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PREPARE TO BE AWED BY THESE SIX OVER-THE-TOP TRIPS YOU CAN TAKE IN THE COMING YEAR.

BY ERIC ROSEN

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING: "TRAVEL IS THE ONLY THING YOU CAN BUY THAT makes you richer." As new luxury resorts open around the world and airlines bling out their first class cabins with intentionally ostentatious amenities, there are more ways than ever to gift yourself an extravagant vacation. But which splurges are worth the expense? We went in search of once-in-a-lifetime trips you could take this coming year and discovered itineraries that include jaunts through world capitals, reservations at renowned restaurants and opportunities to lay your eyes on rarely seen animals or closely guarded works of art. The price tags may be steep, but you're sure to come home from trips like these feeling truly enriched.

CELEBRATE HUMAN INGENUITY

National Geographic is renowned for covering destinations and cultures in the farthest reaches of the world, and this time, you can come, too. Just a year from now (October 22-November 9, 2017), join them for a one-time only traveling celebration of **human creativity, history and technology**.

The journey begins in Silicon Valley with a welcome reception hosted by the Editors-in-Chief of both *National Geographic* and *The Wall Street Journal*, where you can hobnob with leaders from the tech industry. The next day, jet to Kyoto, which you'll explore with a *WSJ* editor who'll offer



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Private Jet Safari

ASIAN ART

Even fine art enthusiasts who have visited each gallery and meandered through every museum known to man will find something new February 19 - March 5, 2017 — on a very special tour of **Asia's Contemporary Art Capitals** with **Remote Lands** and the Peninsula Hotel group.

You'll begin in Bangkok with a visit to the YenakArt Villa, where you will be treated to a private lunch with some of the city's leading contemporary art gallery owners and tour the city from above by helicopter. Move on to Hong Kong to see the private studio of Portuguese artist João Vasco Paiva before an exclusive visit to the private collection of award-winning architect and artist William Lim. Shanghai's surprises will include a singular opportunity to see the private art collection of world-renowned art dealer and collector Pearl Lam — in her own apartment.

In Beijing, your artistic encounters will include spending a morning with groundbreaking Chinese street artist Zhang Dali, followed by lunch with the founding family of the legendary Guardian Auction House. You can also take a break from art — to hike a section of the Great Wall or participate in Tai Chi classes at the Temple of Heaven. The final stop is Tokyo, where you'll get an insider's look at the Mori Art Museum from its director, Funion Nagjo, and a rare chance to view the private collection of renowned collector Takeo Obayashi before saying *sayonara*. (Starts at at \$26,888 per person, remotelands.com)

ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE

Sometimes indulgence means roughing it — just to be able to claim that you've left tracks where few human feet have ever fallen. For the most fearless of adventurers, Black Tomato has assembled an unprecedented 18-day expedition to the coldest continent.

First, you fly into Chile (in January or February for ideal weather conditions). From there, the sojourn continues to Antarctica, where you'll land on an ice runway just 10 degrees from the South Pole. Enjoy a sce-

nic flight to view the continent's majestic mountain ranges, but remain alert when it comes time for your guides to provide survival instruction, including crevasse-crossing, supply sled-hauling, and cross-country skiing. You'll need them because you're in for several days of trekking past dramatic ice fields and towering rock formations — even high-speed snow-kiting across ice caps.

At night, you'll bed down in specially carved ice dens and doze off to the panorama of the Aurora Australis glowing in the southern sky. The trip ends with a few more days of hunting for fossils and meteorites while making the final push back to the Patriot Hills Base Camp. (Starts at \$102,000 per person, blacktomato.com)

PRIVATE JET SAFARI

If you've always wanted to experience the excitement of going on safari, but it seemed too lacking in luxury, andBeyond is launching a new series of private jet expeditions across the continent this year. Its most expansive — **Africa and Beyond** — includes stops in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa.

Along the way, you'll be treated to a private gorilla-trekking experience and photography tutorial in Rwanda. In Tanzania, the host of the BBC's *Big Cat Diaries*, Jonathan Scott, will lead you on safari through Serengeti National Park. You'll head to the ultra-luxurious Matesi River Lodge to enjoy the Zambezi river by day and a special stargazing expedition after nightfall.

Botswana brings a helicopter excursion over the animal-dense Oka-vango Delta. In South Africa, you'll join conservationists to track rare rhinos while staying at the Phinda Private Game Reserve. The final stop is Cape Town, where you'll get a private tour of Robben Island, with its profusion of seals and penguins. And — if you dare — you can go Great White shark cage diving with noted documentarian and shark expert Chris Fallows. (\$116,500 per person, andbeyond.com). ■