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GLOBETROTTING THROUGH MOVIES: Cinematic Adventures across the World

By Aren Bergstrom

If you love to travel, odds are you also love the movies. Movies shape how we see the world and specifically places beyond the horizon we've never been to. They feed a love of travel as watching a movie set in a fantastic location across the world will make you want to pick up your passport and venture there yourself.

In order to cater to an intertwined love of movies and travel, we've highlighted some of the most popular movie locations in the destinations Goway sells. There is always far more to these destinations than their movie tie-ins, but it's also hard to oversell the appeal of being able to walk into a location straight out of your favourite movie. So without further ado, let us take you on a journey across the world to explore locations from popular movies.

Middle-earth and Mad Max in the Land Downunder

Few movies have defined a country more than Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies. Jackson transformed his native New Zealand into Tolkien's Middle-earth and took advantage of its famous natural beauty. You'll come across locations from *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* across New Zealand, but no spot is more essential for Tolkien fans than Matamata, where the film crew constructed the Hobbit holes

of *Hobbiton*, which have remained in the countryside ever since production.

If you cross the Tasman Sea to Australia, you'll find another landscape taken advantage of by filmmakers across the world. Sydney was a popular shooting location in the late 1990s and two massive blockbusters were shot there. John Woo's *Mission: Impossible 2*, starring Tom Cruise as superspy Ethan Hunt, took place in and around Sydney, with key locations at Bare Island Fort at the entrance of Botany Bay, Argyle Place in The Rocks, and the coastal road near Boora Point, where the famous motorcycle chase was filmed. The Wachowskis' *The Matrix* was also filmed in Sydney, with most of the scenes set within the computer program of a generic western metropolis circa 1999 being filmed in the Central Business District.

If you leave behind Sydney, you'll discover locations from other popular films like George Miller's *Mad Max* Trilogy. *Mad Max* was shot in and around Melbourne, with key chase scenes taking place near Little River, northeast of Geelong. *The Road Warrior* was shot in and around Broken Hill. *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* was largely made in the opal mining town of Coober Pedy in South Australia.

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Hiking the Kepler Track of New Zealand.

One Week or Longer in New Zealand

By Christian Baines

A New Zealand vacation is one to last a lifetime. No matter how short or long your stay, the country's jaw-dropping natural beauty, as well as its generous spirit, will leave their mark on your heart, perhaps leading you back for several visits.

Not sure where to go to spend the perfect week, fortnight, or longer trip to New Zealand? Don't miss a thing with these itineraries.

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Great views of wildlife from the Pride of Africa.

Cape to Cairo: A Journey of a Lifetime

By Aren Bergstrom

There are memorable vacations and then there are vacations that change the way you see the world. Goway's Cape to Cairo is one of the latter. The 30-day Cape to Cairo takes you across the whole of the African continent to experience some of the many life-changing things that Africa is home to. It features an epic train journey aboard the *Pride of Africa*, Rovos Rail's award-winning train that has been hailed as the most luxurious in the world, as well as stays in some of the continent's best properties. Most importantly, it cuts across the heart of Africa so you can experience the beating heart of this ancient land and its many wonders. It truly deserves the label of Journey of a Lifetime.

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Sydney's famous skyline is popular in movies.

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Karen Blixen's former home is now a museum.

Romance and Fantasy in Africa

When it comes to Africa, it's hard to beat the appeal of a safari. There's romance to a safari and an undeniable sense that you've left behind the confusions of the modern world to appreciate nature at its most vibrant and alive. Few movies capture the romance of safari better than *Out of Africa*, Sydney Pollock's Best Picture-winning adaptation of Karen Blixen's memoir, starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. The movie was filmed and set in the Ngong Hills in the Langata district of Nairobi. Today, you'll find the Karen Blixen Museum there, which transforms her old farmhouse into a historical landmark. The movie was also filmed in Shaba National Game Reserve in Central Kenya, as well as the famous Masai Mara Game Reserve, which is an essential stop on most Goway safaris through East Africa.

However, not all movies shot in Africa play into the romantic safari imagery. The recent *Mad Max: Fury Road*, George Miller's 2015 action masterpiece, shot in the Namib Desert in Namibia, using the wide stretches of sand dunes and rocky desert as the setting for the film's action-packed car chases. The original *Star Wars* also took advantage of Africa's unique geography to create a fantastic world. The Berber village of Matmata in Tunisia was used as the Tatooine home of Luke Skywalker in the film's early scenes. If you visit Matmata, you can still see the Hotel Sidi Driss, which was used in both the original *Star Wars* and *Attack of the Clones*.



Petra's Treasury sadly doesn't have the Holy Grail.

Desert Splendour in the Middle East

Jordan has some of the most spectacular spots in the entire Middle East. However, few landmarks compare to Petra, the ancient city carved into the rock walls of a canyon in the country's southwest. Petra's Treasury features prominently in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, the third film in Steven Spielberg's popular franchise about archaeologist Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford). Spielberg used the Treasury as the exterior of the temple holding the Holy Grail in the film's climax. Although you cannot enter the Treasury as Indiana Jones does in the film, it's still an extra delight to follow in the footsteps of cinema's treasure hunter while seeing this spectacular creation.

In the far southeast corner of Jordan, you'll also find Wadi Rum, a massive desert home to Bedouin tribes, which features prominently in David Lean's historical epic *Lawrence of Arabia*. The red rocks and stark stretches of desert in Wadi Rum are so otherworldly, filmmakers love to shoot sci-fi here. For instance, J.J. Abrams' final movie in the *Star Wars* saga, *The Rise of Skywalker*, shot here recently, *The Martian* a few years ago, and Denis Villeneuve's anticipated adaptation of Frank Herbert's *Dune* was currently filming here as well, along with its television series. So look forward to seeing more of this beautiful desert on the silver screen.

Otherworldly Beauty in Asia

Asia produces so many movies and has become so central to the global film industry that you could go to Hong Kong or Tokyo and find dozens of locations from beloved movies. However, for more mainstream North American moviegoers, it's best to venture beyond the metropolises. Although the movie has faded from the popular consciousness, the beauty of the setting in Danny Boyle's *The Beach*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, has given the film something of an afterlife in the minds of travellers. The film was shot on the stunning island of Koh Phi Phi and although the original beach used in the film has been closed due to an excess of tourists, the rest of the island is a beautiful, beguiling place to visit.

No movies dominate modern pop-culture quite like comic book movies. Scott Derrickson's Marvel blockbuster *Doctor Strange* sets a substantial portion of the film in Kathmandu, as Steven Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) tracks down Tilda Swinton's Ancient One in the Nepalese capital. Key locations include Pashupatinath Temple and Patan Durbar Square.

Although it was entirely filmed in studios, James Cameron's *Avatar* was hugely inspired by Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in Hunan Province, China. The floating mountains in the movie were designed to look like the breathtaking spires of Zhangjiajie.



The beautiful island of Skopelos was featured in *Mamma Mia!*

South America's Historical Wonder

Few movies capture the overarching appeal of South America better than Walter Salles' *The Motorcycle Diaries*, which follows Gael Garcia Bernal's young Che Guevara on a motorcycle ride across the continent. The film was shot in sequence in the actual locations Guevara visited, such as Buenos Aires, the Lake District of Argentina, Ollantaytambo, and Machu Picchu—all locations you can easily visit with Goway. *Evita*, Alan Parker's adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical about Eva Peron, starring Madonna, also prominently features Buenos Aires and locations central to Peron's life, such as Casa Rosada and St. Stephen's Basilica.

In nearby Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, you can ride the cable car up Sugarloaf Mountain or join in the festivities of Carnival similar to James Bond in *Moonraker*. Roger Moore's Bond visits Rio midway through the film, chases down bad guys during the Carnival parade, and even fights the towering, steel-toothed henchman Jaws on the cable cars that take people up Sugarloaf.



Views of Machu Picchu.



The famous Hobbiton Movie Set in Matamata lets you experience Middle-earth in the real world.

Blockbuster Island Getaways

It's no wonder filmmakers love to shoot on the beautiful islands of the world; they're visual feasts. Ryan Murphy's *Eat Pray Love* starring Julia Roberts featured extensive scenes shot in Ubud on the island of Bali, which is as lovely a destination for an island escape as you can get. Similarly, halfway across the world, the ABBA musical *Mamma Mia!* shot on the Greek islands of Skopelos and Damouchari, both islands you can visit on a journey through Greece.

Hawaii has always been a popular shooting location for movies and TV shows. The recent blockbuster *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* starring Dwayne Johnson shot on Oahu Island. Going back a few years, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* also took advantage of Hawaii and shot key scenes on Kauai. In fact, Manawaiopuna Falls, which are featured in the film, were even named Jurassic Falls because of the film's popularity. You can only see the falls on a helicopter ride, which can make you feel like Sam Neill, Laura Dern, and Jeff Goldblum in the opening of the film as they approach the fictional island of Isla Nublar.

Magical UK and the City of Lights

Like Asia, Europe is chock-full of famous movie locations. Almost every city you visit or landmark you photograph will have been featured in one movie or the other. It's hard to compete with the love of the *Harry Potter* series, which was shot across the United Kingdom. In London, you can stop at King's Cross Station to visit the real Platform 9 ¾, which transports Harry and his friends off to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the movie. You can also swing by Oxford Christ Church Cathedral to see the inspira-

tion for Hogwarts' Great Hall. If you really want to deep-dive into the series, Warner Bros. Studio Hertfordshire offers behind-the-scenes tours that showcase sets and props from the series and give you a glimpse into the movie magic.

If you head north of England into Scotland, you'll reach the Scottish Highlands and a stunning stretch of landscape featured in the James Bond movie *Skyfall*, starring Daniel Craig. Later in the film, Bond flees back to his childhood home in the Highlands and the film crew shot in Glen Coe and Glen Etive to capture these scenes and showcase the stark, hilly landscape.

Paris has featured in more films than you can count, but among the most popular are Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*, which recreates the Paris of the Lost Generation in the 1920s as Owen Wilson's hapless writer travels back in time and meets the likes of Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Salvador Dali. Restaurants such as Polidor and bridges like Pont Neuf feature prominently in the film. Jean-Pierre Jeunet's *Amélie* is another beloved film about Paris and you can visit Café des Deux Moulins in Montmartre, which is where Amélie works in the movie.

Movies continue to shape how we see other countries and envision the world we live in. They also encourage us to explore beyond the horizon and see the places we visit on screen. Thus, a vacation across the world is not only an opportunity to learn about other cultures, visit beautiful landscapes, and delve into the past, but also a means of exploring the worlds of our favourite movies. And for globetrotters who are also movie buffs, this fact makes travel only more exciting.



