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TIME



THE WORLD'S GREATEST PLACES

100 EXCITING
DESTINATIONS
TO VISIT NOW

The WORLD'S GRE PLACES

1. ROYAL CARIBBEAN ICON OF THE SEAS
2. THE WAYBACK | Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
3. SNOW PEAK LONG BEACH CAMPFIELD | Long Beach Peninsula, Washington
4. THE INN AT STONECLIFFE | Mackinac Island, Mich.
5. MINE + FARM INN | Guerneville, Calif.
6. FONTAINEBLEAU | Las Vegas
7. UNDER CANVAS LAKE POWELL—GRAND STAIRCASE | Big Water, Utah
8. KANTISHNA ROADHOUSE | Denali National Park, Alaska
9. MODERN ELDER ACADEMY | Santa Fe, N.M.
10. OMNI HOMESTEAD RESORT AND WARM SPRINGS POOLS | Warm Springs, Va.
11. WARREN STREET HOTEL | New York City
12. THE MANCHESTER | Lexington, Ky.
13. MAUI CULTURAL LANDS | Lahaina, Hawaii
14. THE RABBIT HOLE | Kansas City, Mo.
15. BUFFALO AKG ART MUSEUM | Buffalo, N.Y.
16. CPKC STADIUM | Kansas City, Mo.
17. INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM | Charleston, S.C.
18. BOWIE HOUSE, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION | Fort Worth
19. AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL PLAZA | Palm Springs, Calif.
20. MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS | Sarasota, Fla.
21. WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER | Ocala, Fla.
22. MONTGOMERY WHITEWATER | Montgomery, Ala.
23. PUTEP 'T-AWT | Cacouna, Quebec
24. POTLATCH CLUB | Bahamas
25. HAVILA POLARIS AND HAVILA POLLUX | Norway
26. LE GRAND MAZARIN | Paris
27. LA MAISON RABELAIS | Amboise, France
28. CORTINA D'AMPEZZO | The Dolomites, Italy
29. ANANTARA CONVENTO DI AMALFI GRAND HOTEL | Amalfi, Italy
30. BATHS OF CARACALLA | Rome
31. MATTERHORN ALPINE CROSSING | Switzerland and Italy
32. RAFFLES LONDON AT THE OWO | London
33. CERN SCIENCE GATEWAY | Meyrin, Switzerland
34. DUNAS DE FORMENTERA | Formentera, Spain
35. VERMELHO HOTEL | Melides, Portugal
36. EDP ART REEF | Albufeira, Portugal
37. HIGHLAND BASE | Kerlingarfjoll, Iceland
38. KUNSTSILO | Kristiansand, Norway
39. IRIS | Hardanger Fjord, Norway
40. 100 PRINCES STREET | Edinburgh

41. VIA TRANSILVANICA | Putna to Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania
42. HORNSGATAN SLOW FASHION DISTRICT | Stockholm
43. VYN | Simrishamn, Sweden
44. REVERB BY HARD ROCK | Hamburg
45. REETHAUS | Berlin
46. DE DURGERDAM | Durgerdam, the Netherlands
47. MELESIN DISTILLERY | Leskovik, Albania
48. HÖFE TRAIL | Osttirol, Austria
49. COMMUNAL KUTAISI | Kutaisi, Georgia
50. BAR MAGRITTE | Brussels
51. AVIVA STUDIOS AT FACTORY INTERNATIONAL | Manchester, England
52. SUN RANCH | Coopers Shoot, Australia
53. WUKALINA WALK | Tasmania, Australia
54. WA EV NETWORK | Western Australia
55. MT COOK LAKESIDE RETREAT | Lake Pukaki, New Zealand
56. DIVE TUTUKAKA | Tutukaka, New Zealand
57. MUSEUM OF SOLUTIONS | Mumbai
58. NAAR | Himachal Pradesh, India
59. MANAM CHOCOLATE | Hyderabad, India

60. TEAMLAB BORDERLESS DIGITAL ART MUSEUM | Tokyo
61. SANXINGDUI MUSEUM | Guanghan, China
62. ARANYA | Beidaihe, China
63. AIR CCCC | Singapore
64. FOUR SEASONS RESORT KOH SAMUI | Koh Samui, Thailand
65. BURHAN WILDERNESS CAMPS | Bardiya, Nepal
66. BELMOND'S EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS | Malaysia
67. SANGWA CAMP | Haa Valley, Bhutan
68. BAMBU INDAH | Ubud, Indonesia
69. SAKA MUSEUM | Jimbaran, Indonesia
70. MUSEUM OF MOUNTAIN JEWS | Red Village, Azerbaijan
71. SHARAAN NATURE RESERVE | Saudi Arabia
72. DAR TANTORA | AIUla, Saudi Arabia
73. BAB AL SALAM MOSQUE | Muscat, Oman
74. ONE ZA'ABEEL | Dubai
75. ABRAHAMIC FAMILY HOUSE | Abu Dhabi



