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# #THELIST: FALL'S HOTTEST UP-AND-COMING TRAVEL SPOTS

10 countries to book your fall getaway to now.



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Earlier this month, the world's top luxury travel agency network, **Virtuoso**, helmed "the Fashion Week of Travel" in Las Vegas. The 27th Annual Virtuoso Travel Week gathered over 4,000 industry insiders from across the globe to unveil the hottest new destinations across the globe. As a part of their fall 2015 trend report, Virtuoso revealed the "Hot 10" destinations of the season—the less traditional emerging getaways where more seasoned travelers will be venturing this fall. From Vietnam to the Netherlands, here are the trips less traveled to book now.

## 1 Vietnam



INTERCONTINENTAL DANANG SUN PENINSULA RESORT HOTEL

Travelers seeking both culture and a well-spent dollar are heading to Vietnam this season, as Virtuoso reports bookings up over 250%. The off-the-beaten path travel spot boasts historic attractions such as the Reunification Palace (named for the reunion of North and South Vietnam in 1975) as well as ancient temples, rich landscapes, buzzing cities, incredible food markets and gorgeous beaches along Danang.

Where to stay: *InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort in Danang, [ihg.com](http://ihg.com).*



## 2 India



From walking through the Taj Mahal to tiger tours in Kanha National Park, India has attractions to fit every traveler's taste. Visit the Buddhist caves of Ajanta, shop the bazaars in Jaipur, see the palaces in Rajashtan and relax on the beaches of Goa for a well-rounded vacation full of rich experiences.

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*Where to stay: Taj Lake Palace in Udaipur, [tajhotels.com](http://tajhotels.com).*

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### *French Polynesia*

Comprised of 118 tiny islands (you're probably familiar with its most famous Tahiti and Bora Bora), French Polynesia is best for travelers looking to escape the cold this fall. Many of the islands boast bungalow lodgings atop the clear blue water, best for accessing water activities such as snorkeling, diving and sea exploration, upgrades from the traditional beach bum getaway.

*Where to stay: Four Seasons Bora Bora Resort, [fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com).*

## 4 Argentina



The South American country's warmer climate is perfect for outdoor activities such as rock climbing and hiking through the parks (the Iguazu Falls are a must-visit) as well as wandering through the capital city, Buenos Aires. The land also offers many vineyards and wineries that are must-visits for any vino lover.

CASA DE UCO VINEYARDS & WINE RESORT

*Where to stay: Casa De Uco Vineyards & Wine Resort, [casadeuco.com](http://casadeuco.com).*



## 5 Canada



For a getaway that's a little closer to home, Canada is the perfect backyard to explore. While Niagara Falls may be one of its most famous travel attractions, there are plenty of natural wonders to take in, from the slopes of Whistler Blackcomb—the largest ski area in North America—to Vancouver Island's picture-perfect snowy peaks and rainforests. For city-dwellers, Montreal's French metropolis boasts shopping, dining, historic buildings and art exhibitions.

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*Where to stay: The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in Alberta, [fairmont.com](http://fairmont.com).*

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## 6 Spain



Traditional European vacations (think London and Paris) are stepping aside this season for a rising hotspot: Spain. The country's vast array of attractions offers something for every traveller, from exploring the architecturally-rich cities of Madrid, Barcelona and Toledo to taking in the beautiful beaches along the Canary Islands. Don't miss visiting the Great Pyrenees and the many wineries—the best are in La Rioja.

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*Where to stay: Villa Magna in Madrid, [villamagna.es](http://villamagna.es).*

## 7 U.S. Virgin Islands



No passport is necessary for a relaxing trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands. Whether you opt for a cruise or simply fly direct, the U.S.-owned Caribbean gems are comprised of three islands to choose from: St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. For an activity-heavy trip in the center of the most action, head to St. Thomas, the most bustling of the three islands. To unplug, opt for St. John, the most laidback of the three with most of the island preserved as national parks. For a trip that offers the most culture, go for St. Croix: the island offers many heritage trails, museums and Freedom City, where slaves were emancipated under the former Danish West Indies

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*Where to stay: The Ritz-Carlton St. Thomas, [ritzcarlton.com](http://ritzcarlton.com).*





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## Peru

This South American gem offers incredible hiking views along the Inca Trail and the Machu Picchu ruins. Not only is this a top spot for visiting ancient ruins, but Peru is also the Latin capital for food, boasting fusion-filled cuisine, tropical fruits and fresh Amazonian chocolate. For the city lover, head to Lima, where the nightclub scene is bustling.

*Where to stay: SUMAQ Machu Picchu Hotel, [machupicchuhotels-sumaq.com](http://machupicchuhotels-sumaq.com).*

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# 9 Costa Rica



Costa Rica provides the perfect blend of beach relaxation with island adventure. Visit the Arenal Volcano National Park or experience wildlife in action at Monteverde Cloud Forest. Trade in simply relaxing on the beach for one of the green sea turtle spotting tours or kayaking adventures through the Caribbean coast.

*Where to stay: Nayara Hotel, Spa & Garden in La Fortuna, [arenalnayara.com](http://arenalnayara.com).*

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## Netherlands

Another less-traveled European hotspot, the Netherlands is on the rise with more and more people jetting off to experience Dutch culture. In, Amsterdam, the heart of it all, take a canal ride through the city's incredible architecture or an **off-the-beaten path bike tour**, visit Anne Frank's Secret Annex and see the collections of Van Gogh and Rembrandt at their respective museums. Outside the city, head to the Renaissance gardens and tulip-lined villages in the countryside.

*Where to stay: Hotel De L'Europe in Amsterdam, [leurope.nl](http://leurope.nl).*

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