

# VOGUE

## 5 Places to Travel This Winter

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Some say summer is the best time to travel, but winter has always been the stand-out season to me. (This is, partially, because of my borderline-psychopathic climate preference: an icy, blue sky day that hovers at 22 degrees.) In summer, everyone wants to go to the beach, or Europe, or a beach in Europe. But winter offers many appealing, and polar-opposite fates: Maybe you'll bundle up in a puffer to shred the slopes of a Rocky Mountain. Maybe you'll put on a string bikini on a white-sand Caribbean isle, and frolic with the abandon of a twenty-something linked to Leonardo DiCaprio. Maybe you'll *finally* plan that trip to a far-flung locale in the Southern Hemisphere, in the height of its high season. (Or maybe—if you're like me—you'll be ambitious and try to hit all three.)

Below, five of the best places to travel during the winter of 2020.

## Cape Town, South Africa



The Bo Kaap district of Cape Town.

Although not an undiscovered location by any means, Cape Town makes the list for one big reason: it just became a lot easier to get to.

In December, United Airlines launched a non-stop flight there, making the city's—and Western capes—wonders a mere 14 hours away from New York City. Swim at the beaches in Clifton, hike the Kleinrivier mountains, and drink your way through Franschhoek (South Africa's wine country).

Need lodging tips? [The One&Only](#) is a five-star stalwart, as is [Ellerman House](#), a charming Edwardian Mansion overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. And if brand new and boutique is your thing, try [Labotessa](#), a 17th-century congressional church turned hotel that opened this August.

# Jamaica



GoldenEye in Jamaica. Photo: Courtesy of Island Outpost

2020 is a buzzy year for Jamaica: February marks what would be Bob Marley's 75th birthday. In April is the release of the new James Bond movie, *No Time Left to Die*, which filmed scenes on the island (spoiler alert: Bond is enjoying a tranquil tropical retirement when, all of a sudden, MI6 turns up . . . *dun dun dun*.)

So head to Jamaica *before* the set-jet crowds flock to the island. Round Hill—where John F. Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy honeymooned in 1953—with its Ralph Lauren designed rooms and nirvanic views of turquoise waters—is something out of a

wanderlust fever dream. And then there's GoldenEye. It's where, every winter, Ian Fleming would write a new James Bond novel, where Sting wrote "Every Breath You Take," and where countless other artists and musicians have found relaxation and inspiration. The property features whitewashed cottages, a blue lagoon perfect for paddle-boarding, and a swim-up spa.

## Little Dix Bay, British Virgin Islands



Photo: Courtesy of Rosewood Hotels and Resort

Little Dix Bay, the paradisiacal resort founded by Laurance Rockefeller in 1964, has attracted its fair of glamorous guests over its almost 60-year history (Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Prince Charles, to name a few). Sadly, in 2017, it was completely destroyed by Hurricane Irma.

This month, after an extensive multi-year rebuild, it finally opens its oceanside doors again. Run by Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, there's a new focus on sustainability: there will be no single-use plastics, biodegradable scraps will be composted, and there's a 500-acre farm providing fresh produce for their restaurants. The Tree House suites blend in seamlessly with the tropical flora, and ocean-front villas have terraces that seem like they ebb into the shoreline. Simply put, it's the perfect warm-weather getaway.

# Jackson, Wyoming



Photo: Getty Images

As much as I travel, Jackson, Wyoming, is still my favorite place in the world (so I recommend it for every season!). But there are a few reasons why it's a must-visit this winter: There's the world-class skiing, of course—the past three seasons have seen over 500 inches of snow over Jackson Hole's 1,000 plus hectares. The terrain is steep and exhilarating (ski down Courbet's Coulier if you dare). Then there's the town, with its quaint shops and cowboy feel. The airport, which recently underwent a \$30 million expansion, now has more flights than ever.

The lodging, both new and less new, has an easy-going charm. Jackson is home to the Amangani, one of only two discrete American properties by Asian-based hoteliers the Aman. The interiors are minimalistic, with western and Japanese influences (think a lot of exquisitely-crafted wood), and there are unparalleled views of the snow-capped Tetons that may just throw you into a transcendentalist moment. Last year saw the opening of the ski-in, ski-out Caldera House, which has already attracted the likes of Gigi Hadid and the whole Kardashian family.

This winter welcomes [Cache House](#), a communal bunkhouse (with its own lobby) inside the Anvil Hotel. With Brooklyn-based studio Studio Tack behind the project, it's sure to be immaculately and thoughtfully designed. But most importantly, it'll have an affordable price point, making Jackson's beauty accessible to, well, more people.

## Swedish Lapland



Photo: Getty Images

The best time to see the spectacular phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis—or northern lights—is, you guessed it, the winter. The current hotspot (or, erm, coldspot?) to see them is Swedish Lapland, oft considered the last vast wilderness in Europe.

The top hotels are quite creative in their design: take the [Treehotel](#), whose suspended guest rooms include one in the shape of bird's nest, a UFO, and a mirror cube. (In 2014, *Vogue* [did a fabulous photoshoot](#) in this otherworldly locale.) This month, the made-for-Instagram Arctic Bath hotel, a floating resort on the Luleå river, makes its chilling debut. Like I said in the beginning: warm-weather is overrated.