

# Great ESCAPES

From Paris to Sri Lanka, plan a year  
of fantastic travel experiences

## THE HIGH LIFE

### Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar, Oman

Just like the trek to the peak of the Al Hajar Mountains, Oman's travel restrictions have been turbulent since the start of the pandemic but as rules relax, the country's rugged landscapes are back on the horizon. Perched 2,000m above sea level on the fabled Green Mountain, the Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort is one of the region's most special destinations from which to enjoy breathtaking vistas, with sleek rooms, villas and infinity pools that overlook the stunning canyon. But if you really want to feel the mountain air, visit the viewing platform that received the royal seal of approval when Diana, Princess of Wales, visited the site in 1986. [Anantara.com](https://www.anantara.com)



## ON THE AGENDA

### Amanwella, Sri Lanka

The beautiful beaches, ancient ruins and tropical greenery of Sri Lanka have been off limits since the pandemic forced border closures. But as travel resumes to the Indian Ocean island, an escape is calling once again. At the top of the travel itinerary is the recently re-opened Amanwella, a blissful coastal retreat that can only be reached via a winding track through mysterious jungle. Perched upon a hillside fringed with coconut palms, above a private golden sand beach that stretches the length of the bay, the rural resort offers the perfect setting to unwind and connect with natural wonders. Guest suites take the tranquil surroundings one step further with private terraces and plunge pools to dip in undisturbed. If you decide to venture beyond the suite, stroll to the resort's open-air yoga deck, check into the spa or take a short drive to the Mawella Lagoon, where you can enjoy canapés at Amanwella's floating lounge. Of course, Sri Lanka deserves more than just a fleeting visit, but if you're limited to just one more stop then it has to be the sister resort of Amangalla. Just over an hour's drive away, situated within the ramparts of Sri Lanka's 17th-century Unesco World Heritage Site, Galle Fort. Both jewels in Sri Lanka's treasure chest, the Aman hotels are hidden gems indeed. [Aman.com](https://www.aman.com)

## JET-SET SAFARI

### Roar Africa

Labelled as the 'Greatest Safari on Earth,' Roar Africa's extraordinary trip has a lot to live up to. But with a private jet on board, luxury resorts planned ahead and an ethos that remains rooted in humanity, while striving to be as sustainable as possible, it's no surprise that this once-in-a-lifetime experience goes way beyond first class. The itinerary transports ten guests across the globe in unbridled luxury (an Emirates A319), traveling to four iconic African destinations that promise adventure, natural wonders and spectacular scenery. Before guests embark the private jet, the trip begins at the Bulgari Resort Dubai, followed by the exclusive voyage to Zimbabwe's breathtaking Victoria Falls, onto the Okavango Delta in Botswana (the largest inland delta in the world), via Kenya's Great Migration, and a stopover to see the world's last wild mountain gorillas in the forests of Rwanda. Alongside a hand-picked selection of plush resorts to relax in, intimate encounters with wildlife and conservation change-makers, this is the trip of a lifetime. Taking place only once a year, prior booking is a must, with slots now available for August 2022 and 2023. [Roarafrika.com](https://www.roarafrika.com)



## SWISS DREAMS

### Clinique La Prairie, Switzerland

As the end of the year approaches, you're probably in need of a complete mind, body and sleep overhaul – and there's only one place for it. Sat between the Swiss Alps and the shores of Lake Geneva, the world-renowned Clinique La Prairie has introduced a truly transformative Better Sleep Program, aiming to help insomniacs and

those who suffer from disrupted sleep. Through a combination of medical diagnosis, state-of-the-art technologies, stress-relieving techniques and holistic treatments, the wellness destination will work to solve sleep woes and help you rediscover the magic of shut eye. A full nine hours of slumber sounds like a dream. [Cliniquelaprairie.com](https://www.cliniquelaprairie.com)



## EAST END COOL

### Canopy London

London's lively East End has a new hotel on the block, as the eco-conscious Canopy by Hilton makes its debut in the UK. Reflective of the rich culture and history of the area, the hotel's interior design is inspired by the Huguenot silk weavers who settled in Spitalfields during the 17th century. The cool and eclectic East End vibe is carried throughout the 340-room property, from the artworks in the hallway (celebrating Whitechapel's contemporary arts scene) to food (made with local, sustainable ingredients). Also boasting epic panoramic views of the city, the hotel is the perfect base for bustling city break. [Hilton.com/canopy](https://www.hilton.com/canopy)



## 'TIS THE SEASON

### Hotel Lutetia, France

The City of Light during the season of lights sounds like a festive fairytale: wrapping up in cashmere scarves and coats, wandering through the sparkling streets of Paris, calling into the many restaurants and boutiques for good food and retail therapy. Turning the magical fantasy into a reality, Paris' Hotel Lutetia has collaborated with Le Bon Marché Rive Gauche (the historic department store and the hotel's neighbour), on an exclusive shopping indulgence that's stamped with the same luxury and grandeur that both properties are renowned for. Guests who book the Festive Shopping Experience will be welcomed into the VIP private salons of Le Bon Marché, where they can make the most of a personal shopper, a gift card and a divine scented candle to take home. The experience also includes breakfast for two, served at the Brasserie or in-room at the historic hotel, overlooking stunning views of the city. The only luxury hotel on Paris' Left Bank, Hotel Lutetia's Art Nouveau and Deco features are instantly recognisable, while its authentic Parisian aura can be felt from the moment you arrive. Particularly mesmerising in the winter time – surrounded by festive markets, dazzling windows and glittering ice rinks – the hotel and its fellow Left Bank icon, Le Bon Marché, are all set to welcome guests during the most wonderful time of the year. [Hotellutetia.com](http://Hotellutetia.com)