Glen Coe in the Scottish Highlands was used as the childhood home of James Bond in *Skyfall*.

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The Perfect One Week, Two Week, or Longer Trip to New Zealand

Skyline of Auckland, New Zealand's largest city.

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The Kiwi Express: New Zealand in a Week and Change

One week isn't enough time to properly explore New Zealand, but nine days lets you cover the essentials. Spend a couple of nights in Auckland, where the relaxed, perfectly blended pace of life gives you time to shake off any jetlag. Then head to the bubbling mud pits and spouting geysers of Rotorua. Over two days, explore Te Whakarewarewa thermal reserve, Te Puia Rotorua, or even the Agrodome for a sheep herding demonstration. Dedicate one evening to taking in a traditional Maori concert and hangi feast before moving on to Queenstown for three or four nights. A day trip to Milford Sound is a must, but it will eat up an entire day, so allow at least one more for getting the most out of New Zealand's adrenaline capital. Go jetboating or zip-lining, take a scenic helicopter ride, or simply enjoy the mountain landscape. Round off the trip with at least one night in Christchurch. This rejuvenated city is now home to an exciting mix of small bars, restaurants, shops, and cafes, ever-changing art installations, and long-standing highlights such as the Canterbury Museum and International Antarctic Centre.

Two Perfect Weeks in New Zealand

With two weeks in New Zealand, add two nights in Wellington. Explore the fantastic Te Papa Tongerewa Museum of New Zealand, visit Hobbiton, or take a trip along the Seal Coast. Then fly to Queenstown as per the one week plan, but extend the ad-

venture with two nights in Glacier Country, choosing between Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. One might recommend the better developed town of Franz Josef to families and those in search of creature comforts, while Fox is more suited to active nature lovers with a sense of adventure. The two are evenly matched for natural 'wow factor.' From here, perhaps book a KiwiRail Scenic Journey to really bring the Southern Alps to life en route to Christchurch.



A kayak trip is a great way to see Milford Sound.

The Best of New Zealand with Three Weeks or More

A three or four week trip through New Zealand gives you time to add in some less famous, but no less impressive regions and cities.

Bay of Islands

Beyond its perfect climate, the Bay of Islands plays a key role in New Zealand's history. The Treaty of Waitangi was signed here in 1840 between the British Crown and the North Island's Maori chiefs, establishing the nation we now know. Mix in beautiful

islands and dolphin spotting opportunities, and you have a New Zealand highlight for history buffs and nature lovers alike.

Bay of Plenty

Once you catch a glimpse of the Bay of Plenty from the top of Mount Manganui, you might not want to leave. The Bay of Plenty isn't so much a 'must-see' highlight as a 'must-experience' spot to slow things down on some of New Zealand's best beaches.

Napier

Art deco fans take note. There's much to love in Napier, where the style dominated rebuild efforts after a devastating 1931 earthquake. The Hawkes Bay region is also famous for some of New Zealand's best food and wine.

Nelson, Wineries, and Abel Tasman National Park

Nelson is the gateway to Abel Tasman

National Park, an oasis for diverse wildlife that inhabits the northern tip of the South Island. You might also want to visit the local wineries of the Marlborough region, known for its Sauvignon Blancs.

Kaikoura

Kaikoura is one of the world's best spots to see whales, while the surrounding coast supports large colonies of seals, dolphins, and marine birds.

Dunedin

Explore New Zealand's most haunted town! Dunedin enchants as you explore Larnach Castle, embark on a wildlife cruise of the Otago Peninsula, or just enjoy the youthful university energy of the country's southernmost city.

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The Champagne Pool is one of many hot springs in Rotorua.

A Devilish Good Time on The Tasman Peninsula

Great hiking trails await you in Tasman National Park in the Tasman Peninsula.

By Christian Baines

When European explorers first heard the screams and snarls of the Tasmanian Devil at night, they first thought such sounds had to come from some supernatural evil, lurking in the dark. When they finally glimpsed the culprits, the jet black fur, red ears, sharp claws, and vampire-esque fangs probably didn't do much to dispel the myth!

Yet, seeing the Tasmanian Devil in daylight, a streak of white across its chest, little claws hooked around a log and a somewhat dejected expression in its eyes, you have to wonder how a creature's image could go so horribly wrong. It seems adorable. Almost cuddly.

Then comes feeding time and... okay, we'll pass on those cuddles.

Despite its status as the world's largest carnivorous marsupial, the notoriously vicious yet impossibly cute Tasmanian Devil has never been an 'apex' predator, and in recent years has faced an invasive new threat. A le-

thal facial tumour disease has decimated the Tasmanian Devil population throughout the island, creating pressure to isolate and protect healthy devil colonies and regions. One such region is the Tasman Peninsula, a handy hour's drive from Hobart.

The Tasman Peninsula's main attraction is Port Arthur, one of Australia's oldest and most notorious historic penal settlements, typically reserved for convicts deemed the worst of the worst. The Tasman Peninsula offered a natural barrier to escape, being completely surrounded by water except for the small isthmus known as Eaglehawk Neck. That same isolation has become the local Tasmanian Devils' best shield against disease. Along with a colony in Tasmania's remote northwest, the peninsula's devils are the island's best hope for sustaining a healthy population of these animals into the future.

Located just a short drive from Eaglehawk Neck is Tasmanian Devil Unzoo. While

visitors don't wander free with the devils, whose bite packs the strongest force (relative to size) of any carnivorous mammal on Earth, they do come close, and can pop their heads up from the underground 'devil den' to come nose to nose with the beasts, safely separated by glass. A devil feeding is one of the more thrilling events you can witness in Tasmania. Even watching just one devil wrestle for its lunch gives new appreciation for their tenacity. They will happily devour either fresh meat or carrion, bones, fur and all.

It's possible to draw certain parallels between that hardscrabble existence (and image problem), and the lives of the men who were imprisoned at Port Arthur. Public perception and social influence played as much a part in who was sentenced to Port Arthur as the crime's severity. The men and boys who wound up here were usually not expected to return to the mainland, let alone England, even if they survived a sentence that typi-

cally involved floggings, savage guard dogs, work on chain gangs that could lead to serious injury or worse, and solitary confinement. Even in the prison chapel, each man was confined to his own booth during the service.

Evidence of these hardships is still visible at the Port Arthur Historic Site, which shares the stories of convicts, guards, and the few free settlers who made Port Arthur home. These range from heartwarming to haunting—quite literally if you care to stick around after dark for one of Australia's most atmospheric ghost tours. A cruise around Carnarvon Bay, circling the Isle of the Dead, which contained the colony's cemetery, completes the experience while showing off the natural beauty of the area.

Whether you've come for the history, the snarling, adorable wildlife, or to try and squeeze in both, a day on the Tasman Peninsula is a must if you're coming to Hobart. Just try to resist the urge to pet the Tasmanian Devils. Buy a plush toy one instead. Some of them even growl and snarl!

During this five day small group tour, visit Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Parks, travel to the Tasman Peninsula and Hobart, keeping your eyes open for the infamous Tasmanian Devil. From US \$2,079



Tasmanian Devils don't travel as whirlwinds.



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Quokkas in Western Australia

An adorable quokka enjoys a selfie in Western Australia.

Stand anywhere along Perth's turquoise coast, look west and you'll see the shimmering silhouette of Rottnest Island on the horizon, a mere 11mi/17km off the white sandy shores. Home to 20 bays, 63 secluded beaches, and an endemic population of probably the friendliest marsupials in Australia, the quokka, Perth's car-free getaway has been put firmly on the map in recent times. It makes for an unforgettable day trip on a journey through Western Australia.

If you've never heard of the quokka, or their island paradise off the coast of Western Australia, we've got the ultimate lowdown on them. First of all, the quokka is a marsupial native to Rottnest Island in Western Australia. They can live up to 10 years and can only be found on this small island near Perth. Their smiling face and friendly demeanor has led them to being labelled the happiest animal in the world. The early Dutch explorers likened quokkas to rats, which explains the origins of the name "Rottnest" Island, meaning "Rats' Nest Island."

Quokkas live all over the bays and beaches of the island. Since they're friendly, they won't avoid human contact, even hanging out right outside your door or glamping suite. They're clever animals and can learn tricks, gestures, and even simple commands. They've become extremely popular in selfies for Instagram, with famous celebrities such

as Margot Robbie, Terri Hatcher, Roger Federer, Kelly Slater, and Hugh Jackman having ticked off this famous wildlife encounter. The most famous of all quokka selfies was taken by Chris Hemsworth while on holiday with his family, having been liked 4.2 million times on Instagram so far. Since the start of the Instagram craze for quokka selfies, Rottnest Island has experienced a surge of both nature lovers and trendsetters wanting to add the adorable holiday snap to their memories.

However, quokkas aren't the only animals you'll spot while visiting Rottnest Island. Eco-tours also get up close with dolphins, seals, and migrating whales from September to December. Rottnest Island is also a great place to bike, since there are no cars allowed here and bikes let you rule the roads and master the art of "quokka spotting." All



Go for a bike ride along the beaches of Rottnest.

told, nearly 800,000 people visit Rottnest Island each year, both for the quokkas and the beautiful ocean views.

#QuokkaEtiquette

There are some rules of etiquette to follow when getting this adorable selfie. Because quokkas are so trusting, it's easy to get too close to them and grow careless. Using a selfie-stick is a good idea when snapping a selfie, since it allows you to stay a respectful distance and not crowd the animal.

Holly Knight, General Manager of Environment on Rottnest Island, says that you don't actually need to approach a quokka. If you sit and wait, one will undoubtedly come to you to say hello.

"The easiest place to get a selfie is in the main settlement," she says. "The best time to see them is at 4pm or 5pm. At dusk, lots of them come out into the heritage common, a green space where the bakery is. Quokkas love grass."

Knight says the quokkas in the open Thompson Bay areas are the friendliest while others may be camera shy.

"We try to stop people from going off the beaten track and into bushes to find a quokka; in doing so they trample some of our native flora or head into snake territory. We advise keeping to the prescribed paths and not approaching the ones out in the reserve

because they're very wild and timid."

