

TRAVEL

Where to 'travel in 2018, From Shanghai to Scotland's Coolest City

10 hot destinations for adventurous sop histica tes, curious foodies and deep-pocketed beach bums. Don't miss oi tt

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1. Faeroe Islands

Leave it to an obscure archipelago between Norway and Iceland to take on Go ogle. Last year, camera -str apped livestock began str eaming a "Sheep View 360" to let potenti al tourists see what they couldn't on Google Street View. While windy and remote, the 18 islands are not ali woolly sorts and switchbacks. Of no te for adven tur ous sophis ticates: the native knitwear !abe! Gudrun & Gudrun (gudrungudrmn.com), the Ostrom design store and the Miche lin-sta rr ed tasting menus at KOKS (k oks .fo). SAS recently launched two-hour direct fligh ts from Co penhage n.



2. Puebla, Mexico

A two-hour drive from Mexico City , this Spanish colonial city is finally emerging from the capital's shadow. The splashy new Internat ional Museum of the Baroque serves as one magnet (mib.puebla.gob.mx). The cit y's church- and palace-p acked histor ie center- under furious repair after September's eart hquake - is another. And two new high-end hotels, Rosewood Puebla (*from \$250 a night, rosewoodhotels.com*), and the Hotel Cartesiano (*from \$300 a 11ight, [hotelca rtesiano.com](http://hotelcartesiano.com)*) are

helping to reel in the luxury-minded .

3. Kuelap, Peru

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4 . Minneapolis

The twin city that gave the world Prince and [Bob Dylan](#)- and will host the Super Bowl on Sunday, Feb. 4- is now lming curious foodies. In 2017, Minneapolis claimed 13 James Beard Award semifinalists. When [Gavin Kays en](#), chef/owner of the wildly popular Spoon & Stable (in a converted 1906 barn) opened his modern bistro Bellecour last spring, he booked 1,000 reservations in the first 24 hours. Other notable names to drop: Thomas Kim, who left Los Angeles to establish the Rabbit Hole ([eatdrink rabbit.com](#)), and Eli Anderson, who sharpened his knives at the Catbird Seat in Nashville and took over Minneapolis's Grande Cafe earlier this year ([grandcafe mn.com](#)).

5. Dundee, Scotland

A coastal college town, Dundee has emerged as Scotland's coolest city (see the old public library turned underground club). In 2018, the V&A Museum of Design will debut as the centerpiece of a \$1.5 billion transformation of the faded riverfront. Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, the new V&A will celebrate the country's mid-20th century design heritage - from jute to Minec raft ([vandadundee.org](#)).

6. Grenada

On the southern edge of the Caribbean hurricane belt - hit by only three storms in 50 years - it's flourishing while many of its neighbors rebuild. In the spring, Silversands resort will bring minimalist luxury to the island's southwestern tip, with 43 suites, nine villas and the region's longest pool ([silversands grenada.com/en](#)).

7. Madagascar

Plants and wildlife that are found nowhere else thrive in this African island nation, but discerning visitors have typically found the accommodations a bit of a bummer. Tour operator Abercrombie & Kent advised travelers to pack patience. For big spenders, the wait is over. In June, one of the investors behind North Island, a kingly retreat in the Seychelles, opened Time + Tide Miavana on Madagascar's private island of Nosy Anka: 14 solar-powered villas, each with a pool and butler. Inclusive rates start at \$2,900 per person per night ([timeandtide africa.com](#)). *Potential visitors should be aware, however; of a recent outbreak of plague pneumonia in the country's 11 major cities and other areas; check [cdc.gov](#) for updates.*

8. Montenegro

In June, this tiny country bordering Croatia became the 29th member state of NATO. Other changes afoot: One & Only will open Portonovi, its first resort in Europe overlooking the unreasonably beautiful Boka Bay, in early 2019. Before then you can drop anchor at the Regent Polo Montenegro (*from about \$218 a night, [regenthotels.com](#)*) in a posh marina a 20-minute drive from the medieval town of Kotor, with its steep alleyways and Unesco World Heritage status.

9. Shanghai

Paris of the East now has a dedicated Michelin guide - 30 star red restaurants - and is about to get its own Pompidou Center at the end of 2018. A hotel boom also seems to be upping the aesthetic ante in China's biggest city (pop. 24 million). You can stay at Waterhouse, the highly stylized renovation of an abandoned industrial building in the heart of South Bund (*from about \$160 a night, [waterhouseshanghai.com](#)*) or flee the city's tizzy at the new Amanyangyun, a forest retreat fanned out of 13 relocated Ming dynasty villas and 24 newly built suites, a 45-minute drive from the city (*from about \$1,040 a night, [aman.com](#)*).

10. La Rioja, Spain

In Spain's foremost wine region, medieval hilltop villages play foil to modern architectural designs by Calatrava, Gehry and Hadid. Meanwhile, unexpected Scandinavian flair has infiltrated the gastro-bars of the capital, Logroño, and the guest rooms in newly opened places like Hotel Viura (*from about \$135 a night, [hotelviura.com](#)*).

Corrections & Amplifications

An earlier version of this article incorrectly stated that Dundee was in Sweden. Dundee is in Scotland. (October 24, 2017)

An earlier version of this article incorrectly stated that Amanyangyun, outside of Shanghai, was formed out of 13 relocated Ming dynasty villas. The property consists of 13 restored villas from the Ming and Qing Dynasty, as well as 24 newly built suites. (October 24, 2017)