

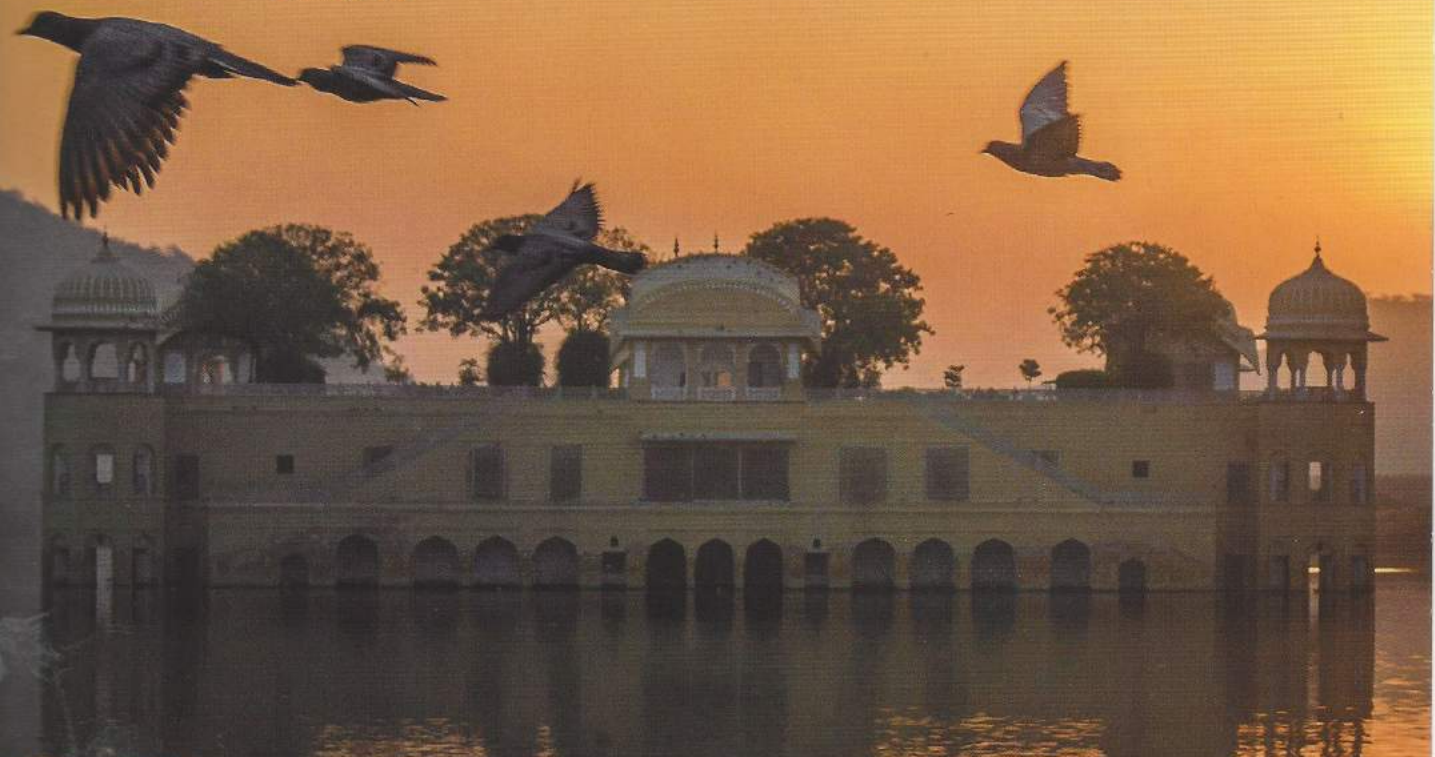
VANITY FAIR

HOLLYWOOD 2016

ON TRAVEL

*"Luxury lies not in richness and ornateness
but in the absence of vulgarity."*

—COCO CHANEL



INDIA

the princely pavilions of

RAJASTHAN

By VICTORIA MATHER

ETHIOPIA

Praises sing to its miraculous

ROCK CHURCHES

By AIDAN HARTLEY

Fernandino Island, Galapagos



GALAPAGOS

Swimming with seals and hammerhead sharks in the Galapagos Islands. The Ultimate Travel Company (talk to Nabila) has access to the best boats, working with Augusto Cruz—who was born on Floreana, in the southern Galapagos—and his eldest son Sebastian. Their boat is the 105ft brigantine *The Beagle*, which has six air-conditioned cabins (theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk). Or hop aboard the motor yacht *Passion*, a humding private vessel recently converted for the Galapagos (miravivatravel.com).



COSTA RICA Going to Costa Rica to zip-wire through the rainforest and over volcanoes. There is a new direct BA flight to San José. Stay at Pacuare Lodge—reached by white-water raft; then indulge yourself at Hacienda AltaGracia, Central America's largest spa, with its own airstrip and helipad. Each bedroom is a casita with a private butler. Blacktomato.com are specialists in Costa Rican adventures, from volcanoes to powder-white beaches.



En route to Pacuare Lodge

THE BEST
BUCKET LIST
By VICTORIA MATHER



It's the things we have not done that we regret. Explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison is an example to us all. He resolved to celebrate his 80th birthday by skydiving, running the London Marathon, climbing Snowdon, Ben Nevis and Scafell, potholing, and water-skiing across the Channel. Those things don't appeal? What about these?

JAMAICA Staying at the legendary GoldenEye, where Ian Fleming lived and wrote the James Bond novels. Now's the time for a pilgrimage: stay in one of the 26 colourful new beach huts, with distinctly non-hutty interiors (reservations @islandoutpost.com).

Serrano Glacier, Chile

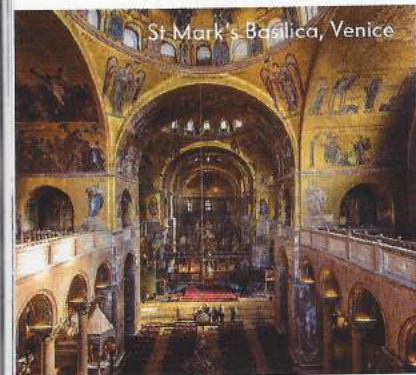


CHILE Cruising the glorious Chilean fjords—unreachable by road—to see whales, dolphins and Magellanic penguins (seabourn.com). Then flying from Santiago to Easter Island, 3,700km off the Chilean coast and one of the most remote, fascinating places on earth: 887 monolithic stone figures carved by Polynesians. Stay at the five-star Explora Rapa Nui (plansouthamerica.com).



GoldenEye Beach Huts

St Mark's Basilica, Venice



ITALY Exploring secret Italy with John Hall. His art-history courses in Venice for children of the gentry are so magical that the parents wanted them too, but with darling hotels and leisurely lunches in robust local trattorias included. The result is his Venice For Pleasure: an enriching cultural *passaggiata*—Raphaels and Titians acquire an extra glow when the viewer has been lubricated with pinot grigio. Hall's trump card is private access: during his tour of the Venetian *palazzi* you may meet three contessas before Prosecco o'clock. His Rome is a wonder of the unknown: the art collections of Papal families in their original settings, fantastic frescoes and a panoply of principessas. And new for 2016 is Paradise of Exiles, exploring the Florence of the Anglo-American imagination around the turn of the last century, through the villas and gardens of the original *Room with a View* lot. Any journey with John, always accompanied by an expert guide, is an adventure in art, gastronomy and fun (johnhallitalianjourneys.com).



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