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Virgi Schiffino Kennedy, Lux Voyage

Where I'm going next...

"South Korea for an overdue return. My first was in 1988 for the Seoul Olympics. Since then, the country has become one of the world's most culturally influential, with the rise of K-beauty, K-dramas, and, of course, K-pop. It's only become an even more compelling destination—especially for younger travelers—and I'm excited to get reacquainted with it."

Catherine Heald, Remote Lands

Chasing the Chill

IT'S THE NATURAL EVOLUTION of the so-called summer cool-cation (i.e., Norway in July instead of sweltering Rome): to go where it's literally winter. **Emma Fritz of Extraordinary Journeys**, who plans trips throughout South America, says her clients are escaping peak-season heat in the Northern Hemisphere by heading to wintry places below the equator, like the Andes Mountains to hit the slopes. "It's like adding a 'bonus' season to the year," she says. Moreover, classic "winter sun" destinations—warm places to which people already flock in December—are becoming more popular for their cooler weather during the northern summer. **Sarah Farag of Southern Crossings** says, "In New Zealand's winter, travelers can explore beautiful blue ice caves, try heli-hikes on glistening glaciers, and maybe even catch the aurora australis, a.k.a. the southern lights, in our dark sky reserves." And if that craving for a summer day does strike? The warm waters of Fiji and the Great Barrier Reef are just a short flight away.

