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## 50 Best Places to Travel in 2017

The 50 destinations that made our list this year include one of France's lesser-known wine regions, America's next big dining spot, and a buzzy Greek island.



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Putting together our annual list of the best places to travel is a process that takes several months—we survey writers based around the world, talk to our [A-List travel specialists](#), and look at the most exciting hotel and restaurant openings. While news and global events have a large impact on the places we choose, we also pay attention to cities that are worth revisiting: Philadelphia, in particular, may surprise you with the amount of growth and development it has seen in recent months. North America made a strong showing on this year's list—more than a quarter of these places are within reach for a long-weekend trip from the United States.

We know that people will travel far and wide for incredible food and drink, which is why that was a key factor in our decision-making. In 2017, you'll want to head to Jerusalem for its exciting Levantine food, Oslo for its coffee culture, Belgrade for craft beer, and Valle de Guadalupe for coveted Mexican wines.

While beach vacations are timeless—you truly don't need much more than a comfortable resort, warm waters, and a good book to read—tack on a bit more time if you're visiting these places: Tofino, in British Columbia, has a wild food scene; Honolulu will host its first arts biennial this year; and Málaga has amazing hidden museums.

Technology and globalization can make the world feel small and thoroughly explored. But there are always places to discover—and rediscover—for yourself. Take a look at [last year's list](#) for additional inspiration, and share your own picks with us on social media using [#TLBestPlaces](#).



## Provence, France

Wineries and hilltop bastides have always lured travelers to [Provence](#), but a recent wave of modish auberges has turned the destination downright stylish. Take the [Domaine de Fontenille](#), a refurbished 17th-century Luberon estate that now includes a 17-room inn and a contemporary art gallery. In St.-Rémy-de-Provence, a landmark mansion has been transformed into the [Hôtel de Turrel](#), a sleek seven-room inn dotted with Eileen Gray designs and crowned with a rooftop pool terrace. And just outside Aix-en-Provence, the 28 villas at the contemporary [Villa La Coste](#) are encircled by vineyards that supply the estate's organic winery. Its sculpture park contains works by boldface architects and artists such as Louise Bourgeois, whose mammoth *Crouching Spider* guards the Provençal landscape like a Modernist scarecrow. —*Raphael Kadushin*