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CULTURE

ART BEAT

Check out the latest openings and exhibits across the world's cultural map, from New York to the Netherlands. BY KIRSTEN STAMM

NEW YORK CITY After an extensive renovation, the **New-York Historical Society** (212/873-3400; nyhistory.org) will show off its upgraded digs—complete with a new children's history museum and Stephen Starr restaurant. **WASHINGTON, D.C.** As part of a project that included a three-part HBO documentary and a book, photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders's "Black List" portraits are now showing at the **National Portrait Gallery** (Oct. 28–April 22; 202/633-8300; npg.si.edu). **BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS** Until recently, the small town was best known as Walmart's home base. But that's all changing with the Moshe Safdie-designed **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art** (479/418-5700; crystalbridges.org).



Walmart heiress Alice Walton donated much of the collection. **DENVER** The **Clyfford Still Museum** (clyffordstillmuseum.org) will feature almost all of the enigmatic artist's works.

LOS ANGELES The **Museum of Flying** (310/398-2500; museumofflying.com) lands at its new location at the Santa Monica Airport, housing 20-plus aircraft, aviation art, and the California Aviation Hall of Fame. **MONTREAL** The city's symphony recently played its



Clockwise from above: A rendering of Denver's Clyfford Still Museum; a portrait of Whoopi Goldberg, part of "The Black List" by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders; the Frans Hals Museum, in the Netherlands.

inaugural show at the concert hall **La Maison Symphonique de Montréal** (514/842-9951; osm.ca). **HAARLEM, THE NETHERLANDS**

It's one big party at the newly renovated **Frans Hals Museum** (Nov. 11–May 6; 31-23/511-5775; franshalsmuseum.nl), thanks to "Celebrating in the Golden Age," which features paintings of peasant fairs and open-air fêtes by Hals and other 17th-century artists.

FOOD

PERU'S SEAFOOD STAR

Gastón Acurio dishes on his favorite places to enjoy the big blue's bounty. BY SANDRA RAMANI



Gastón Acurio; lomo saltado from La Mar, in New York.

With 30 restaurants worldwide, 20 books, and a weekly TV show to his name, celeb chef Gastón Acurio has become something of a seafood hero. Fresh off the opening of New York's **La Mar Cebicheria Peruana** (11 Madison Ave.; 212/612-3388; dinner for two \$100)—the seventh outpost of his hit Lima restaurant—he filled us in on his favorite seafood spots around the globe.

WHERE Lima, Peru "At **Chez Wong**, a tiny ten-table dining room by the side of his own house, chef Javier Wong uses just two ingredients, flounder and octopus, and one knife and one wok." **DON'T MISS** "Everyone gets a flounder ceviche starter; then he will talk to you about your life, and prepare the main course especially for you. He never repeats a recipe." 114 Enrique León García; 51-1/470-6217.

WHERE New York City "Chef Eric Ripert of **Le Bernardin** is a reference point when you talk about excellence in fish. He's about elegant simplicity and coaxing out different flavors within the same ingredient." **DON'T MISS** "The fluke ceviche sampler, which moves from light to complex flavors. It was such an experience to have one kind of fish presented in a variety of ways." 155 W. 51st St.; 212/554-1515.

WHERE Getaria, Spain "At **Elkano**, a family-run place on the Basque coast about an hour's boat ride from San Sebastián, they work with the catch of the day and respect it so much they serve every part of the fish, from the muscles in the mouth to the belly." **DON'T MISS** "The specialty is turbot. You might get the head in white wine, then the tail grilled." 2 Herrerieta; 34/94-314-0024.