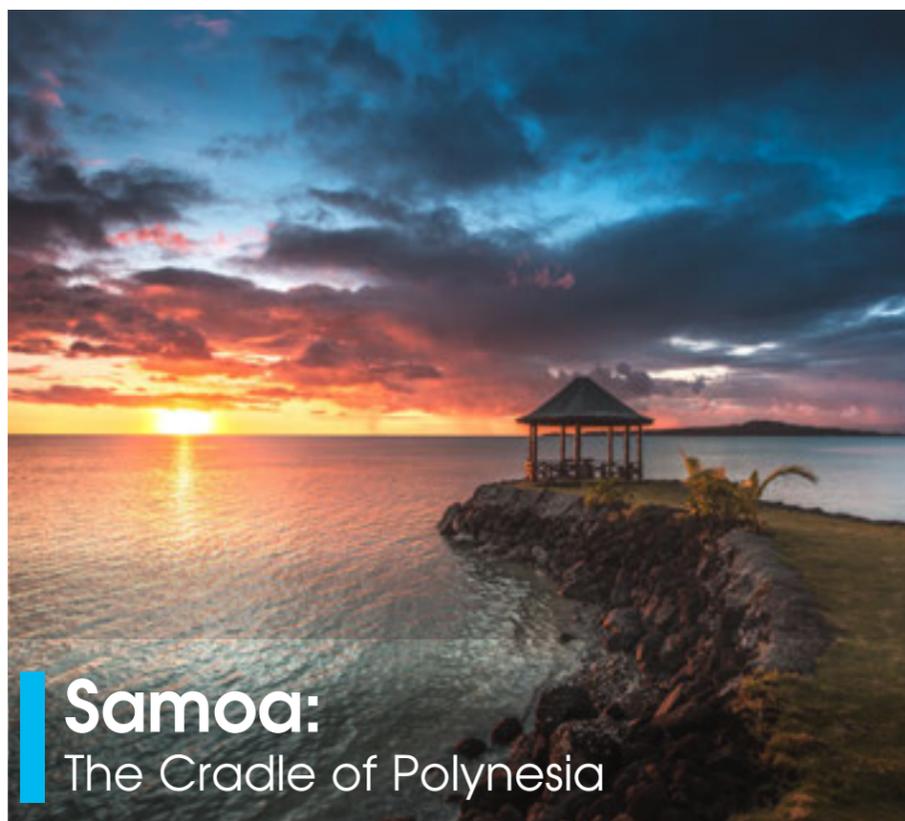
It also goes without saying that you should never touch or feed a quokka and be sure to maintain a safe distance from mothers and their young.

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Samoa: The Cradle of Polynesia

Samoa is home to some of the most breathtaking sunsets in the world.

When you arrive in Samoa, you might feel as if you've stepped into a dream. But this is where South Pacific vacation dreams are realized. Pure natural beauty, affordable luxury, and enriching activities—it's all here. Known as the last bastion of Polynesian culture, Samoa is blessed with year-round warm weather (average 84°F/29°C). And with its sparkling white sandy beaches, stunning waterfalls, tropical rainforests, and vibrant gardens, it's the perfect destination for your off-the-radar getaway—where you can truly unplug and reconnect with nature, yourself, or with the one you love.

Referred to as "the treasured islands of the Pacific," Samoa is made up of 10 islands offering distinct and varied environments to explore and is generally untouched by Westernization. Blissfully remote, it's located just two and a half hours from Fiji or six hours from Hawaii on Fiji Airways and four hours from New Zealand on Air New Zealand.

Samoa is brimming with a unique culture that's 3,000 years in the making. Get to know Fa'a Samoa—the Samoan Way—which has an emphasis on family, service, and respect of elders to guide everyday life. There's no better

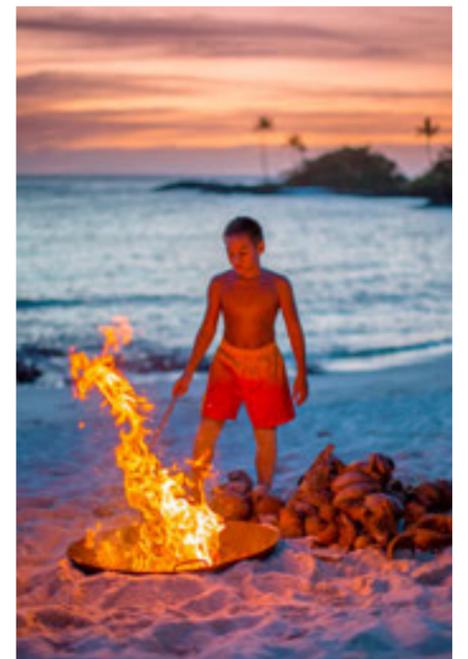
place to see Fa'a Samoa in action than at the Samoan Cultural Village in Apia, Samoa's capital. Learn about cultural practices and arts, witness a traditional 'Ava ceremony or Tatau (tattoo) application, and see the making of Tapa—colorful printed cloth made from the inner bark of the paper mulberry tree. You may also have an opportunity to participate in a celebratory Fia Fia Night, complete with traditional buffet and entertainment featuring beautiful songs, graceful dances, and the mesmerizing Siva Afi dance—the fire knife dance.

Samoa's stunning natural attractions will blow you away, beginning with the impressive Alofaaga Blowholes. Every few seconds a roaring jet of water shoots hundreds of feet up into the air, and it's definitely not something you see every day. Next, watch thousands of gallons of water flow down from high above at the Afu Aau Waterfall, plunging from the rainforest deep into a fresh-water pool that's perfect for an afternoon dip. Then, make your way to the famed To-Sua Trench. A unique land formation consisting of two giant holes connected by a lava tube, the To-Sua Trench is Samoa's number one attraction. No visit to Samoa is complete without a day at the beach, and Lalomanu Beach on the southeastern tip of Upolu has "come and unwind in paradise" written all over it. As one of Samoa's most pristine beaches, these sugary white sands are easy to love but hard to leave. For an even more remote island experience, make your way to Namu'a Island, a small island approximately five minutes by boat from the east coast of Upolu. There are no cars or hotels on the island, which makes it ideal for sunning, snorkelling, and sea kayaking amongst turtles and other sea life.

An ideal visit to Samoa involves a healthy mix of laid-back relaxation and engaging activities that cater to your adventurous spirit. Beyond soaking up Samoa's jaw-dropping

natural beauty, you'll want to fully immerse yourself in this tropical paradise. Calm, crystal-clear waters beckon swimmers, surfers, and paddlers. And treasures lie below the surface for snorkellers and divers: a rainbow of sea life, underwater caves, and winding corals are just begging to be explored. On land, set off on a guided hike or mountain bike ride along rugged jungle trails, stopping to snap photos of cascading waterfalls and peaceful lagoons. But if you'd rather take things easy, lounging poolside or indulging in a relaxing spa treatment can be just as invigorating for mind, body, and spirit.

Escape to Samoa on a relaxing beach vacation. Go snorkelling, kayaking, fishing, take a village walking tour, try a surf lesson, or kick back with a great book and enjoy friendly Samoan hospitality. From US \$2,279



Fire is an important part of Samoan culture.



So Many Options in The Cook Islands

The Cook Islands caters to every kind of traveler from tranquility to activity, this paradise is an all-in-one island destination.

Travel isn't a "one-size-fits-all" experience.

Newlyweds usually vacation differently than families; 20-somethings often don't appreciate paradise the same way as older generations do. Some travellers select itineraries with meal plans and book activities in advance. Others take each day as it comes, spontaneously deciding to hike or bike around and stop for unplanned coffees or cocktails along the way.

This is a small, friendly and peaceful place, free of traffic signals and corporate franchises. And yet, the islands offer a surprising array of options. In other larger, more crowded destinations, the only way to sightsee is to book a tour. In smaller, less developed destinations, there are no tours to book. The Cook Islands is neither.

These islands provide tranquil escapes from the bustle of daily life, and offer oases of adventure and education. Visitors here are at ease exploring on a rented scooter or bicycle, on foot, or choosing from a diverse array of organized tours. It's easy to find a deserted beach, learn to kitesurf, spend all day reading in a hammock, or ride a dune buggy through a thick jungle. Some visitors



A visiting family learns how to make food "umu" style on a cultural tour.

will dine with their toes in the sand, others will charter a private boat to fish beyond the reef. When the sun goes down, choices may be to cruise the lagoon on a lit-up paddle board, attend a cultural dinner and dance show, or ride a "party bus" around the island to meet the locals at various beach bars.

Getting there also offers wonderful variety. Air New Zealand, an internationally award-winning airline, offers a weekly non-stop service every Saturday evening from the

gateway at LAX to Rarotonga's lagoon-side international airport. Highly competitive airfares are offered in Economy Class, an exclusive Premium Economy cabin, or indulge in Business Premier™ offering a lie-flat leather arm chair bed at an astonishingly low price for such luxury! Local travel between islands is offered by Air Rarotonga aboard their turboprop aircraft, or by private jet.

Accommodation choices have something for everyone, from living like a local in a thatched-roof home on one of the outer islands, a five-star resort with an onsite spa and private pools, or anyplace in between: Backpackers' hostels, hotels, beach bungalows, resorts offering childcare, others for adults-only, retreats in the verdant mountains, or studio units on the shore.

Dining is just as diverse. Visitors to the Cook Islands so often emphasize the freshness and affordability of the food. Options range from fresh fish sandwiches for just \$7 NZD (\$4.50 USD) that regularly feature in influencers' Instagram posts, to in-villa dining with a private chef, a fine dinner at Tamarind House, one of Rarotonga's most

popular restaurants, or the ability to sign up for a "progressive dinner" to sample a Cook Islands cuisine in local homes.

In the Cook Islands, there's truly something for everyone.

Plan for a long stay, or take a quick winter break for as little as US \$1,239 to enjoy a slice of heaven on earth on this South Pacific paradise.



Some say you haven't really experienced the Cook Islands until you've sampled its signature dish, Ika Mata.



From 1964 to 2020: Another Chance for Tokyo to Dazzle

Left: The Imperial Palace is a beautiful example of classical Japanese architecture; Right: Electric Town Akihabara is Tokyo's centre for anime, manga, and all things video game related.

By Aren Bergstrom

A lot has changed for Tokyo in the past 56 years. On the eve of the 1964 Summer Olympics, Tokyo was considered something of a backwater. But in the lead up to the Olympics, Japan rebuilt and expanded the city, transforming it into a modern metropolis that was now open to the world. During the 2020 Summer Olympics, Tokyo will no longer have to define itself on the world stage, since it has enjoyed several decades as one of the world's most popular cities. But it will once again have the opportunity to take the global spotlight and show how it is a city that is endlessly pushing forward into the future.

The 1964 Summer Olympics

Back in 1964, Tokyo was not what it is today. Coming not even 20 years after the end of World War II, the Olympics were an opportunity to redefine Japan on the world stage and transform it from a past enemy combatant into a friendly ally. Furthermore, Tokyo was considered something of a backwater. The remarkable urban transformation for the Olympics announced the city's emergence into the present.

