

## MAKING HISTORY

Don't-miss events, launches and happenings to make a note of in your new diary today

### Ananda Pagoda Festival, Myanmar

See the ancient city of Bagan transform into a carnival with street-food stalls, live music and dancing. *12-24 Jan*

### Les Bassins de Lumières, Bordeaux

Catch the launch of the world's largest digital cultural centre, which opens with an immersive light exhibition. *17 Apr*

### Gourmet Festival, Düsseldorf Join

some 190 exhibitors gathered to showcase Germany's rarest and most exciting gourmet products. *28-30 Aug*

### Opera Australia, Uluru

Enjoy the scaled-up event in its second year with star-lit recitals, alfresco opera and gala dinners beneath Uluru. *11-13 Dec*

### Tesla's Nest, Croatia

Stay in the new eco-park dedicated to inventor Niklos Tesla – expect 62 luxe cabins, treetop walks and a restaurant. *Late 2020*

### Old San Juan turns 500

Celebrate this art-centric, culturally rich city's milestone birthday with fairs, festivals and street parties. *Events year-round*



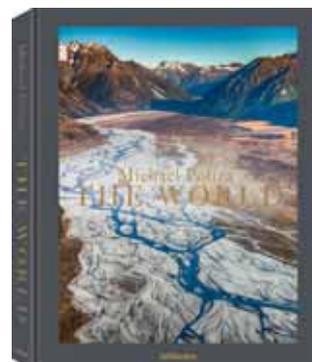
# Travel news



## MEET THE SNOW-STOPPERS

Europe is transforming into a sparkling winter wonderland and there are myriad ways to enjoy it, so slip on your snow boots for our top picks. Celebrating its 30th birthday, Les Fermes de Marie [fermesdemarie.com](http://fermesdemarie.com) in France's **Megève**, has opened its new restaurant La Ferme de Bacré – housed in the hotel owner's family farmhouse. Diners will snowshoe to the picturesque mountainside spot for intimate dinners of local cuisine before sledding home.

Adrenaline junkies will want to opt for **Sölden** [soelden.com](http://soelden.com) – Austria's high-tech alpine resort – which has just launched the country's longest toboggan run. Boasting 144km of slopes, the snow-sure resort is now easier to reach, too: just pick up the overnight *Alpen Express* train in Amsterdam. Meanwhile, Visit Lapland [visittlapland.com](http://visittlapland.com) are inviting thrill-seekers and animal lovers alike to swim with majestic orcas in **Lofoten**, Norway (from £215pp).



## READING THE WORLD

Mighty mountains that demarcate continents, languid flows of lava and hauntingly beautiful iceberg silhouettes light up the pages of *The World*, an ambitious tome from photographer Michael Poliza. Expect breathtaking, previously unseen images of the seven continents in this new special XL-format edition. teNeues, £225.

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### RIDING WITH GENTLE GIANTS

Whizz between wizened boughs of ancient trees, rice paddies and rust-coloured dirt trails as you explore Northern Thailand's jungle in an unexpected way: by sidecar. Anantara Golden Triangle Resort is offering guests exhilarating rides ensconced in classic Royal Enfield sidecars through the densely forested landscapes surrounding the resort, which is home to tapirs, gibbons and the iridescently feathered Malayan peacock-pheasant. Encounters with Nelly and the gang are a given, as the resort sits on an 80ha elephant encampment that puts conservation of the beautiful Asian pachyderms – and responsible tourism – at the heart of guests' experiences. Sidecar hire from £73 per hour. [anantara.com](http://anantara.com)

### ARRIVALS BOARD

From new long-haul flight routes to new year's resolutions, 2020 is ready for take off. TUI will jet from Manchester to **Varadero, Cuba** on 26 March, while Juneyao Airlines' first UK foray leaves for **Shanghai, China** on 30 March. Virgin Atlantic will offer daily flights from London Heathrow to **São Paulo, Brazil** as of 29 March. And easyJet has just pledged to offset the emissions from every one of its flights by investing in eco-friendly projects around the world.



### A GLENEAGLES NEST

Join the UK's freshest culinary talent hot-footing it to Perthshire's most majestic country pile, as The Gleneagles Hotel gears up to host a series of culinary pop-ups in its Strathearn restaurant. *Food and Travel's* Breakthrough Chef of the Year, Roberta Hall-McCarron, Sonder's Paul Graham and Fhior's Scott Smith join rising stars from across the UK in collaboration with chef Simon Attridge to provide a selection of intimate six-course meals between January and April. Limited to 12 guests per dinner, you'll get the chance to head into the kitchen for live cookery demos and be able to discuss the menu – which will celebrate local ingredients – with your hosts before feasting. The Strathearn Series package costs from £500, including dinner for two, an overnight stay and breakfast. [gleneagles.com](http://gleneagles.com)



## Curitiba Brazil in six stops

Bustling markets, sun-soaked parks and craft beer make this lesser-known Brazilian city a great winter escape, says Laura Price

**1** Culturally and economically rich, Curitiba is one of Brazil's top cities for quality of life. Highs of 26C make January an ideal time to visit, as does the annual Música de Curitiba festival, with concerts taking place across the city (15-26 Jan). [oficinademusica.org.br](http://oficinademusica.org.br)

**2** Start by visiting the Museu Paranaense for an extensive (and free) exploration into Paraná state's heritage, of which Curitiba is the capital. Next, wander across to the Museu Oscar Niemeyer – the biggest art museum in Latin America. [museuparanaense.pr.gov.br](http://museuparanaense.pr.gov.br) [museuoscarniemeyer.org.br](http://museuoscarniemeyer.org.br)

**3** Explore the city on foot to take in its pretty green spaces and tranquil local parks. The most famous, and definitely worth a visit, is the Botanical Garden, with its picture-perfect domed art nouveau greenhouse. Wander along to Parque Barigui to gaze at wild capybaras (the world's largest rodent) and the exotic quero-quero birds (southern lapwing).

**4** Taste the city's signature dish *carne de onça* at Mercearia Fantinato. Meaning 'jaguar', it's in fact lean beef tartare served with brown bread and onions. Oysters are also a speciality, and at K.sa you'll get the best. For fine dining, try Manu for a 20-course tasting menu of Brazilian small bites. 00 55 41 3023 1953, 00 55 41 3225 3444, [restaurantemanu.com.br](http://restaurantemanu.com.br)

**5** Curitiba is Brazil's craft beer capital, thanks to its thriving artisanal industry, pale ales aplenty and surprisingly delectable sour beers. Try a host of special brews at Bar do Alemão, where you'll also find the potent (but legendary) Submarino – a pint of pilsner with a shot of Steinhäger. [bardoalemaocuritiba.com.br](http://bardoalemaocuritiba.com.br)

**6** The Batel neighbourhood is the ideal base for those who want to stay in Curitiba's creative district. For design lovers, the stylish Nomaa boutique hotel is a top choice. Or head downtown to the Grand Hotel Rayon, known for its acclaimed Japanese restaurant. [nomaa.com.br](http://nomaa.com.br) [grandhotelrayon.com.br](http://grandhotelrayon.com.br)