CARIBBEAN

Island It List CURAÇAO The **Curasub** (substationcuracao.com)—the world's first mini-submarine for tourists—descends a thousand feet below sea level to find barnacled shipwrecks and fish so uncommon they're as yet unnamed. **DOMINICA** You'll pass everything from bright yellow warblers to wild pigs on the 115-mile-long >>



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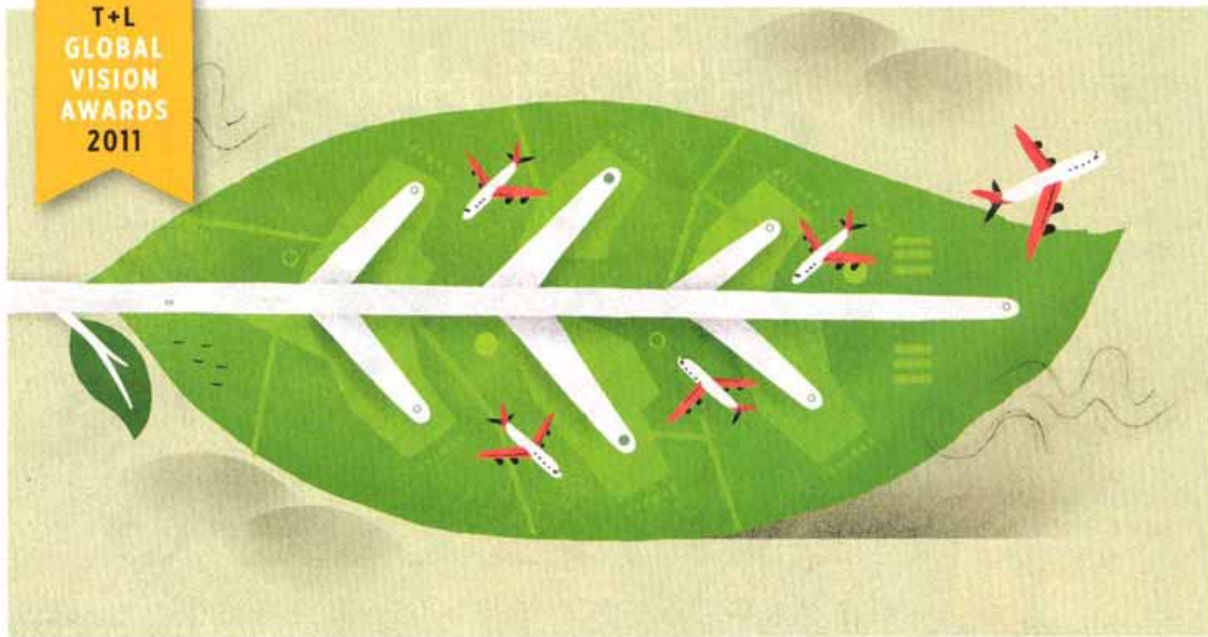
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THE WINNERS

SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SFO TERMINAL 2 SAN FRANCISCO

As the only LEED Gold-registered terminal in the United States, San Francisco International Airport's Terminal 2 sets a bold benchmark for airport sustainability—without compromising style or utility. The Gensler-designed gates have multifunctional green amenities: hydration stations enable fliers to fill water bottles from dedicated faucets; gate-side restaurants serve regional, organic food; and the baggage-claim area, which looks like a piece of kinetic art, is part of an innovative ventilation system.

TAKE THE TRIP Don't miss SFO T2's artwork, including Janet Echelman's dramatic colored nets, which hang over the "recompose" area. flysfo.com.

ECO TRAVEL NATURE AIR COSTA RICA

Nature Air isn't satisfied with merely being the world's first carbon-neutral airline: by 2021, the company hopes to be "carbon-positive," actually taking CO₂ out of the atmosphere. While the carrier is sourcing locally produced biofuels and using biodiesel to power its ground operations, the centerpiece of Nature Air's efforts is its ongoing purchase of carbon credits, which offer funds to Costa Rican landowners who have agreed to conserve the tropical forests of the Osa Peninsula. It's a corporate ethos that addresses global concerns by investing in local communities.

TAKE THE TRIP For more on the Osa Peninsula, see "The Wilder Side of Costa Rica," page 178. Nature Air can fly you there and create a customized tour of the region. 888/280-9734; naturevacations.com.

