

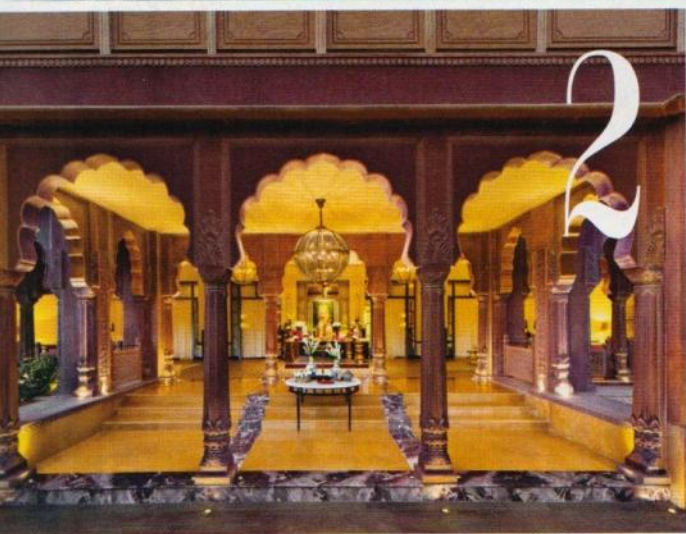
## THE HOTEL: BHUTAN

The five lodges that make up Six Senses Bhutan are designed as resting places on a journey through the enchanted kingdom, with each site taking cues from the landscape around—from a traditional farmhouse set among the rice paddies of Punakha to a cabin that blends into the woods in verdant Bumthang. Go for the activities as breathtaking as the design: from making a pilgrimage to a 16th-century monastery to spotting the endangered black-necked crane in the mystical Phobjikha valley and dining among the ruins of an ancient fortress. [Sixsenses.com](http://Sixsenses.com)

TRAVEL

# DESTINATION: WONDER

From a hidden gallery to an untouched beach, NAOMI SMART and HAYLEY MAITLAND pick nine places worth travelling to this year



## ▶ THE PALACE: INDIA

An arduous road trip may be the only way to get to Narendra Bhawan, the erstwhile residence of the last reigning maharajah of Bikaner, but the ride from Jaipur airport assures that you will not be staying at just another haveli-turned-hotel. An informal reception opens to a 82-room modern palace that breaks free from ornate design to showcase strong Le Corbusier-inspired influences. Designed by Ayush Kasliwal, there's an old-school smoking room for men, a "withdrawing room" for the ladies and a lounge with an on-call trolley for that perfect high tea. [Narendrabhawan.com](http://Narendrabhawan.com)

## ▼ THE ARCHITECTURE: AMERICA

You don't have to be an architect to appreciate the vision of Arcosanti, an experimental town built in the middle of the Arizona desert. Conceived in the early 1970s by Italian architect Paolo Soleri, these vast concrete structures house a community of practising architects and volunteers building a sustainable alternative to urban living. Plan your trip around one of the amphitheatre concerts, or take a tour of the sun-bleached estate (the backdrop to Miu Miu's spring 2018 campaign) before staying overnight in the Sky Suite—the highest point in the complex and one of a handful of rooms that visitors can actually book. [Arcosanti.org](http://Arcosanti.org)

## ▶ THE SCULPTURE GARDEN: MEXICO

Set deep in the Mexican rainforest, Las Pozas sculpture gardens—created in the 1960s by the British art collector Edward James, a patron of the Surrealist movement—will entice even the most travelled. Wander freely within 80 acres of this otherworldly playground and discover the fantastical stone towers and sculptures among a labyrinth of natural waterfalls and pools. Prepare for the pilgrimage, however, as James was never going to make the discovery easy; Las Pozas is the main attraction in the area, and there is little accommodation, so plan it as a short day trip from Mexico. The best option is taking two consecutive overnight sleeper coaches between Xilitla and Mexico City, each an eight-hour winding drive; sounds relentless (it is), but worth every minute. [Xilitla.org](http://Xilitla.org)

