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

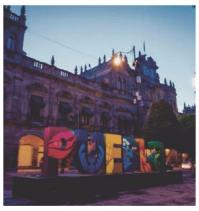
10 hot destinations for adventurous sop histica tes, curious foodies and deep-pocketed beach bums. Don't miss of 1t

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#### l. 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 labe! Gudrun & Gudrun (gudrungudrnn.com), the Ostrom design store and the Miche lin-starr 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 Intem ational Museum ofthe 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 11igl1t, hotelca rtesiano.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 Kaysen, 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 E1ik Anderson, who sharpened his knives at the Catbird Seat in Nas hville and took over Minneapo lis's Grande Cafe earlier this year (grandcafem n.com).

#### 5. Duudee, 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 Musemn of Design will debut as the centerpiece of a \$1.5 billion tran sforma tion of the faded riverfront. Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, the new V&A will celebrate the country's m1sung 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 na tion, but disce rning visitors have typically found the accommodations a bit of a bummer. Tour operator Aberc rombie & 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 011 Madagascar 's private island of Nosy Anka 0:14 solar-powered villas, each with a pool and butler. Inclusive rates stalt at \$2,900 per person per night (timeandtidea frica.com). Potential visitors should be aware, howevel; of a recent outbreak ofplague pneumonia in the country's llMo main cities and other areas; check cdc.gov for updates.

## 8. Montenegro

In June, this tiny counhy bordering Croatia became the 29th member state of NATO. Other changes afoot: One & Only will open Portonovi, its first resolt in Europe overlooking the unreasonably beautiful Boka Bay, in early 2019. Befare then you can drop anchor at the Regent Polto Montenegro (from about \$218 anight, regenthotels.com) in a posh marina a 20-minute drive from the me dieval town of Kotor, with its steep alleyways and Unesco World Her itage status.

#### 9. Shanghai

Paris of the East now has a dedicated Michelin gu ide - 30 star red res tam·ants - and is about to get its own Pompidou Center at the end of 2018. A ho tel 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 indust rial building in the heart of Sout h Bund (from about \$160 a night, waterhouseshanghai.com) or flee the city's tizzy at the new Amanyangyun, a forest retreat fonned 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, Spaiu

In Spain's foremost wine region, medieval hillt op villages play foil to modern architec tu ral designs by Calatr ava, Gelrry and Hadid. Meanw hile, unexpected Scandinavian flair has infilt rated the gast ro-bars of the capital, Logro no, 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 Dm1dee was in Sweden . Dundee is in Scotl and. (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)