FROM THE JURY



José Andrés, chef



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ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION LUFTHANSA GERMANY

Environmentalism isn't an ethos usually associated with major airlines, but Lufthansa has made admirable strides to lower both its own and the industry's CO₂ emissions. It was the first carrier to test biofuel in normal flight operations—paving the way for other airlines—and has greened everything from its engine-cleaning routine to cabin equipment, resulting in a full 23 percent emissions reduction. Meanwhile, Lufthansa's HelpAlliance aid organization has raised almost \$77 million for health and education in Africa, South America, and Asia.

TAKE THE TRIP Lufthansa's Frankfurt Airport fleet is significantly reducing noise pollution with new mufflers. verantwortung.lufthansa.com.

GREEN LUXURY KING PACIFIC LODGE, A ROSEWOOD RESORT BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

This 17-room floating wilderness lodge on B.C.'s remote northern coast made headlines in 2006 for its role in establishing protection for the 21 million-acre Great Bear Rainforest, which surrounds the property. But King Pacific is also going green with improved efficiencies: filtration facilities that use glacial river water, a river-hydro plant and solar panels to reduce energy use, and a food and beverage program based on locally sourced ingredients. To top it off, the company has committed to halving its carbon footprint by the end of 2012.

TAKE THE TRIP Wildlife tours in the Great Bear Rainforest provide rare glimpses of the white Kermode bear. 888/592-5464; kingpacificlodge.com; from \$4,800 per person, all-inclusive.



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CONSERVATION

FROM THE JURY



Lauren Bush,
humanitarian

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LAND MANAGEMENT

MANYARA RANCH TANZANIA

→ The 35,000-acre Manyara Ranch Conservancy, on Tanzania's northern border, serves as an important wildlife corridor in a country whose population has increased by 230 percent in just 40 years. Through partnerships with national conservation organizations, Manyara is working to restore the region's habitat and make wildlife protection a profitable enterprise for the resident Masai community. Manyara's luxury tented camp, which opened last year, expands the mission, offering guests game-viewing opportunities that generate revenue for the conservancy while securing a future for the area it shelters.

TAKE THE TRIP Ride alongside giraffes and zebras on one of Manyara Ranch's horseback trips. 255-272/254-5284; manyararanch.com; doubles from \$1,240, all-inclusive.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
INKATERRA LIMA, PERU

→ In its 36 years, this Peruvian company has evolved from a small rain-forest inn serving scientists to a world-renowned luxury eco-lodge brand. The cornerstones of its environmental accomplishments are the creation of the 42,000-acre Reserva Amazonica and, more recently, a 2.4 million-acre protected marine area in the Mancora region. What's more, Inkaterra is also actively involved in dozens of conservation projects, including the monitoring of butterflies, endangered bears, and native orchids, among other species.

TAKE THE TRIP View hummingbirds and colorful tanagers on a bird walk at the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel. 866/242-2889; inkaterra.com; doubles from \$249.

MARINE PROTECTION
MISOOL ECO RESORT RAJA AMPAT, INDONESIA

→ In a small, pristine corner of the Indonesian archipelago, the 11-cottage Misool Eco Resort has assumed an enormous responsibility: protecting one of the world's most biologically diverse regions. Founded in 2005 by a group of divers and conservationists, Misool first formed a 165-square-mile haven for marine life. In 2010, Misool extended the area to 470 square miles, successfully petitioning the government to create a shark and ray sanctuary in the Raja Ampat islands—the first of its kind in Indonesia.

TAKE THE TRIP Javanese artisans created Misool's cottages, set on a lagoon. 62-816/471-0033; misoolconsort.com; from \$571 per person, double, all-inclusive, seven-night minimum.

