

# PURSUIITS

## THE 25 PLACES TO GO IN 2025

→ Whether wanderlust compels you to find a spot before your fellow tourists do or you enjoy discovering a new side to the tried-and-true, these incredible destinations are calling

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↑ Famara Beach in Lanzarote, one of Spain's Canary Islands



← The library-like Writer's Bar at the Raffles Jaipur

Barbuda are enjoying tremendous investment—\$1 billion in new hotels will have opened here from 2023 to 2025. Of the 1,000-plus rooms included in that figure, 12 are particularly eye-catching: Antigua's first overwater bungalows, found at adults-only, all-inclusive Royalton Chic. Each has its own plunge pool, overwater hammock and glass floor panel that lets you spy on kaleidoscopic fish from the edge of your bed. On Barbuda, there's also the 36-room Nobu Hotel, which Robert De Niro is opening in November on the secluded and lush Princess Diana Beach.

All this amped-up competition has inspired the twin-island nation's longtime standard-setters to raise their game. Oetker Collection's Jumby Bay, for instance, has added butler service and a private-island beach club called the Hut, where multi-course, large-format meals can be shared on tables in the sand. And Carlisle Bay Antigua is rolling out \$100 million in phased upgrades through 2026, including ocean suites by British-Nigerian designer Miminat Shodeinde.

Don't expect the momentum to slow down anytime soon. Rosewood, One&Only and a resort from Egyptian billionaire Naguib Sawiris are all also on the way—giving Antigua and Barbuda as much luxury cred as Anguilla and St. Bart's in the years ahead. The key difference? You can fly here directly from most major East Coast airports, in about four hours or less.

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## Jaipur

In the early 1700s, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II brought skilled craftsmen from around his kingdom to fill the new capital of Rajasthan with intricate temples and sandstone palaces. Now, its

royal patrons, the 26-year-old Maharaja Padmanabh Singh and his sister Princess Gauravi Kumari, are perpetuating the Pink City's legacy of beauty for the next generation.

In November the maharaja unveiled the Jaipur Centre for Art, showcasing international and Indian contemporary artists; then in December he opened a fine-dining restaurant in a palace courtyard called Sarvato. The princess' new jewel-toned concept shop, Palace Atelier, is like a shoppable museum. It features locally made home goods, designer saris and fine jewelry.

Even the city's latest hotels take their design cues from age-old artisanal craftsmanship. The perpetually booked, five-room Johri has added three more suites, each themed around a precious stone. And the elegant 50-room Raffles Jaipur, modeled after a *zenana*, or women's palace, opened last summer with a dreamy rooftop pool flanked by *chhatris*, open-air pavilions displaying typical Mughal architecture.

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## San Diego

Although it's long been defined by *Top Gun* and top surfers, San Diego is evolving into a bona fide arts destination, too. The \$125 million renovation of the San Diego Symphony's Jacobs Music Center, which wrapped in September, is a perfect complement to its reimagined outdoor venue, an elegant waterfront structure aptly named the Rady Shell. And Selldorf Architects' \$105 million expansion of the city's Museum of Contemporary Art marries new galleries with giant windows and epic Pacific vistas.

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