to their longtime travel advisor, Katie McCormack Krinkie of McLean, Virginia, to plan a rare road trip with their two youngest sons.

**The road trip was very much a departure** from our typical travel style. My wife and I drew a large circle on the map around Washington, D.C., and told Katie we didn’t want to drive more than seven hours a day, and we wanted to stay at rural properties that felt safer to us due to the virus.

**She came back with half a dozen options to consider**, and as we refined it with her, she’d make additional suggestions. We ended up heading south through the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky mountains. The first stop was Primland resort in Virginia’s Meadows of Dan, and then the new Blackberry Mountain resort near Walland, Tennessee.

**The best surprise of the trip** was discovering Blackberry Mountain and the area around it. The hiking trails are phenomenal – there’s one hike up to a fire watchtower that’s pretty intense, and the views are stunning.

**We probably hunkered down at the resort** a little too much, and for appropriate reasons, but there’s more to do in the surrounding area than we thought – and what looked like some really nice restaurants for the next time we visit. After this experience, it’s more than likely our next vacation will be a driving one too. **VI.**

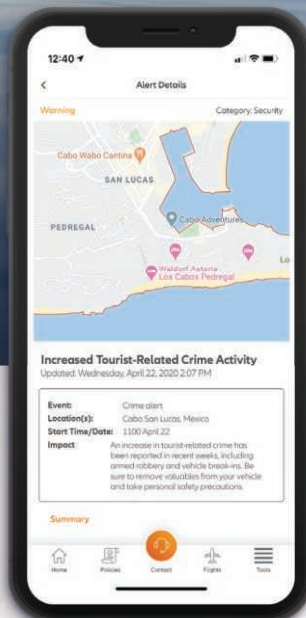
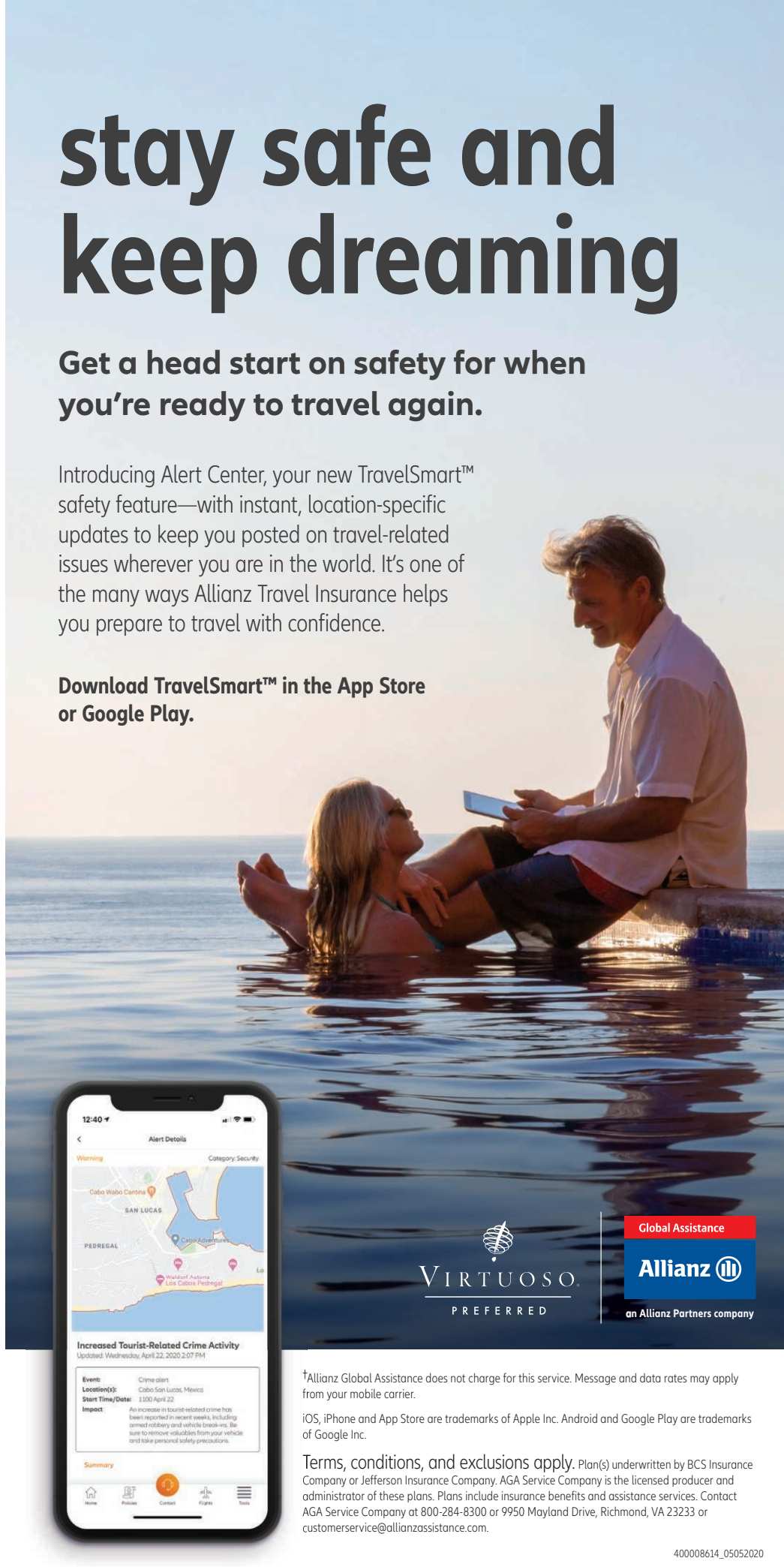
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