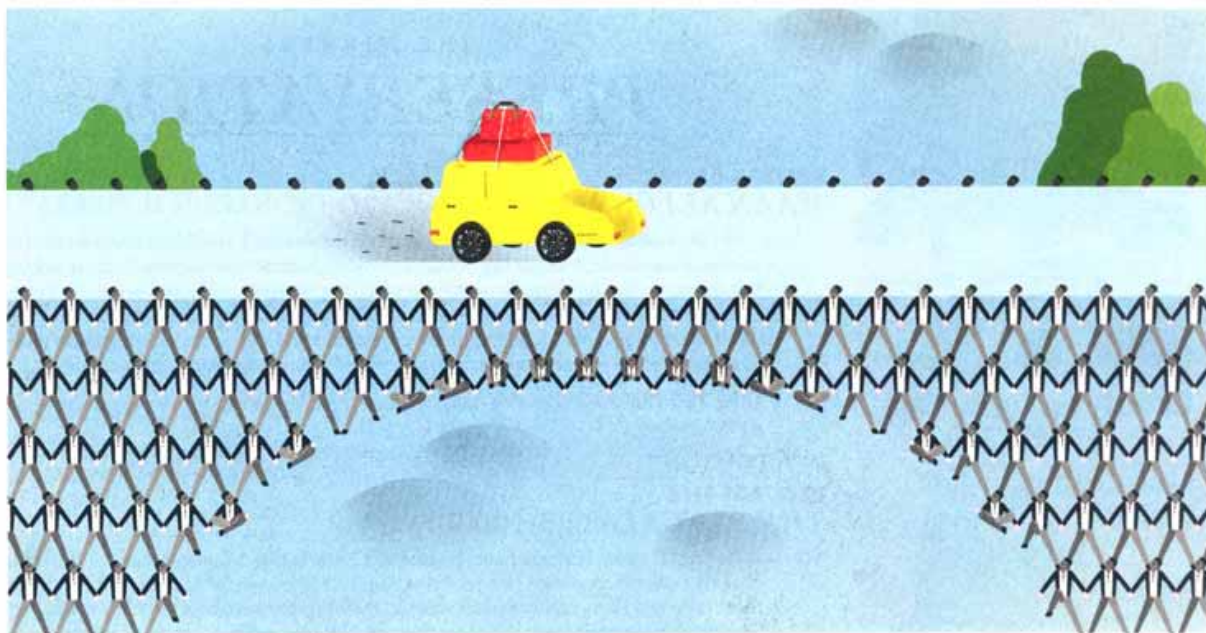
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Bonnie Burnham,
president and CEO,
World Monuments Fund

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DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY BUILDING

RANCHO LA PUERTA TECATE, MEXICO

For a decade, this destination spa's Fundación La Puerta has been a major force in transforming the once-polluted Tecate River into a point of pride for a city on the rise. It also helped build a 28-acre urban park that includes a plaza, a sports field, and an environmental center that holds workshops for both children and adults. The impact of these classes has been profound: one foundation-supported group has developed a successful recycling business and has turned a riverside garbage dump into a community garden that now grows produce for local taco trucks.

TAKE THE TRIP A stay at Rancho La Puerta can include morning hikes, aromatic hydrotherapy at the spa, and Mexican cooking lessons at the resort's own culinary school. 800/443-7565; rancholapuerta.com; doubles from \$445, seven-day minimum.

CORPORATE INNOVATION

AUSTIN LEHMAN ADVENTURES BILLINGS, MONTANA

What to do with 120 used bikes in need of replacement? The lazy might trash them, and the thoughtful might donate them, but Austin Lehman owner Dave Austin did something else entirely: He brought them to Ngoma, Namibia—where the company operates a luxury wildlife tour—and helped locals turn them into a rental and repair business, cleverly housing it in the bikes' shipping container. The shop became self-sufficient within 10 months, inspiring Austin to create the nonprofit Wheels of Change. The benefits are significant: 10 million bikes are discarded annually in the United States, and each can give someone in the developing world vital access to water, schools, jobs, and medical facilities.