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- 84. KWETU NAIROBI | Nairobi
- 85. IVOMO TEA COOPERATIVE | Gisakura, Rwanda
- 86. MOROCCAN CULINARY ARTS MUSEUM | Marrakech, Morocco
- 87. NATURAL SELECTION'S GUIDED CYCLING SAFARI | Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 88. KAMBA AFRICAN RAINFOREST EXPERIENCES | Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Republic of the Congo
- 89. BOCA DE AGUA | Bacalar, Mexico
- 90. OLIVIA FOUNDATION | Mexico City
- 91. SILVESTRE NOSARA | Nosara, Costa Rica
- 92. SILVERSANDS BEACH HOUSE | St. George's, Grenada
- 93. CASA LUCIA | Buenos Aires
- 94. IBERÁ PROVINCIAL RESERVE | Corrientes province, Argentina
- 95. RUTA DE LOS ABASTOS | O'Higgins region, Chile
- 96. YUM CHA | Santiago, Chile
- 97. SINCHI WAYRA | Yasuni National Park, Ecuador
- 98. ORIGEM | Salvador, Brazil
- 99. CAIMAN HOUSE | Yupukari, Guyana
- 100. WHITE DESERT | Antarctica
- 76. OUR HABITAS RAS ABROUQ | Dukhan, Qatar
- 77. PEARLING PATH | Muharraq, Bahrain
- 78. ZEYREK CINILI HAMAM | Istanbul
- 79. DIYARBAKIR EXPRESS | Turkey
- 80. NEW GOURNA VILLAGE | Luxor, Egypt
- 81. GROOTBOS FLORILEGIUM | Gansbaai, South Africa
- 82. MAGUGU HOUSE | Johannesburg
- 83. ANGAMA AMBOSELI | Kimana Sanctuary, Kenya



BERLIN

Reethaus
An offbeat venue

Newly opened music venue Reethaus is remarkable for its radical concrete-and-glass architecture with a thatched roof, its world-class sound design, and the eclectic lineup it hosts. Legendary Indian flutist “Flute” J.A. Jayant and a live show of the score for *All the Beauty and the Bloodshed*, the 2022 documentary about Nan Goldin, are just two examples. A larger “campus,” called Flussbad, will expand in 2025 to include a hotel and a clubhouse.

—Gisela Williams

KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Rabbit hOle
Where storybooks come to life

Longtime owners of the beloved former local bookstore the Reading Reptile spent nearly a decade working with hundreds of authors and illustrators to feature licensed content for this astounding immersive children’s museum, opened this spring in a century-old warehouse. Like *Alice into Wonderland*, visitors go down the rabbit hole (literally, through winding tunnels) into the worlds of classic and contemporary storybooks, and meet life-size characters. Kids can also create their own books in the story lab.

—AnneLise Sorensen

NOSARA, COSTA RICA

Silvestre Nosara
A family-friendly surf resort

Nosara is famed among surfers for its consistent waves—but not its kid-friendliness. Now Silvestre offers families a luxe option of residential-style suites with full kitchens stocked with local provisions. Amenities include a surf school (for all who can swim) and use of the hotel’s collection of custom performance surfboards. —Annie Daly



GUERNEVILLE, CALIF.

Mine + Farm Inn
Smokable Sonoma

A nine-room former fruit and hops farm is now a cannabis-friendly take on an old-fashioned B&B. Homegrown cannabis is doled out in prerolls for guests to consume outdoors on the lush lawn, under the shady terrace by the ping-pong table, or from the hot tub. A seasonal harvest menu profiles the genetics, THC level, terpenes (scent and flavor compounds), and typical effects of each. Guests may also arrange an “Elevated Experience” dinner, with locally sourced menus that include cannabis as a flexible ingredient—perhaps enriching a dry rub, baked into dessert, or as a smokable flavor pairing.

