

The Edition Hotel
in Bodrum

THE BEACH BECKONS

For the peak social scene, take these trips from June to August; for peak weather, go a little later

Put on Your Party Pants. Bodrum Is Back

Three years after a spike in terrorism shattered Turkey's travel industry, the country is making a bold comeback. From January to October 2018, the number of visitors increased 22 percent, to 36 million; that will only rise now that the first phase of a massive airport project has opened in the country's biggest city. By the time it's fully operational, Istanbul Ataturk International Airport aims to be one of the world's busiest air hubs by passenger

load, shuttling as many as 90 million people annually. The savviest of them will skip the Bosphorus this time around and make a beeline for the coast. History buffs can explore the port town of Canakkale, where the new **Troy Museum** (at the fabled archaeological site) houses 5,000 artifacts, including a 13th century copy of *The Iliad* and a Polyxena sarcophagus from 500 B.C. Party chasers can head to Bodrum to scope out high-profile openings from **Six Senses** and Ian Schrager's **Edition Hotels**. With infinity pools facing the Aegean, celebrity-approved beach clubs, spas with steamy *hammams*, and sunbathing nooks shrouded by olive groves, the see-and-be-seen destination is a revitalized alternative to St-Tropez and Mykonos.

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This summer, tackle two big bucket-list items with one vacation. On July 2 a full solar eclipse will dazzle **northern Chile**—whose clear skies and lack of urban light make it one of the world's

best stargazing regions. View the show from the Elqui Valley, where the boho-chic CasaMolle hotel recently opened, and local wineries include Tabali and Falernia. From there it's just a 90-minute flight to the otherworldly Atacama Desert. Boutique travel company Upscape is offering a five-day itinerary that includes eclipse-viewing from a deluxe tented camp in Elqui, combined with an overnight

in Santiago. Members-only travel club Prior has a two-week trip that runs from Patagonia up to Atacama, with a stop for skywatching at a mobile camp in the Araucanía lakes region. And the high-end group tour specialist Intrepid has introduced an 11-day journey with "star" astronomer John Mason. Book quickly; opportunities like these may truly come once in a lifetime.

No, really: If you don't have the flexibility for a long trip but have always wanted to watch 1.7 million wildebeests thunder across the Maasai Mara, this is the year to realize your dream. A new nonstop route

on Kenya Airways from New York's JFK to Nairobi makes the country's charms—witnessing the Great Migration, shopping for elaborate beaded jewelry, and riding camels in the desert—more accessible than ever to East Coasters. The 14-hour overnight flight lands in the capital in the morning, so you can make it to your safari camp in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. Within an hour by plane from Nairobi, you can be at the new **Sanctuary Olonana**, whose 14 glass-walled suites have wide decks facing the Mara River, or &Beyond's recently rebuilt **Bateleur Camp**, where you can watch elephants graze while you bask in a crescent-shaped infinity pool. Or skip the savanna altogether and head for Kenya's beaches, which are less developed than Zanzibar's or Mozambique's. Lamu—an island with a Unesco-protected, 14th century Swahili village and colorful sailboats lining its harbor—is an underrated favorite and well worth the extra (short) flight.

The world's last two northern white rhinos can be spotted at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, about 120 miles north of Nairobi

Speed to Kenya for a Three-Day Safari

Take a Not-So-Spring Break In Fort Lauderdale

For the ease of a Miami getaway without the 24-hour party vibe, head north. Once sleepy, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach are waking up now that restaurants such as **Floride's** have arrived. The 200-seat Mediterranean-inspired spot in the renovated **Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach** is by Mauro Colagreco, whose Mirazur in the south of France is ranked third on the World's 50 Best Restaurants list. Another worth checking out? **Dune**, a dining concept in Fort Lauderdale from Auberge Resorts Collection that spotlights charcoal-grilled dishes and Napa Valley wines. One hotel is even betting the beach will no longer be the area's primary draw: The 209-room **Dalmar**, in the heart of Las Olas, Fort Lauderdale's culture and retail district, has a retro vibe, with palm-printed wallpapers and midcentury brass chandeliers. But its rooftop bar, run by the New York-based Death & Co team, is so of-the-moment it's luring locals from Miami—now only 30 minutes away on Richard Branson's lightning-fast (and quickly expanding) Virgin train.

Be More Chill in the Balearics

After a few tumultuous seasons in which Mallorca, Formentera, Ibiza, and Menorca were almost overrun with tourists, Spain has taken strides toward restoring a sense of lazy, languid idyll to its isles. For one thing, it banned Airbnb last year and put an end to new hotel licenses to curb overdevelopment. The openings across the Balearic Islands that were grandfathered in are now countering the thump-thump nightlife reputation Ibiza created. In the fortified, Gothic center of the city of Palma de Mallorca, you'll find **Es Príncipe**, a contemporary five-star hotel with ocean views, and the intimate and art-filled **Can Bordoy**. (You won't spot a DJ at either.) On Formentera, there's **Etosoto**, an organic farm with 10 beachside rooms. **Experimental Menorca**, a nine-villa estate surrounded by wild gardens, also opens this summer. Of course, getting to the islands is half the fun. If you pass through Madrid, the **Prado Museum** is celebrating its 200th anniversary, and the **Hotel Ritz** has been impeccably restored by Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group Ltd. Or start in Barcelona, and you'll be a quick detour away from chef Ferran Adrià's soon-to-open research lab and gastronomic museum, **elBulli 1846**.