



18 Best Places to Travel in 2018



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There's a phrase we like to use at Traveler to describe certain destinations: "It's having a moment." It comes up a lot—that near-impossible-to-pin-down, can't-put-our-thumb-on-it logic as to why you should visit somewhere, now. We feel an urgent need to get to Antarctica; to visit the Azores before the crowds do; to discover a part of former Czechoslovakia the world has overlooked. Travel can be a meaningful way to be an ambassador. So do your part: These 18 editor-endorsed destinations are the best places to travel this year.

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3/18 **Guadalajara, Mexico**

Often overshadowed by sprawling Mexico City, Guadalajara is well worth paying attention to—and not just because it’s the birthplace of tequila. The city has long been known for Mercado San Juan de Dios, the largest indoor market in Latin America, and the UNESCO-listed Hospicio Cabañas, where José Clemente Orozco

murals line the walls, but the past few years have seen Mexico's second largest metropolis emerge as an art and design destination, as well as a home to lively food, cocktail, and party scenes. A perfect knot of all those things can be found within the city's artsy [Colonia Lafayette](#) district. Explore the neighborhood on foot: Colonial-era buildings and exemplary pieces of modernist architecture punctuate the boulevards, colorful bougainvillea droops lazily over walls, and bars brim with locals and expats. (Meat lovers shouldn't miss dinner at [Hueso](#), with its melt-in-your-mouth short rib.) If you have time, [tack on a day or two in Tequila](#) to visit La Rojeña, the 200-year-old Jose Cuervo distillery, and the region's dusty blue agave fields, which lie below the looming Volcán de Tequila. —Lale Arikoglu

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