

The 25 Most Wish-Listed Destinations of 2017

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If, at the end of every year, you find yourself saying, "Next year, we'll go *there*," you're not alone: Our travel [wish-list](#) is as long as it is diverse, and it just keeps growing. During last year's [Readers' Choice Awards](#), there were a few select places you marked as the next ones to visit, from new picks like Croatia and Norway, to old favorites like [Paris](#) and Bora Bora. If you haven't yet made it to your dream destination, here are your top picks—including some of our own tips, [your top-rated hotels](#) to book, and of course, a few beautiful photos for that extra inspiration.



Spain

The tapas, or small snacks that characterize the nightlife in Spain, make a strong case as a possible Wonder of the World. Hit Barcelona, a bohemian metropolis to sample the best of these teasers at Quimet y Quimet, where you might try a hit of canned sea urchin, or a silky codfish croquette as hungry Catalans brush by your standing-only table. The city, home to the late Antoni Gaudí, bears the physical testimony to the late artist's architectural prowess. Once you turn the corner to Sagrada Família, up in the leafy Eixample district, you'll see why: its dramatic Gothic spires and columns seem to be perpetually melting, as though crafted of wax, while the candy-colored light that floods in through stained glass windows is enough to incite a religious epiphany.

Where to stay: [Sant Francesc Hotel Singular](#), a renovated 19th-century mansion in the heart of Palma is all about old-meets-new: much of the original features of the building have been preserved including its main staircase, which flows right into the lobby. The 42-room hotel functions more as a private home, with two restaurants and a rooftop serving up fresh Mediterranean flavors and traditional regional specialties (plus dining al fresco in Quadrat's garden, with its signature pan de cristal with local tomatoes and olive oil, is a great way to start any afternoon and the Chocolate in 1,000 Textures is a decadent way to cap it off)