A lot of hopes and dreams for the country were relying on the success of the event,

and luckily, things turned out well for Japan in the wake of the Olympics. The new shinkansen (bullet trains) dazzled visitors while technological innovations like photo finishes and colour broadcasts changed the games themselves. The games were so popular, Life Magazine even proclaimed them the "greatest Olympics ever held." Japan became a heralded tourist destination and the immense infrastructure projects built for the Olympics (trains, hotels, airports) laid the groundwork for the country's transformation into a technological dynamo in the 1980s. We wouldn't think of Tokyo as this futuristic marvel if it wasn't for the 1964 Summer Olympics.

Tokyo As We Know It

The futuristic aspects of Tokyo would not come about until the late 1970s onwards, but even during the 1964 Olympics, many of Tokyo's most popular attractions were firmly in place. The old neighbourhoods of Asakusa and Ueno would've been largely as they are today. The impressive Buddhist temple of Senso-ji was rebuilt that year after its devastation in World War II, while similarly, the Shinto shrine dedicated to the late Emperor, Meiji Jingu in Harajuku, was completed in 1958 and was open to the public during

the Olympics. The Tokyo National Museum had been around since the late 19th century, and even Tokyo Tower had opened six years before the Olympics began and was firmly entrenched as the tallest structure in the country at the time. If you had visited Tokyo during the 1964 Olympics, you would've had a chance to see many of the historical wonders that still dazzle tourists today.

The 2020 Summer Olympics

That being said, a lot has changed since 1964. Prior to the 1964 Olympics, foreigners thought of Japan as an old-fashioned nation that was hopelessly stuck in the past. The Olympics changed that perception and showed that Japan had very much adapted to become a modern country. In the past 56 years, Japan has now outpaced the other modern countries of the world and become something of a futuristic icon. It's the world's top tourist destination and ranks at the top of world rankings for friendliness, transit infrastructure, and cleanliness. It leads the world in terms of food, with more Michelin 3-star restaurants than anywhere else in the world, and its electronics and automobiles are considered among the best in the world.

Tokyo no longer needs a facelift or has to remake itself to wow tourists. But Japan

is not satisfied with the status quo and will seek to use the 2020 Olympics to make a statement about just how futuristic the country has become. Among these planned demonstrations are robot workers to help people find their way around Tokyo, zero carbon waste at sports venues to offset environmental impacts, and self-driving cars with fuel cells to shuttle tourists. There's even an artificial meteor shower planned for the opening ceremonies.

If you visit Tokyo in 2020, you'll find evidence of its startling innovation everywhere you turn. The neon lights of Shinjuku and Shibuya promise endless nightlife, the loud costumes and gaming of Akihabara speak to a youth culture that has conquered the globe, and innovations like pod hotels, subway systems that are efficient to the second, and the world's fastest trains continue to showcase how Japan leads the world in so many ways. The Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics will be another demonstration of just how far Japan has come and how much further it intends to go.

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Archaeological Treasures of Southeast Asia

Angkor Wat is among the world's most celebrated archaeological treasures and even adorns the Cambodian flag.

By Christian Baines

Southeast Asia offers a treasure trove of archaeological sites to thrill any history loving globetrotter. While you could spend years exploring the region and not visit them all, here are five of the best must-sees.

Angkor, Cambodia

Perhaps no name is more etched on the imagination of a Southeast Asia bound history buff than Angkor. This ancient capital of the once expansive Khmer empire was built around what is still the largest religious building in the world. The symbol of Cambodia, the towers of Angkor Wat loom over the forest just north of Siem Reap, overlooking a vast, moated temple complex that has intrigued archaeologists both with its role in Khmer history and with the precision of its astrological placement. Nearby, you'll find the remains of Angkor Thom, the ancient centre of this vast empire, built around the impressive Bayon. A short drive away, Ta Phrom maintains its overgrown beauty as the roots of sprung trees carve their path through its decorative reliefs. Though Khmer ruins can be found from Vietnam to the Burmese border, they all point back to the centre of it all at Angkor.

Sukhothai, Thailand

The ruined remains of Siam's 13th century capital, the Sukhothai Historical Park

protects over 26 Buddhist temples including Wat Mahathat, the centre of spirituality in the kingdom, along with the remains of the royal palace. If Ayutthaya is where Thai civilization blossomed, Sukhothai is its predecessor, where Thailand's story began. Its name literally translates to 'dawn of happiness,' and Sukhothai embodied that philosophy until its annexation. For anyone interested in Thai history, this unique and beautiful, if remote, site is worth the trip.



Bagan has breathtaking sunrises.

Ayutthaya, Thailand

Located just a short drive from Bangkok, the Kingdom of Ayutthaya was one of Southeast Asia's power players, annexing its northern neighbour, Sukhothai, to become the capital of Siam from 1350 to 1767. Today, its influence and might can be seen in what seems like countless ruined stupas, temples, and Buddha images. Start at the Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre for a better understanding of what you're seeing and consider renting a bike if you're not on a tour.

Bagan, Myanmar

Spread over 2,200 stunning pagodas and stupas, visitors would probably swarm Bagan if it were found in just about any neighbouring country. Situated in the Mandalay region, this ancient city served as the capital of the Pagan Kingdom for over four centuries, before Mongol invasion collapsed the empire in 1287. The flat geography of the Bagan Plains emphasises the magnificence of this ancient city. It also makes it ideal for biking, but to really get a sense of its scope, take a hot air balloon trip to catch

the dawn colours breaking over this seemingly endless field of stupas.

Borobudur and Prambanan, Indonesia

Before you make a beeline for Bali, look up Borobudur on the island of Java. The world's largest Buddhist temple, it dates from the 8th and 9th centuries, making it the oldest complex on this list. Close enough to be seen in the same day, Prambanan is the largest Hindu temple site in Indonesia. Once home to an incredible 240 temples, it still preserves the 150 foot high Shiva temple, though you will find Buddhist monuments in the park as well. There's a sense of wonder at walking between Prambanan's spires, or gazing up at Borobudur's nine stacked platforms, decorated with over 2,600 relief panels and 504 Buddha statues that can only really be understood in person. You can even visit as a 2-day extension from Bali, if you wish.

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The Terracotta Warriors protect the emperor's tomb in Xian.

Xian: China's Treasure Trove

By Aren Bergstrom

Beijing is China's most popular city and Shanghai its city of the future, but Xian is perhaps its greatest treasure. Home to the Terracotta Warriors and erstwhile centre of the Qin Dynasty, it has over 2,000 years of history to boast of. In Xian you can travel into the past and explore China's imperial history.

Located in Shaanxi Province in the country's middle-north, Xian was once China's imperial capital. The country's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, unified the nation while in Xian and the city continued to play an important role in the country's history even as the capital moved elsewhere. In the Middle Ages, it sat on the eastern edge of the Silk Road and was essential to trade and travel. Today, it's one of the largest cities in

Western China, with a population over 12 million. Its many historical treasures make it one of the country's most popular spots for tourists, but its cultural side will surprise you beyond the monuments.

The Terracotta Warriors are Xian's greatest treasures. Handcrafted during the Qin Dynasty, these remarkable statues were placed into the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang and meant to protect him in the afterlife, serving as his supernatural army. While the majority of the emperor's tomb has yet to be excavated and opened to the public, the Terracotta Warriors are on display and offer insight into the military of the 3rd century B.C., as well as ancient Chinese burial practices. If you venture beyond the tomb, you'll find the Ancient City Walls, which has stood for 600 years, and the seven-storey Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, which stands 210 feet/64m tall and remains the city's lasting monument of the Tang Dynasty.

Travellers mainly focus on the history of Xian, but the culture is worth experiencing as well. In particular, head to the Muslim Quarter to learn about Islam's introduction to China and the fascinating history of China's Muslim population. As well, in addition to seeing a different side to China and learning about a lesser-known segment of the population, you'll be free to hit up the best restaurants in the city.

Xian's historical treasures make it a popular destination. Its unique cultural highlights only add to its appeal as one of the most exciting cities in China.

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A bike ride on the Xian City Wall.



Eating Your Way Through Vietnam

You'll find food stalls selling banh mi all over Vietnam.

By Christian Baines

We're not breaking the news by telling you what a great destination Vietnam is for foodies. But like most great tasting countries, there are regional specialties. Being aware of the subtle differences in Vietnamese cuisine from top to tip can help you appreciate its finer points.

Northern Vietnam: Perfectly balanced flavours

Northern Vietnam's highly seasonal climate can limit the availability of spices, so expect milder dishes seasoned with black pepper rather than chilies. The ubiquitous pho (pronounced 'fur') finds its origins in the north, as does bun cha, rice noodle with grilled marinated pork. Northern Vietnamese cuisine is all about balanced flavours and subtlety, so take your time enjoying it with a traditional cup of tea—more common here than in the coffee-powered south.

Central Vietnam: Spice things up

Spices grow particularly well in the mountains of Central Vietnam, so expect a little heat in dishes laid out to impress.

Small, abundant, tasty, and colourful are the guiding principles of the Central Vietnamese table, and the imperial capital, Hue, is today home to some of Vietnam's best restaurants. You might also want to try banh xeo, a decidedly Vietnamese spin on the humble stuffed savory pancake. Bun bo Hue is the region's most distinct soup.

South Vietnam: The sweetness of Saigon

You can find a terrific meal 24 hours a day in work hard, play hard Ho Chi Minh City. Southern Vietnam's heat and the abundance of the Mekong Delta lend themselves to high yields of fresh produce, so ingredients are never in short supply. Local restaurants also tend to get experimental with Vietnamese staples like pho. Southerners are also famous for their sweet tooth, and in Saigon, life runs on Vietnam's uniquely sweetened coffee. The French influence is also particularly strong here, embodied in Saigon's greatest contribution to street food, the banh mi sandwich.

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Next Stop, Bariloche! Pathways to Patagonia

Breathtaking views await you while hiking Torres del Paine National Park in Chilean Patagonia.

By Christian Baines

As the Southern Hemisphere summer approaches, so does its hiking season. The natural wonders of Patagonia don't care much for political borders, so for a great trip combining Chile and Argentina, it might be time to take that trek to the Torres del Paine.

Buenos Aires or Santiago?