TAKE THE TRIP Cyclists on Austin Lehman's Namibia Family Adventure and new Kenya Adventure trips can visit bike shops set up by Wheels of Change. austinlehman.com.

LOCAL OUTREACH

JOURNEYS WITHIN TRUCKEE, CALIFORNIA/ASIA

A boutique tour company with a big heart, Journeys Within has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the Southeast Asian communities it travels through, supporting a series of programs (university scholarships; language classes; clean-water initiatives; microfinance funds) in Cambodia, Laos, and Burma. In Cambodia, it sent 70 students to university in exchange for five to 10 hours a week of service on a Journeys Within-sponsored project. The microfinance arm, which offers low-interest loans to budding entrepreneurs, has changed lives—its 95 percent payback rate is a clear testament to its success.

TAKE THE TRIP Discover Siem Reap during Journeys Within's six-day Only on a Beaten Track trip, where you can hike to ancient temples and visit a working silk farm. 877/454-3672; journeys-within.com; from \$1,100 per person, double.

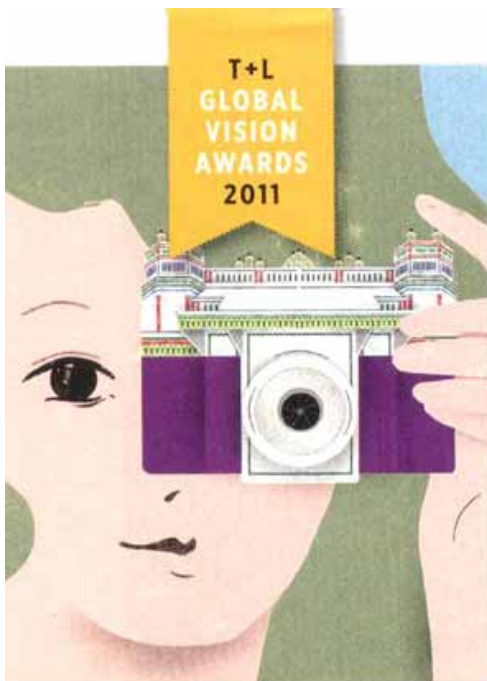
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Megan Epler Wood,
director, Planeterra
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FROM THE JURY



Joseph Stiglitz, economist

THE WINNERS
PRESERVATION

ARTISAN REVIVAL
WAAN AELŌŃ IN MAJEL (WAM) THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

→ The traditional Marshallese outrigger canoe was once considered among the finest sailing vessels in the world, until modern boats arrived and canoe construction became a dying art form. But thanks to the foresight of an American boat enthusiast and a few remaining experts, WAM emerged with hopes to revive the craft—and inspire a new generation. The program provides life-skills training and instruction in canoe-building to local youth, offering them marketable expertise in a place where more than 70 percent of young people are without jobs.