—Kelsy Chauvin

GISAKURA, RWANDA

IVOMO TEA COOPERATIVE
Among the tea leaves

Rwanda’s lush, emerald landscape is best experienced up close. At Ivomo Tea Cooperative, opened last year, visitors learn about the country’s tea—considered among the best in the world for single-origin, whole-leaf green and black brews—by picking the small leaves, pounding them with a mortar and pestle, and finally tasting the drink in the co-op’s tea room. Beyond teamaking, the cooperative has expanded its ecotours to include bird-watching, nature hikes, canoeing, fishing, and a local food excursion. But the opportunity to connect with expert teamakers is the biggest draw. If travelers are lucky, they’ll meet Consol’ee, a radiant tea picker who demonstrates harvesting techniques and “baptizes” good students with sprinkles of tea leaves on their heads.

—Rosalind Cummings-Yeates



HIMACHAL PRADESH, INDIA

NAAR
Mountaintop fine dining

If anyone can inspire diners to venture outside their comfort zones, it’s Prateek Sadhu. After stints at Noma, Alinea, and the French Laundry, the trailblazing Kashmiri chef introduced fine-dining Indian tasting menus to Mumbai in 2016 with *Masque*. Then, last November, Sadhu opened the singular Naar at the Amaya boutique hotel in a quiet hamlet in Himachal Pradesh. The looming question was: Will diners make the trek to experience his bold vision for Himalayan cuisine? Judging by the steady flow of traffic snaking up the mountain roads to Naar, they will. Inside, Sadhu guides 16 guests at a time through Himachali yak cheese, juniper-smoked lamb with Kashmiri *mushqbudji* rice, Naga bamboo-shoot pickles, and *galgal* lemons. It’s a culinary tour well worth the trip.

—Sarah Khan



WHITE DESERT: ANDREW MACDONALD; RAS ABROUQ: COURTESY OUR HABITAS

no foundations, all waste is shipped out, the water is heated by solar arrays, and soaps are biodegradable. Green hydrogen power is in the cards soon as well, Woodhead says.

For visitors, gazing out over the raw, untouched white desert is breathtaking and humbling all at once, a stark reminder of the planet's power, and its need for us to protect its coldest corners. A soft blanket and a whisky on the rocks await.

—Annabel Illingworth



MEYRIN, SWITZERLAND

CERN Science Gateway

A science museum like no other

CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, carries out serious scientific exploration—it's home to the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest particle accelerator—and the new Gateway, opened in fall 2023, provides a family-friendly, admission-free bridge to understanding the mysteries of the universe. Inside the astounding Renzo Piano-designed building, labs and exhibition spaces bring science to life for all ages: workshops range from making slime detectors to using liquid nitrogen to explore the properties of superconductors.

—Karen Burshtein

SANTIAGO, CHILE

Yum Cha

A teahouse meets fine dining

Chile, surprisingly, has higher per capita tea consumption than China or Japan. At Yum Cha, chef Nicolás Tapia's 10-course tasting menu thoughtfully pairs teas from around the world—oolong from Taiwan, red tea from South Korea—with local produce and seafood. The combinations are spectacular.

—Nicholas Gill

OCALA, FLA.

World Equestrian Center

Horse-country escape

The World Equestrian Center's 378-acre, oak-lined campus is the largest such complex in the U.S. and hosts a biannual hunter/jumper series and Saturday-night Grand Prix with a \$100,000 purse, drawing athletes from around the world. In March, it opened a new 390-room hotel, the Riding Academy, with trophy-style lamps and stirrup-like accessories, furthering a theme and further enhancing the inland allure of central Florida's rolling horse country.

—Terry Ward



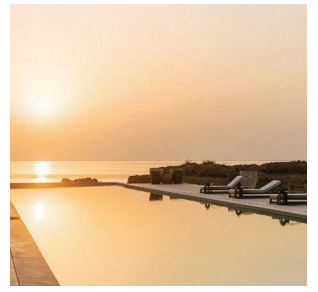
ABU DHABI

Abrahamic Family House

Holy gathering place

The Abrahamic Family House combines a mosque, synagogue, and church, each with breath-taking modern design. Opened to the public in March 2023 with a focus on peaceful coexistence and interfaith learning, the center is an active place of prayer, hosting more than 250,000 visitors and 250 events in its first year.