Just about any path to Patagonia takes you through either Buenos Aires or Santiago, two of the most enjoyable cities you can hit up in South America. Both are regional powerhouses of culture, entertainment, and nightlife. Buenos Aires receives a greater number of visitors and is generally more tourist-ready than its Chilean counterpart. In Santiago, the attractions aren't as obvious. In fact, the entire city can feel just that little bit 'off the tourist track.' But this makes it a great urban adventure if you're feeling bold, and perhaps speak a little Spanish. If Buenos Aires is the Paris of South America—romantic, chicly European, and deservedly popular, Santiago is its Berlin—a city in love with all forms of art and nightlife, with a DIY attitude and an irrepressible spirit.

Bariloche Dreams

The Motorcycle Diaries immortalised San Carlos de Bariloche in the imaginations of those dreaming of South America through the eyes of Che Guevara. The truth is, it didn't need much help! Once you glimpse the cataclysms of the Cerro Tronador Glacier looming atop the dark rocks, or look out over Lago Nahuel Huapi, you know you've reached another world, and you'll probably be in no hurry to leave.

Chile's Lovely Lake District

Just over the border from Bariloche lies the town of Puerto Montt and the lakes of the surrounding Andean foothills. Under the timeless watch of the volcanos Osorno and Calbuco, the Chilean Lake District offers a wide variety of hiking trails to get your blood pumping. Don't miss highlights such as the Petrohue Waterfalls, or biking around Lago Llanquihue.

Puerto Moreno Glacier and Torres del Paine National Park

The Patagonia that dominates postcards and Instagram accounts (okay, these days,

mostly Instagram accounts), El Calafate and Torres del Paine National Park mark the way to two of Patagonia's most famous natural wonders.

The Puerto Moreno Glacier offers up perhaps the world's most photogenic wall of ice, sliding one break at a time from the slopes of Cerro Pietrobelli into Lago Argentino. Listening to the ice crack as it makes its steady journey, fortunate travellers might even see a piece of the glacier calve off into the waters.



Cruise to the face of Perito Moreno Glacier.

Torres del Paine's namesake trio of towers needs no introduction, and every visitor snaps their must-have photo from the Mirador Base Las Torres. But the trails of Torres del Paine National Park, most notably the famous W Trek, offer access to a staggering variety of views, each defined by its own jagged peaks and serene lakes.

Cruising Argentina and Chile

To explore the foot of the (inhabited) world, board a cruise in either Punta Arenas, Chile, or Ushuaia, Argentina. Even cruising in comfort, Patagonia is as wild as natural landscapes get, with jagged peaks, rocky islands, fjords, and waterways all coming together to create a spectacular journey. Highlights include Tucker Islet and Pia Glacier in Chile, the Beagle Channel, and of course famous Cape Horn in Argentina. You might even set sail for Earth's ultimate travel frontier—Antarctica!

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Machu Picchu Is as Essential As Ever

Overlooking Machu Picchu in the fading light of day.

By Aren Bergstrom

The impact of certain destinations cannot be overstated. Machu Picchu is one of those destinations. Not only is it an astounding work of architecture with a fantastic story behind its disappearance and rediscovery, but it is located in one of the most stunning natural locations imaginable. If you love to travel, you owe it to yourself to see Machu Picchu and experience its power. And luckily for you, the rest of the Sacred Valley of the Incas is remarkable in its own right, too.

Machu Picchu

Built in the 15th century and abandoned shortly thereafter once the Spanish invaded Peru, Machu Picchu laid dormant in the Andes until Hiram Bingham III came upon it while investigating Inca archaeology in 1911. National Geographic devoted an entire article to Bingham's find (the only time it has done so in its history) and ever since, Machu Picchu has loomed over the imagi-

nation of travellers, historians, and anyone enamoured of good stories.

The actual experience of walking along the stones of Machu Picchu surpasses what you imagine it'll be, even after hearing stories of its wonder and the effect it has on you as a person. A part of this is the scale. Machu Picchu is large and intricate. When you view it from above on the peak of Huayna Picchu or Machu Picchu Mountain, you can appreciate the size of its construction. Another part is the location. Machu Picchu is not located on just a hill, but literally on the top of mountain that's around 2,400m above sea level. It makes you feel like you're on top of the world. If it's humid out, you'll be surrounded by clouds draped in mist and snow-capped peaks just barely visible through the haze. You pass through living history while walking amongst the clouds.

As the cap to the Inca Trail, Machu Picchu is the ultimate reward for an impressive physical feat. But even if you visit it on a day

trip from Ollantaytambo or stay the night in Aguas Calientes at the foot of the mountain and ride the bus up the hill in the early hours before dawn, it'll still be magnificent. It is a place where the past 500 years seems to fall by the wayside and you're instantly connected to the world of the past and the people who lived there. Suffice to say, see it in your lifetime.

Cusco and the Sacred Valley of the Incas

Even if you were to forgo a visit to Machu Picchu (which you shouldn't), the Sacred Valley of the Incas would be worth visiting. For one, the number of historical monuments within a relatively small area is remarkable. There is the hillside fortress of Ollantaytambo, which lies overtop the meeting point between two valleys, giving you incredible views down the river and into the hills. There are the agricultural terraces of Moray, which are remarkable for their circular construction, and even more astounding when you learn that each change in elevation brings with it changes in the microclimate, making for perfect grounds for agricultural experiments. You can gaze upon the white-washed salt mines of Maras, which look like futuristic, white solar panels when viewed from above, but are actually ancient pools maintained by hand when viewed up close.

And then there's Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire and one of the most interesting historical cities you'll ever visit. Inca ruins lie around every corner, or more

specifically, under them, as the foundations of most buildings are the stones originally placed by the Incas. You need go no further than the central square, Plaza de Armas, to experience the tension between Peru of the past and present that makes Cusco so fascinating. The colonial churches of Cusco Cathedral and Iglesia de la Compania de Jesus are beautiful examples of Spanish architecture, but also lie upon the ruins of Inca palaces that likely outstripped them in beauty. Nearby Qorikancha was once the golden temple of the Inca Empire, but is now occupied by a convent built on its ruins. History is everywhere here in all its complicated beauty. The cultural life is good, as well. Quality restaurants abound and the city is very walkable (once you get used to the altitude, that is). You also won't find a city as clean anywhere else in Peru. Cusco is not just a waystation on the way to Machu Picchu, but a treasure in its own right.

Whether you're seeing it as part of a group tour through Peru or exploring in the company of a private guide after hiking the Inca Trail, Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley of the Incas will wow you. Few places on earth combine such natural beauty with such historical magnificence. It's a place that truly deserves to be called essential, since the planet would be so much diminished without it.

Spend some time in Lima enjoying the city's energy and fantastic cuisine. A stop in culture-rich Cusco and the Sacred Valley is the perfect lead up to visiting the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, a must-see on any Peru vacation. From US \$875



The Plaza de Armas is the historical and cultural heart of Cusco.



Exploring History and Culture in London and the Countryside

The home of John Shakespeare and birthplace of the Bard, William Shakespeare, in Stratford-upon-Avon.

By Aren Bergstrom

In the early 17th century, English commoners would travel the countryside, but often by horse or foot, taking several days to get to their intended destinations whether the city of London or a centre of pilgrimage like Canterbury. Luckily, getting around has gotten a lot easier since the 17th century and you won't have to huff it on foot to see the beauties of London and the English countryside.

Multicultural London

For any lover of culture, London has a massive appeal. Not only has been it been one of Europe's most important cities for almost a thousand years, but it's a place of endless discovery. Each time you turn a corner, you have the potential to discover a new historical landmark or monument to ages past. If you want to deep-dive into this long and storied history, hop on a double-decker and venture between the most popular landmarks from Buckingham Palace to the Tower of London to the British Museum, where you can get lost in the treasures of the British Empire.

But beyond the history, London boasts unbeatable culture. When you walk down a street in the city centre, you'll hear dozens of languages spoken by the people around you

and each new neighbourhood brings with it restaurants, pubs, clubs, and eateries that showcase the many flavours of the world. If you want to explore the world in one city, you should make tracks for London and discover its multicultural appeal.

Ancient Rocks of Stonehenge

If you have a taste for mystery, follow the road west to Salisbury and turn north to lay eyes on a sight you've assuredly seen before: the prehistoric rock formation of Stonehenge. Dating back around 5,000 years, Stonehenge has beguiled every generation of travellers that has laid eyes on it. Its real function is unknown, although it was possibly a type of burial ground due to the presence of human remains dating back 5,000 years. We don't know how it was built, nor what its real purpose was. But these unanswered questions only add to the primal power of the site, with its enormous rocks standing sentry over the plain, silent watchers of the world that passes in its midst.

Roman Ruins of Bath

If you continue west of Stonehenge, you'll reach Bath, which, as its name makes clear, lies on hot springs and mineral-rich waters. After the Romans conquered England, they took advantage of these natural springs and

constructed a series of baths in the urban centre. Although the city decayed over the years, the 17th and 18th centuries saw a renewed interest in the Roman baths and the supposed rejuvenating properties of the waters. Travellers would bathe in the mineral waters and even drink them, thinking they'd cure ailments like gout and other common maladies. Today, you'll find Bath as a medium-sized city that continues to capitalize on its Roman history and mineral hot springs.

The Hometown of Shakespeare

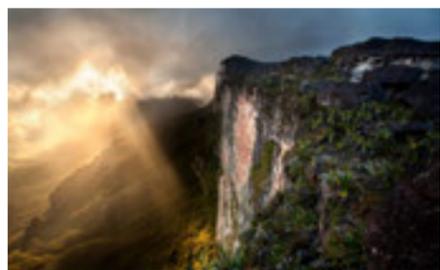
Turn north from Bath and follow the River Avon to Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare and a town that

captures England during the Renaissance. The Historic Spine takes travellers to its famous historical spots and key attractions in the old town. At the beginning of the spine is Shakespeare's Birthplace on Henley Street. Continue along Henley and onto Bridge and High Street to see other highlights from Elizabethan England before reaching Chapel Street, where you'll find the museum of Nash Place, former home of Shakespeare's granddaughter, Elizabeth Hall, as well as the former site of Shakespeare's home, New Place. Although New Place no longer exists, you can reach a garden located on its former site after a visit to Nash Place. At the end of the Historic Spine, you'll find Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare was baptised and buried. For lovers of literature, the church is as significant a site of pilgrimage as any holy reliquary. Stratford also has other sites related to Shakespeare. You'll find the family home of Anne Hathaway, his wife, on the western outskirts of town, while the Royal Shakespeare Theatre on the banks of Avon keeps his legacy alive with a constant exhibition of his theatrical masterpieces.

The ideal itinerary for first-timers, or return guests wanting to go beyond England's timeless capital, discover London and the Countryside. From US \$882



A new vantage point of the famous rock formation.



Mount Roraima in Guyana's western regions.