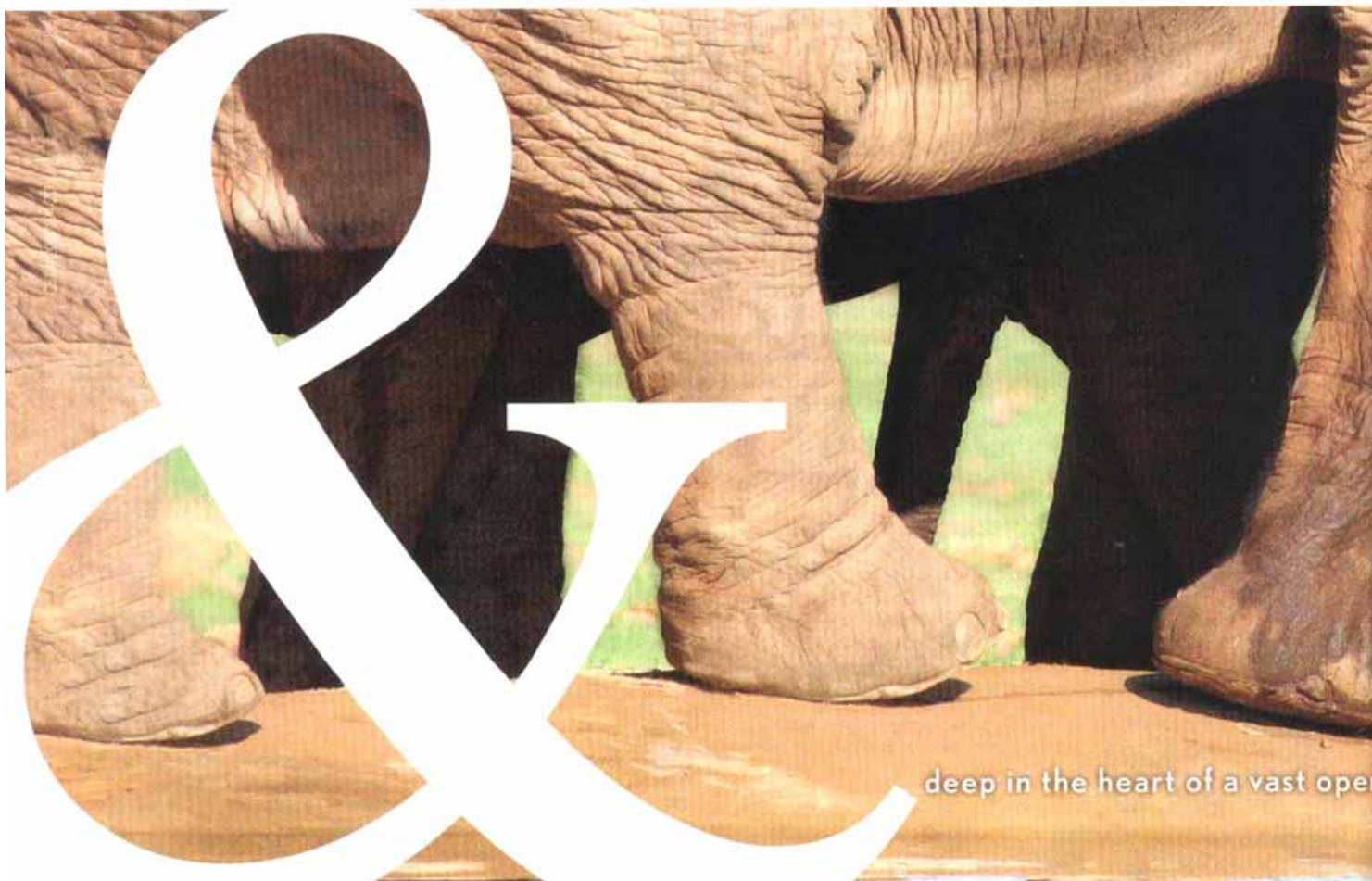
TAKE THE TRIP The WAM Visitors Center, on Majuro Island, lets travelers tour the workshops and sail in a canoe. wamprogram.org.

HERITAGE SITE
THE BANGALA CHETTINAD, INDIA

→ This 25-room heritage hotel, housed in a historic 1916 bungalow, sparked the cultural revitalization of Chettinad, a once-rich region of Tamil Nadu known for its opulent family estates. Most of these 18th- and 19th-century houses were on their way to ruin when, in 1999, the Meyyappan family converted the Bangala into a hotel that showcases the region's heritage, from architecture and cuisine to artisan crafts. Bangala's success has resulted in the creation of four additional heritage hotels in the region—proof that a single, dedicated act can have lasting ramifications.

TAKE THE TRIP Learn how to make traditional Chettinad dishes such as tamarind crab curry and chicken-pepper fry at the Bangala's cooking demonstrations. 91-44/2493-4851; thebangala.com; doubles from \$137, including breakfast.

