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The Lodge
at Blue
Sky will be
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WHERE TO GO IN 2019

Visit the gorillas in the mist, cruise the Mekong in a boat built for four, or just bask again in the Caribbean sun—for starters. Here, all the places to see and be seen this year.

By Klara Glowczewska

Figuring out how best to spend your travel dollars is the most delicious dilemma of a life well lived. On the pages that follow are our suggestions, based on intelligence collected, insiders consulted, and cultural, gastronomic, and geopolitical trends considered. Want to bathe in wellness? Try the Berkshires—or Bhutan. Want to leave the world behind? Head for Namibia—or Norway. Fancy some

time travel? Get thee to Romania—or a secret bit of paradise off Panama. Our 25 destinations include places near and far, hot and cold, laid-back and anything but. They all have noteworthy new hotels, and we provide the names of travel specialists who can help you book. Nothing like starting the New Year spoiled for choice. *Contributors: Jen Murphy, Kevin Forbes, Leena Kim, Graham Boynton, Sarah Khan.*

Africa

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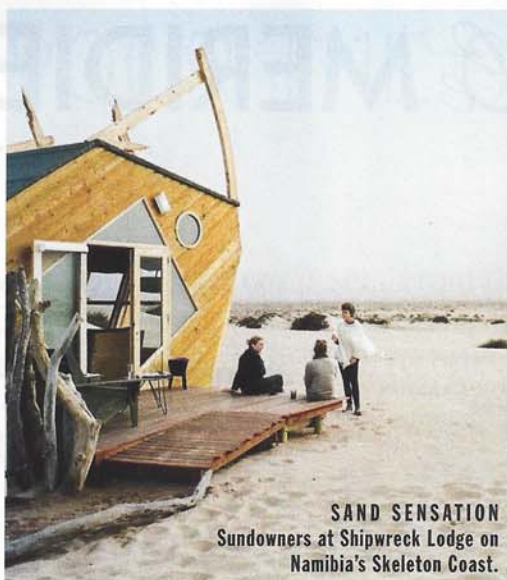
BECAUSE IT'S NOW
THE SWITZERLAND
OF AFRICA.

President Paul Kagame may have his detractors, but he has so steered his country that today it is known less for its 1994 genocide than for being safe, spotless, hilly, and high-end. The mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park have long been the main wildlife draw here, but now travelers can base themselves in lodges on par with the best in Kenya and Botswana. There's Wilderness Safaris' **Bisate**, a collection of six podlike suites that look like bird's nests suspended in the cloud forest; **One&Only Gorilla's Nest**, which debuts later this year (and will have nine holes of golf in case you need to decompress after a face-to-face with a silverback); and **Kwitonda Lodge**, opening in August from Singita, the uber-luxe South African safari company.

Beyond the apes, Akagera National Park, the country's only savannah park, is now officially a Big Five destination, and this month **Magashi Camp** opens, the park's first luxury lodge, a joint venture of Wilderness Safaris and the NGO African Parks (of which Prince Harry is president). And on the edge of Nyungwe Forest National Park, you can now stay on a working tea plantation at **One&Only Nyungwe House**. Even Kigali, the capital, has its game on, with a creative scene worth exploring and a new boutique lodge, the **Retreat**. **TO BOOK** Kate Doty will connect the dots and can arrange additional insider experiences. [KATE@GEOEX.COM](mailto:kate@geoex.com). *J.M.*



THE COLOR OF MONEY
Luxury has arrived in Rwanda. **One&Only Nyungwe House** is one example.



SAND SENSATION
Sundowners at Shipwreck Lodge on
Namibia's Skeleton Coast.

NAMIBIA

BECAUSE IT'S THE CLOSEST YOU'LL GET TO
MARS WITHOUT LEAVING EARTH.

There's Namibia's intense beauty: the red dune-framed salt pan of Sossusvlei; the stupendous rock formations of Damaraland; the mashup of desert and ocean along the Skeleton Coast, riddled with old shipwrecks. Just as moving is the desert-adapted wildlife (including lions and elephants). Because the country has a "free roaming" policy, you're not likely to find clusters of animals as you do in the fenced parks of Kenya, Tanzania, or South Africa. They are out there in space—just as you are—and thus all the more thrilling to come upon.

And now there's a crop of equally thrilling places to stay. Ten-cabin

Shipwreck Lodge is the Skeleton Coast's first beach camp. Coming this spring from Zannier Hotels (whose ethos is "simplicity is the ultimate sophistication") is **Sonop**, in the Namib desert, where you'll wake up to the world's tallest freestanding dunes. Many of the new lodges have partnered with conservation programs. Zannier's **Omaanda**, near Windhoek, complements its game drives with visits to a hospital for abandoned rhinos and elephants, funded by the Jolie-Pitt Foundation. **TO BOOK** Elizabeth Gordon can give you a deeper look at Namibia's conservation programs. [ELIZABETH@EJAFRIKA.COM](mailto:elizabeth@ejafrika.com). *J.M.*