5 Experiences Unique to Guyana

A visit to Guyana is packed with adventure, nature, and culture. While numerous countries can show you Amazon and its wildlife, there are some unique experiences that might convince you to pack your bags for Guyana today!

Abseiling Mount Roraima

Climbing a few thousand feet down a vertical rock with only a rope to hold onto requires not only courage but technique and strength. You can get a taste of this at Mount Roraima in Guyana's mountainous west. Organised by professional adventure outfitters, this is a must try for the adrenaline junkie who wants to return from Guyana with serious bragging rights.

Caiman tagging at night

Spotting caimans in Guyana has a special appeal for wildlife enthusiasts. Found in the marshes, lakes, and rivers of the country, these shy creatures are best spotted at night when their eyes can be seen shining in the dark. Trained naturalists guide night boat safaris into caiman inhabited waters on excursions that not only excite tourists,

but continue the effort to study and conserve these amazing creatures.

Kaieteur Falls from a plane

Plunging 741ft/225m into a rainforest shrouded gorge, Kaieteur Falls among the world's largest, even beating the more popular Niagara for sheer volume. The best way to see Kaieteur is from a small Cessna plane. Most pilots make two flybys, ensuring spectacular photo ops before passengers get even closer, stopping for a tour to several stellar viewpoints.

Unique Indigenous villages

Spend a couple of days in one of the Indigenous villages deep in the rainforest of Guyana. Dig into crusty cassava with curry, cook-up rice, and pepper pot. Then hang your hammock in a breezy benab, or stay at a community-owned eco-lodge. While some villages are modernising, most still retain their traditional way of life. Go birding and wildlife spotting, fish with the locals, or lend a hand in the fields to learn about traditional farming practices.

Ranch life

Dadanawa, in remote South Rupununi, was the largest ranch in the world during the middle of the last century and still has over 5,000 head of cattle. The ranching lifestyle has flourished since the early 1800s and continues today. Book your stay in an active ranch and witness the daily life of vaqueros. A visit here, especially during the 2-day rodeo festival around Easter, is an eye-opening journey into a way of life that is all but forgotten elsewhere.

Experience the best of Guyana on this jungle adventure. Start in the capital, Georgetown, and venture to the mighty Kaieteur Falls. Then fly south to Rupununi to go on jungle hikes, explore the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway, and search for toucans, giant river otters, and elusive jaguars. From US \$3,893



All aboard the Ocean Diamond for a cruise through Iceland.

Cruising Iceland: In the Wake of Vikings

Follow the ancient Vikings next summer and discover the North Atlantic with Iceland ProCruises and Goway. Sailing from Reykjavik, IPC explores the shorelines of Iceland and Greenland in the 226-passenger expedition ship Ocean Diamond.

With an ice-strengthened hull and advanced onboard technology, the Ocean Diamond is able to anchor in fjords, bays and harbors off limits to larger cruise ships. During these voyages of discovery, the staff share insights into the nature, geology, culture, and history of Iceland and Greenland while passengers are pampered with a level of comfort, cuisine and service rarely seen in remote polar regions.

The popular "Iceland Circumnavigation" itinerary offers a 10-day voyage around the entire island with stops at the volcanic Westman Islands, historic fishing villages like Ísafjörður, wildlife-rich Grimsey above the Arctic Circle, the "heaven and hell" landscapes of the Lake Myvatn region, and the ruggedly beautiful Snaefellnes Peninsula, where Jules Verne set his epic *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*.

Later in the summer, the Ocean Diamond

embarks on 12-day cruises between Iceland and Greenland including a crossing of the Denmark Strait along the same route that Viking explorers Erik the Red and Leif Erikson once sailed. The itinerary features the ruined Norse settlement of Qassiarsuk, the icebergs of Disko Bay, 120-mile-long (190 km) Kangerlussuaq Fjord, and the dramatic stone-and-ice landscapes of Uummannaq.

Iceland ProCruises and Goway offer pre and post-cruise adventures in Iceland—including self-drive options in rental cars—so that passengers can extend their North Atlantic adventure and experience even more of the region's Nordic hospitality and charm.

With Iceland such a popular destination these days, and accommodation in short supply during the summer high season, voyages on the Ocean Diamond offer an extra benefit, serving as a floating hotel as you explore the island.

Majestic fjords, waterfalls, glaciers, remote fishing villages, and active volcanoes are yours to discover on this 10 day circumnavigation of spectacular Iceland. From US \$3,625



Four Perfect City Stopovers in Southwestern Europe

Park Güell in Barcelona is a famous example of Antoni Gaudí's stunning Catalan Modernist architecture.

Barcelona

Barcelona embodies the spirit of Catalan creativity. Whimsical masterpieces of *modernisme* loom above a city packed with atmospheric discoveries. Get lost in the Gothic quarter, eating your way through small plate after small plate of smoky *mar i muntanya* (sea and mountain), Catalonia's unique tapas. Go beneath Barcelona's streets to discover a history dating back to Roman times, and bask in the fairy-tale facades of Gaudí's creations, including Casa Mila, Casa Batlló, Parc Güell, Palau Güell, Casa Vicens, and the architect's crowning (if still unfinished) achievement, La Sagrada Família. Gaudí wasn't the only architect to shape Barcelona's distinctive style. Feast your eyes on Mantaner's astonishing Palau de la Música Catalana, or Cadafalch's Casa Amatller. Take at least one stroll down La Rambla but don't dine right on the famous boulevard. Instead, great restaurants and cafes abound on either side of it, in the Gothic Quarter and bohemian El Raval. Climb Montjuïc for an art fix at Catalonia's National Museum of Art, or let Miró bend your mind at the Joan Miró Foundation. Explore Barceloneta beach district for an insight into the city's relationship with the Mediterranean, or escape to a nearby beach town such as Sitges for small town charm and, quite frankly, better beaches. Other great day trips you can take include Montserrat, the centre of all things spiritual in Catalonia, and the Dalí Theatre and Museum at Figueres, a 75 minute train ride away.

Highlights of Barcelona offers 4 nights in the Catalan capital. Includes entrance to Park Güell and Spanish Village, a tapas walking and tasting tour including drinks, and a flamenco show. From US \$919



Barcelona is great for family travellers.

Madrid

Spain's capital is its centre of art, culture, politics, and sport. As such, you can find a little of every part of the country in this energetic city, making it a great destination for your Spain 101. Roam the halls of the Royal Palace and learn about the complicated history of Spain's royal family from the Habsburgs to post-Franco. Connect with your cultural side at the city's trio of magnificent art museums. Take in the Spanish masters at the enormous Prado, admire Picasso's *Guernica* among countless others at the modern Reina Sofía, and choose your favourite European masterpieces at the Thyssen-Bornemisza. Be sure to take in some fresh air and sun in Retiro Park, the city's favourite public playground, and go face down in as many small plates as you can manage on Cava Baja, Madrid's tapas bar row. After dark, Madrid rarely disappoints, with a hopping nightlife that includes arguably Europe's largest LGBTQ neighbourhood. When you need to get out of town, Spain's historic capital, Toledo, is ready to enchant just 30 minutes away by train, or visit Segovia, the old Moorish capital and home to Spain's most famous aqueduct. You can even reach Córdoba and the incredible Mezquita mosque within two hours aboard Spain's high speed AVE train, though you'll want a week or two to properly explore all Andalusia has to offer.

Spend 4 days enjoying the Highlights of Madrid including Imperial Toledo. Also includes a Habsburgs Madrid Walking Tour, skip-the-line entrance to the Prado Museum, and a winery tour in Bargas. From US \$797



The Gran Vía shopping street is a famous tourist spot in Madrid.

Lisbon

Europe's current 'it' destination, it seems like everyone from hipster expats, to retirees, to Madonna, to the Eurovision Song Contest have made a beeline for Lisbon in the past few years. There's a reason for that! The unassuming Portuguese capital has shaken off its 'out of the way' anonymity to take its place among Europe's hottest destinations. Lose yourself in the historic Alfama district, largely unchanged since Portugal ruled the waves as leaders in world exploration. Take in the jaw dropping Jerónimos Monastery in neighbouring Belem, and feast on Portuguese egg tarts from the bakery that first created them. Catch your breath and mingle with the locals at one of Lisbon's countless miradouros or public lookouts. A deeper dive on Lisbon reveals some of the city's history, including the bloodless 1974 revolution that ended the Salazar dictatorship. You can visit the city's historic cathedral, the Castle of São Jorge, and the Convento de Camo, a ruined reminder of the city's seismic past that today holds an archeological museum. You can even visit the world's oldest operating bookstore, Bertrand, but save one day to visit the awe-inspiring palaces and monuments of Sintra. From the mind-bending Masonic mysteries of Quinta de Regaleira to the candy-coloured Pena Palace, this is Portugal's most inspiring and photogenic day trip, though you might also want to stop by the seaside resort of Cascais, and snap your selfie at Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe.

For visitors to Lisbon who want it all, the Highlights of Lisbon includes a full day classic Lisbon tour including Belem, Sintra, Cascais, and Estoril, plus a Panoramic Lisbon by Night tour including dinner and Fado show. From US \$568



Lisbon's streetcars add to the city's iconic appeal.

Porto

More than just the home of delicious port wine, Portugal's grittier second city lures visitors with its own charms, not the least of which is the beautiful Douro River. Take a cruise beneath the dual levels of the Luis I Bridge, designed by Eiffel protégé, Theophile Seyrig. Step into Livraria Lello, the bookshop that inspired Harry Potter, or simply stroll the evocative Ribeira district, admiring views of the city's famous port wine houses. When it comes to eye-popping architecture, Porto serves up a pair of must-sees, the Church of São Francisco and Palácio da Bolsa, conveniently located side by side on the edge of Ribeira. After that, the Porto Cathedral can seem a bit somber and imposing, so cross to sample the cellars and maybe try a port cocktail on the shores of Gaia (Cruz rooftop bar is a solid and stylish pick), enjoying views of the city. All that deliciousness comes from the Douro Valley, an essential day trip if you want to understand Porto's role in enchanting the nation's taste buds. If history and culture pique your interest more than rolling hills and vineyards, you might also explore the pilgrimage town of Braga and Guimaraes, the birthplace of Portuguese national identity. Our recommendation is to do both to gain the best understanding of what Porto and Northern Portugal are all about.

Explore the Douro Valley, visiting two wine estates in between seeing the Highlights of Porto. Also includes a Panoramic Porto by Night tour including dinner and a fado show. From US \$610



Glowing view of Porto from the Douro River.



The African Journey of a Lifetime: The Cape to Cairo

The *Pride of Africa* travels across the expanses of Southern Africa, from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam.