—Nicola Chilton



DUKHAN, QATAR

OUR HABITAS RAS ABROUQ

A remote desert escape

Qatar's profile may have grown after the 2022 World Cup, but the country largely remains synonymous with its capital of Doha. The few intrepid travelers who venture into the country beyond are most likely to make a pilgrimage to *East-West/West-East*, artist Richard Serra's 2014 installation where four steel columns loom over the dunes. Until this spring, not much else appeared for miles in any direction. But now day trippers can make a stay out of it, as Habitas set its eyes on the country's remote western coastline, at the edge of a UNESCO-protected reserve in Ras Abrouq. Just a few minutes past Serra's work, on a bluff overlooking the waves, Our Habitas Ras Abrouq's 42 tented villas piled with Bedouin textiles are a plush place to bed down. Guests can try their hand at Qatari Sadu weaving, go diving with whale sharks, join a starlight sound ceremony, or simply watch the sunset from the villas' oversize terraces with private plunge pools.

"There's a curiosity as to why Ras Abrouq," says Habitas CEO and co-founder Oliver Ripley. "What's interesting about Qatar is that there's so many layers to discover."

—Sarah Khan

LAKE PUKAKI, NEW ZEALAND

MT COOK LAKESIDE RETREAT

Billion-star dining

Perched atop a mountain plateau on New Zealand's South Island, the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve is among the best places on the planet to gaze up at the stars. There, at the Mt Cook Lakeside Retreat, you can marvel at no less than a billion of them, paired with pinot noir and charred venison. The luxurious lodge, skirting Lake Pukaki, now offers dinner and a show like no other. It begins with a six-course tasting menu, with dishes like Manuka honey-glazed alpine salmon and pasture-raised beef with a raspberry puree and pink flower petals. Then migrate to the wine cellar, which adjoins the region's sole observatory. The latter houses a high-power, fully automated telescope to view Saturn's rings, star clusters, and impossibly distant nebulae in brilliant detail. There's even an attached DSLR camera to accommodate take-home astrophotography. The experience is offered nightly, and could even include a glimpse of the elusive southern lights. —Brad Japhe



KERLINGARFJOLL, ICELAND

HIGHLAND BASE

All-weather adventure

There are two seasons at Highland Base in Kerlingarfjoll, the off-road adventure resort that opened in 2023 within a geothermal nature reserve amid Iceland's mountain glaciers. In summer, guests can hike and e-bike in unyielding sunlight before dipping into the Highland Baths, which include thermal pools, a cold plunge, and sauna. In winter, reaching this unspoiled moonscape of powder-coated volcanoes is a hard-earned six-hour odyssey from Reykjavik, requiring Super Jeep transport to navigate the snowy terrain beyond the highway. The payoff is endless winter sports, including snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and backcountry skiing in virgin snow before you settle back into picture-window pine lodges and A-frame huts for a roasted-lamb supper to whet your appetite for the evening's star attraction: the northern lights. —Adam Robb



JOHANNESBURG

Magugu House

A new fashion mecca

One of South Africa's most important fashion designers, Thebe Magugu, has opened his first brick-and-mortar, complete with two microgalleries, in a 1930s heritage building in Johannesburg. Magugu, who has collaborated with Dior and shown collections at London and Paris Fashion Weeks, is known for colorful storytelling, and adds to the city's thriving fashion scene.

—Mary Holland

DUBAI

One Za'abeel

World-first skyscraper

The new One Za'abeel is a head turner, dual towers rising on either side of a highway, linked by the world's longest cantilever, which hangs 300 ft. in the air. It houses two of Dubai's splashiest new hotels: One&Only's first urban resort and SIRO, a fitness-themed hotel. Inside, the Link is lined with a dizzying array of restaurants and bars, and atop is Tapasake, a sexy pool club that spans the length of the Link's roof.

—Sarah Khan

CHARLESTON, S.C.

International African American Museum

Honoring the Black experience

The U.S.'s second largest African American museum opened last summer on Gadsden's Wharf, where African captives once arrived by the thousands. Inside, a glassed entrance opens to 8-ft. screens flashing faces of the African diaspora, teasing the interactive journey of tragedy and triumph that unfolds over more than 150 artifacts, 30 works of art, and nearly 50 films. Preserving personal legacy is also central; the Center for Family History offers genealogy services and records oral histories.

—Ronda Racha Penrice



CACOUNA, QUEBEC

Putep 't-awt

Beluga viewing

A stunning trail and observatory that opened in June overlooks the St. Lawrence Estuary, letting visitors safely watch endangered beluga whales calve, feed, and breed from June to September. The Putep 't-awt viewing area is a partnership between the Indigenous Wolastoqiyik Wampanoag First Nation and Quebec-based marine-mammal research organizations. —T.W.