“ SO OFTEN, OLD HOUSES IN INDIA FALL INTO DECAY DUE TO THE COUNTRY'S COMPLICATED INHERITANCE LAWS—
BANGALA IS AN INSPIRATION FOR WHAT COULD BE. ”



HISTORIC RESTORATION

AROU TEMPLE PROJECT BANDIAGARA, MALI

↳ With its high walls and spiked turrets, the otherworldly mud-brick Arou Temple has been the focal point of the Bandiagara escarpment—a cliffside collection of 20 villages in central Mali—for more than 600 years. In recent decades, drought forced the Dogon people to abandon their traditional homes, and the Arou Temple began to crumble. Since 2005, Mission Culturelle de Bandiagara's Arou Temple Project has worked to restore the temple and encourage repopulation—by constructing wells, planting trees, creating foot-paths, and even establishing a craftsman village—while also renewing the Dogon's pride in their cultural heritage.

TAKE THE TRIP Saga Tours' two-week journey through Mali includes visits to Timbuktu, fishing outposts along the Niger River, and Dogon villages near Bandiagara. 223/6673-1631; sagatours.com; \$2,967 per person, double.

URBAN RENEWAL

CONSERVATORIO S.A. PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

↳ When a real estate team set out to restore the National Music Conservatory in Panama City's historic seafont district of Casco Viejo, they didn't expect to convert the long-neglected neighborhood into a bona fide tourist destination. But that's exactly what happened. As Conservatorio continued renovating the neighborhood's colonial-era buildings, it also developed a handful of boutique hotels, affordable housing, subsidized spaces for arts organizations, and a reputation for prioritizing local needs. What was once home to a gang, for example, is currently being transformed—by its former residents—into a hotel, while an abandoned school has become an incubator for small businesses.

TAKE THE TRIP Conservatorio S.A.'s new project, the American Trade Hotel—a former hangout for the Hijos Pródigos street gang—will open next year. conservatoriosa.com; doubles from \$220.



Kate Stohr and Cameron Sinclair, founders, Architecture for Humanity

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HISTORIC AT HEART

Get a taste of colonial Lima with a stroll around the **Plaza Mayor** and the **Plaza San Martín** in the heart of the city. Then visit the **San Francisco Monastery** with its underground passages and catacombs, and the **Casa de Aliaga**, a traditional colonial house. The **Museum of Art** exhibits art from across the ages, from pre-Columbian to contemporary.

tip Linger in the museum's gardens and savor a cappuccino at the café.

CHIC AND UPBEAT

Discover the trendy **Miraflores** district, filled with restaurants, bars, designer shops, and cafés, and enjoy coastal views along the lively **Malecón de Miraflores** promenade. After sunset, head downtown to catch the **Magic Circuit of Water**—one of the city's newest attractions, it features high-tech fountains set to lights and music.

tip Go paragliding for a thrilling bird's eye city view.

SOUL IN THE CITY

Wander through **Barranco**, the cradle of Peruvian bohemia, boasting beautiful post-colonial architecture and a thriving art scene. Check out **Las Pallas** and **Dédalo** for handicrafts, and relax at the **Church of San Francisco** with its lovely plaza. Later, visit the **Pueblo Libre** district, featuring the town's best-kept secret: The **Larco Herrera Museum**, brimming with pre-Columbian art and remarkable gold and silver pieces.

tip Sip pisco brandy—Peru's national drink—at **Antigua Taberna Queirolo**, which dates back to the 1880s.

PERUVIAN DELIGHTS

Explore Lima's many boutiques for local designer labels, and find great buys at the markets on luxurious baby alpaca, alpaca suri, and cotton. Then discover why Lima is the gastronomic capital of Latin America, with restaurants showcasing traditional to global fare. Hot spots include **La Mar**, **El Mercado**, **Malabar**, **Cala**, **Huaca Pucllana**, **Madam Tusan**, and **Osaka**.

tip Enjoy tea and an organic treat at **Alma Zen**.



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