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The Pride of Africa

Africa favours travellers that slow down the pace and appreciate the majesty of its landscape. A train journey is a perfect way to do just that as it whisks you across the continent aboard what is essentially a luxury hotel on rails. On the Cape to Cairo, you spend 15 days aboard the *Pride of Africa* journeying through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Tanzania. On the *Pride of Africa*, each carriage has a polished teak finish and classical furnishings that transport travellers back to the 1920s, when travel was considered an extravagant luxury. However, despite the classical stylings, the amenities of the *Pride of Africa* are anything-but-old. They're state-of-the-art, with comfortable rooms, sparkling washrooms, and the best service you'll find on any train in the world. So look forward to grabbing some sparkling wine, relaxing in the Lounge Car, and watching the golden landscapes pass you by outside the windows.

where you'll spend two nights at Tau Game Lodge. Enjoy the luxurious property with views of Dwarsberg and head on game drives to spot springbok, sable, impala, and cheetah that populate the park.



Victoria Falls is known as the *Smoke that Thunders*.

Zimbabwe and Zambia

After leaving Madikwe Game Reserve, bid South Africa farewell and cross the border into Botswana. But your time in this nation renowned for eco-friendly game viewing and swampland is short-lived as you cross its southeastern stretches on route to Zimbabwe. Once you're over the Zimbabwean border, you'll continue the journey heading north and cross through beautiful Hwange National Park, the nation's largest game reserve, before reaching Victoria Falls. Before you metaphorically dive into the falls to witness the *Smoke that Thunders*, you'll head on a charming sunset cruise along the Zambezi River to experience the fading light along one of the Southern Africa's most beautiful rivers. The next day is yours to tackle the mighty falls any way you see fit. You can splurge on a helicopter flight that takes you over the falls to appreciate their astounding size or you can hike through the rainforest to approach the falls through the mist. Regardless of what you opt for, you'll experience the majesty of one of the world's premiere waterfalls.

Zambia and Tanzania

The iconic stretches of the Great Rift Valley await you as you cross the border into Zambia and rejoin the train. You spend five days travelling across the expanses of Zambia and Tanzania. Each day, savour the opportunities on and off the train as you can take an excursion to Chisimba Falls in Zambia, or see the zebras, gazelles, and bush elephants on a trip into the grand stretches of Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania, the largest game reserve in Africa.

Kenya

Your train journey ends in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's largest city, where you'll catch a flight to Nairobi, where you'll continue your journey. In bustling Nairobi, you'll spend a

night at Hemingways Nairobi, widely considered the most luxurious hotel in the city. After experiencing a bit of classical sophistication at Hemingways, you'll fly to Cottar's 1920 Camp, which will be your home for the next three nights.

Hemingway would've been right at home at Cottar's Camp, which is among the loveliest lodges in East Africa. It's located on the fringes of Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of the most famous wildlife reserves in the world. Each day at Cottar's Camp has the potentially to be iconic. The romantic canvas tents, open-air baths, 1920s décor, and attentive staff promise exceptional service, while the game drives and bush walks take you into the Masai Mara to see the wealth of animals that have called the savannah home for generations.

In addition to spotting members of the Big Five, such as lions and elephants, you'll have the chance to see wildebeest herds on the plains, zebra bounding across the horizon, giraffe feeding from acacia trees, cheetah racing in the fading light, and even ostriches running through the tall grass. You'll also embark on a hot air balloon ride over the landscape to appreciate the majesty of the Masai Mara from the air. And to top it all off, you'll visit a local Masai village to meet the Masai warriors and gain insight into their legendary heritage.



A Mountain Gorilla encounter is life-changing.

Rwanda

After Kenya, you'll head back to Nairobi to connect onward to Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. In the capital city you'll take a day to memorialize the dead at the Kigali Genocide Museum, which explores the tragic genocide of 1994. After a sombre day reflecting on humanity's need for peace, you'll fly into the reaches of Volcanoes National Park, deep in the rainforests of the country's northeast. There you'll stay for two nights at the brand-new Singita Kwitonda Lodge, which provides luxury accommodations along the border.

In Volcanoes National Park, you'll embark on a Mountain Gorilla trek, which takes you into the wet jungle for an unforgettable encounter with noble mountain gorillas. Not only does the trek let you view one of the world's most beloved and critically endangered apes up close, but it also shrinks the gap between civilization and the wild. It's a life-changing experience.

Ethiopia

Your adventure doesn't end in the rainforests of Rwanda, even if your time in the wild does. You'll connect back to Kigali to catch a flight to Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, where you'll have a night to enjoy a taste of Africa's diplomatic capital. Early the next morning, fly to Lalibela to see the mighty rock-hewn churches carved into the red volcanic rock of the earth. These 11 monolithic churches were constructed in the 12th century as a "New Jerusalem," meant to attract Christian pilgrims when passage to the Holy Land was halted, but today, their majestic appeal goes beyond any religious boundaries.

Egypt

As promised by its name, the Cape to Cairo ends its epic 30-day trek across the continent in Cairo, the Mother of the World and the Egyptian capital. In Africa's largest city, you'll spend three nights at the beautiful Mena House, which boasts 5-star accommodations and unbeatable views of the pyramids. You'll spend two days exploring the city, including both the ancient monuments such as the pyramids and the medieval wonders of Islamic Cairo. One day, head to Giza to see the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx and explore the ancient cities of Memphis and Sakkara. Another day, delve further into Egyptian history at the Egyptian Museum before touring the city's Islamic landmarks such as the Citadel and the Mosque of Sultan Hassan. You'll cap off your time in the city with a shopping excursion to Khan el-Khalili Bazaar, one of the world's most famous marketplaces.

On your final morning, your journey of a lifetime comes to an end. After 30 days of making life-changing memories, new friendships, and venturing to several of the wonders of the world, you'll bid your travel companions farewell and board your plane home. Just know that when boarding your plane, you won't be the same person that left. You'll be one wiser and more in touch with our world than ever before.

For more information please visit www.capetocairo.goway.com



The pyramids are historical landmarks like no other.



The stunning coastline of the Cape Peninsula.

South Africa

Naturally, the Cape to Cairo starts on the Cape Peninsula in Cape Town, South Africa's coastal city that is often considered among the world's most beautiful. Seeing as Cape Town is celebrated for combining the best of cosmopolitan comforts with overwhelming natural beauty, the Cape to Cairo explores both sides of the city on a Cape Peninsula Tour from Chapman's Peak Drive to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and the famous winelands of Stellenbosch. Each evening, retire to the Silo Hotel, a stunningly-modern facility with geodesic windows and sparkling facilities.

After your first taste of the continent in Cape Town, you'll board the *Pride of Africa* and begin your journey northeast as you wind your way towards the Botswana border. One day, stop off in Kimberley to explore the Big Hole and the Diamond Mine Museum, getting insight into one of South Africa's formative industries. Another day, tour Pretoria, the nation's capital in the foothills of the Magaliesberg.

It is then on to Madikwe Game Reserve,



Egypt Rejuvenated: 5 Reasons to Visit the Land of the Pharaohs

Despite sitting on the edge of Cairo, Giza transports visitors 4,000 years back in time.

By Aren Bergstrom

For as long as people have been travelling the world, they've been travelling to Egypt. And although there was a minor slump in tourism in Egypt following the Arab Spring, the country is back among the safest and best places to visit in the Middle East. However, the current tourism numbers in Egypt don't reflect the return to stability in the country. So for the time being, you're in a unique position where you can see Egypt without the usual crowds that have been commonplace at the pyramids and other landmarks for centuries. This is an unprecedented time to see Egypt, but if you need even more reason to finally book that trip to Egypt, we've got the five biggest reasons to head to the country.

The Pyramids

You can see the pyramids in Egypt. We could leave the article at that, as it's more than enough reason to travel to Egypt in your lifetime. Standing for over 4,000 years, these ancient structures are among the most impressive works ever built. Chief among them all is the Great Pyramid of Giza, which is the last remaining of the Seven Wonders

of the Ancient World. Nearby you'll find the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx, which is missing a nose, but no less impressive for it. Not far from Giza, you'll also find Memphis, the former ancient capital of Egypt, as well as Sakkara, Memphis's ancient cemetery. To delve further into all these ancient sites, head to the Egyptian Museum, where you can see the mummies taken from the tombs as well as the treasures of King Tutankhamun himself.

The Culture of Cairo

The pyramids may be Cairo's chief attraction, but they're not its only one. As the largest city in Africa and the Middle East, Cairo has plenty of cultural wonders to behold beyond the world of the pharaohs. Chief among them are the many Islamic landmarks built during the Middle Ages, when the Islamic Empire ruled Cairo. Al-Azhar Mosque is among the city's greatest Islamic treasures, while you can look at literal treasures at the Museum of Islamic Art, which displays thousands of priceless artifacts from this time period. To experience the true atmosphere of Cairo, head to Khan el-Khalili,

the city's largest souk, where you can barter for rugs, spices, and trinkets and get a taste of what life would've been like in centuries past.

A Nile Cruise

There are few better things to do on a trip to Egypt than go on a cruise taking you from Luxor to Aswan along the world's longest river, the Nile. In Luxor, you'll venture to the city of ancient Thebes, explore the mighty Temple of Karnak, and explore the Valley of the Kings, home to tombs of the pharaohs. In Edfu, you'll see the Temple of Horus and in Aswan, you'll see the Philae Temple and stroll through the stone quarries that supplied the stone that built the pyramids. Best of all, you'll head on this journey while enjoying comforts aboard a luxury cruise vessel, which is premium hotel, gourmet restaurant, and gorgeous bar all in one.

The Library of Alexandria

Alexandria does not attract nearly the number of visitors as Cairo, but it too is known around the world as one of the centres of ancient civilization. It was home to the famed Library of Alexandria, which was destroyed dur-

ing antiquity, but which is recreated today in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, a stunning disc-shaped structure that attempts to preserve the ancient library's legacy of knowledge. In addition to the library, Alexandria is home to the El Montazah Palace and the Qaitbay Citadel, worthy landmarks in their own right. And the city itself has a charming Mediterranean atmosphere with gorgeous views of the water and an attractive restaurant scene.

Abu Simbel

Last but not least is Abu Simbel, which is tucked all away along the southern borders of Cairo, to the south of Lake Nasser. It is home to some of the greatest temples of Ancient Egypt, most notably the Great Temple of Ramses II, with its massive statues of the pharaoh himself and his Queen Nefertari among the temple reliefs. You'll have to fly south to see Abu Simbel, but the splendor of the temples and the enormity of the statues makes it worth it. You can't find these sites of overwhelming beauty and history anywhere else.

The ancient land of Egypt inspires the imagination like no other. Unlock the land of the Pharaohs on this quintessential 9 day journey along the Nile. From US \$1,825



Conservation in Action: Project Rhino

White rhinos are among Africa's most endangered animals.

Responsible safari tourism emphasizes sustainability and conservation. To that end, Goway is proud to partner with Project Rhino, a South African conservation initiative active since 2011. Protecting over 330,000 hectares of KwaZulu-Natal on South Africa's eastern coast, Project Rhino aims to see both white and black rhino species thrive by decreasing the rate of poaching in South Africa.

Project Rhino achieves its goals by bringing together like-minded conservation organisations, along with partners, including Goway Travel, who are passionate about this invaluable work. Goway's South Africa-bound globetrotters also play a vital role. \$20 from every South African brochure game lodge sold by Goway goes directly to Project Rhino.

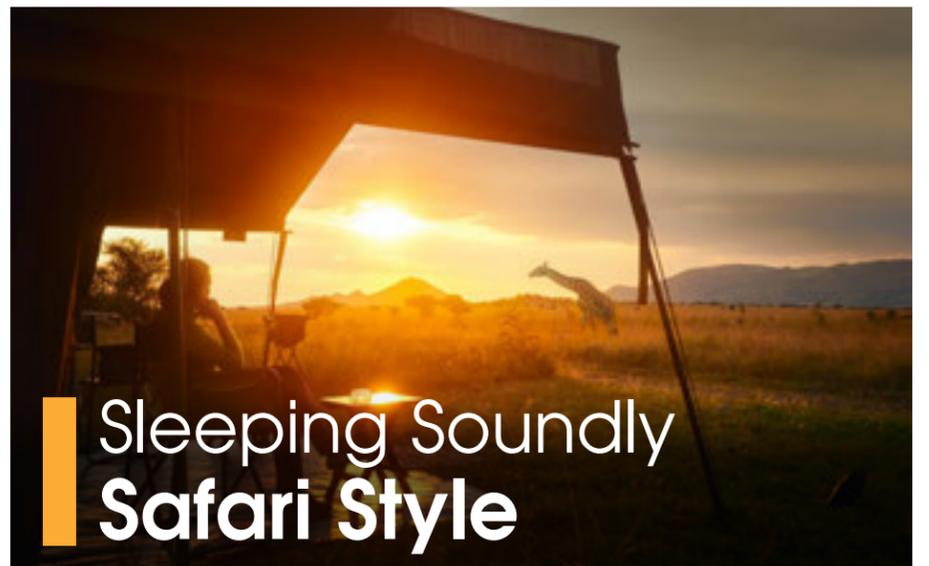
32 different private game reserves and wildlife game reserves currently benefit from Project Rhino's work. Funds pay for ranger training and equipment, employ anti-poaching teams, and sustain community engagement programs aimed at eliminating the root causes of rhino poaching. These include Rhino Art Conservation Education, which teaches over 500,000 school children in Southern Africa and

Vietnam about the plight of Africa's rhinos, including the effects of wildlife crime. This program encourages children to take an active role, while linking traditional African culture and heritage to conservation efforts.

Other initiatives to combat poaching take a more direct approach, such as the anti-poaching horse unit in operation at Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park, a flagship game reserve in KwaZulu-Natal, and one of the best places in Africa to see wild rhinos. In 2017, Project Rhino launched a temporary 'dehorning' program. It may seem counterintuitive, but it has also proven effective, depriving poachers of their prize. Of course, every effort is made to minimise stress to the rhino during and after the procedure.

If South Africa is your next safari adventure, ask your destination specialist for more information about the invaluable work of Project Rhino.

Nothing ignites the senses like an African Safari. Discover the dramatic landscape of Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park with morning and evening safari drives in an open land cruiser as you seek out the Big 5 at their most active. From US \$1,118



Sleeping Soundly Safari Style

A luxury safari tent ensures you don't sacrifice comfort while exploring the wild.

By Christian Baines

An African safari through Kenya remains one of the most unique and thrilling trips I've taken. It was also tiring, with early morning departures for game drives, and long, often rough drives between major cities and parks, with bumpy roads offering the famous 'African massage.'

You wanted to see the cast of *The Lion King* in the wild, right?

As rough as some aspects of a safari trip might sound, this is also the reason many safari lodges and tented camps go the extra mile to ensure guests a comfortable stay. For the ultimate African safari, it's worth booking a few nights in both styles of accommodation.

Safari Lodges

These brick and mortar structures can seem not unlike hotel rooms on the surface, though usually with greater natural harmony in mind. Lodge rooms, which may be housed in individual cabins, typically surround the common reception, dining, and function areas. These spaces are usually open and airy, often overlooking a waterhole or other popular animal gath-

ering spot. Since the animals often come in to drink around lunchtime, when the day's heat is at its strongest, guests have the opportunity for some fantastic sightings without ever leaving the table.

Tented Camps

Those seeking that 'bush' feel without sacrificing comfort might prefer a night or two at a tented camp. While the walls and ceiling are canvas, all the must-have amenities remain at your fingertips, with power outlets, comfy beds in a wide variety of configurations, mosquito netting, and a private bathroom. Feeling like a digital detox? Wi-fi is frequently unavailable in the individual tents, though it's usually reliable in the dining and relaxation areas of the tented camp. As with the lodges, these frequently overlook a waterhole or other animal gathering place, so don't be shy about bringing your camera to lunch.

Kenya is often described as the African continent in microcosm. You will see some of the best parks in Africa on this 8 day safari including Lake Nakuru and Masai Mara, home of the Big 5 and the Masai people. From US \$2,457



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1. Auckland is the capital of New Zealand. True or False?
2. Quokkas can only be found on Rottnest Island. True or False?
3. The Cook Islands is a typically crowded and busy destination. True or False?
4. Tokyo will host the Summer Olympics for the first time in 2020. True or False?
5. Banh mi is one of the culinary gems of Southern Vietnam. True or False?
6. Patagonia is a beautiful landscape of mountains and plains stretched across Argentina and Brazil. True or False?
7. Guyana is home to the caiman. True or False?
8. Lisbon is home to the sweet, fortified Portuguese wine known as Port. True or False?
9. The Pride of Africa is considered the most luxurious train in the world. True or False?
10. Project Rhino protects white and black rhinos on 330,000ha of land on South Africa's east coast. True or False?

All questions relate to articles in this edition of Globetrotting Magazine. We invite you to complete the interactive version of this quiz online at www.goglobetrotting.com. All correct entries will be eligible to win a \$250 Goway Travel Voucher.

LAST ISSUE WINNERS

\$250 Goway Travel Voucher winners

- **K. Rae** of ONTARIO identified the "Where in the World" photograph.
- **J. Sickman** of TEXAS identified "What Country Am I?"
- **C. Montgomery** of ONTARIO correctly completed the Globetrotting Knowledge Quiz.

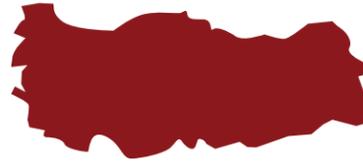
Test your Globetrotting knowledge.

1. Name the country whose outline is shown on the right.
2. Name the area where the photograph below was taken.
3. Fill out the quiz.

Visit www.goglobetrotting.com and click on the Magazine Contests tab to complete the form to be eligible to win a \$250 travel voucher.

GOOD LUCK!

1 What Country am I ?



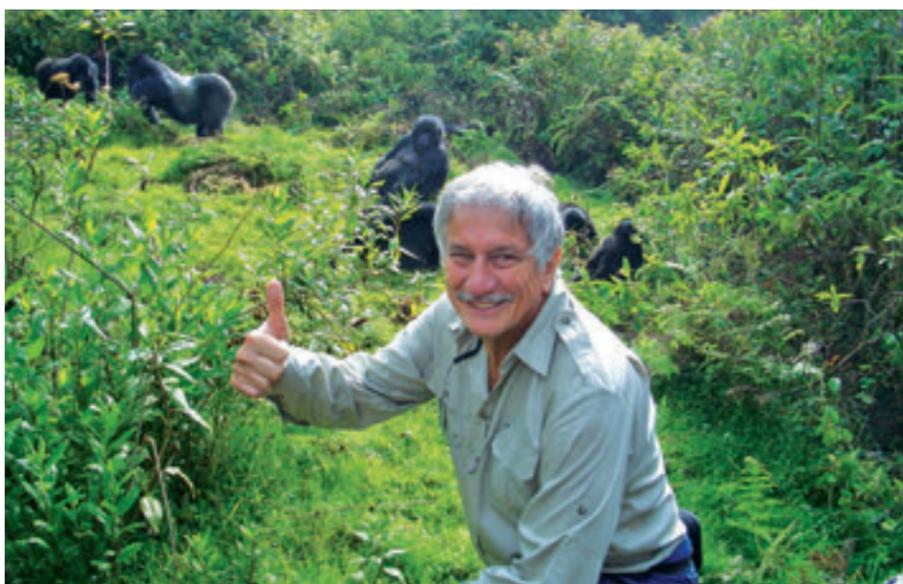
"Where in the World" photographs are featured on Goway's websites and/or in Goway Travel Planners.



In our last edition the mystery photograph on the left was Phuket in Thailand. The mystery country was Namibia.

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Rome wasn't built in a day, and Goway has been built over 50 years, making us one of North America's oldest and most trusted names in travel. Starting next issue, check back for special offers, giveaways, inside stories, and more as we start to celebrate Goway's golden anniversary in 2020!



On the Eve of 50 Years

From all of us here at Goway Travel, we hope you've enjoyed the last Globetrotting of our 40s. Our next issue marks our golden anniversary, 50 years in travel!

In that time we've seen countless trends, travel styles, and destinations rise and fade away from the globetrotting map. What hasn't changed is our commitment to putting a human face on travel, from our destination experts, to our agent partners, to our tour leaders and guides, to the locals in each of our fabulous destinations, and of course, to all our globetrotters.

The travel business is at its heart a people business. To be able to look back on a half century in travel is to look back on fifty years of relationships with globetrotters from all walks of life. From those who first

booked with us via telegram to those who need to Google what a 'telegram' is, it's both humbling and awesome to think of the personalities who've shaped Goway's stories, and those we hope will take our story into the future.

I invite you to join us for the next issue as we share and celebrate these stories, marking 50 years of globetrotting with Goway Travel, and imagining the next 50 still to come.

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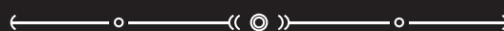


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