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The six places New Yorkers should travel to in 2020



Have infinite fun wading around a villa in Sicily, the southern Italian island that will become even more accessible this summer when United launches its direct flight from Newark to Palermo.

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There's no better excuse than the dawn of a new decade to spice up the way you spend hard-earned PTO.

Whether you dip into New England for a weekend or spend a fortnight traipsing around a small slice of South America, here are six destinations poised to become more exciting than ever in the months to come.

And once you've worked your way down the list, remember that United Airlines **just launched service between Cape Town and Newark** — the first-ever nonstop link between the United States and South Africa's incredible coastal city.

Where to go to shut off Instagram: The Berkshires



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The Berkshires have become such a buzzy weekend getaway that one state senator is **working to establish** a direct Amtrak route between Penn Station and Pittsfield, Mass. However you make your way upstate this summer, be sure to check into **Miraval Berkshires**, the third location of Hyatt's wellness brand, which encourages digital disconnection through designated no-device zones and miniature "sleeping bags" for phones. And although it may be tough to abstain from posting about the verdant 380-acre setting on Instagram, the 29,000-square-foot spa will surely help you unplug.

Where to go to summer like a European: Western Sicily



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Say *addio* to layovers in Rome; **a forthcoming United route** to Palermo, Italy (above), will make it easier than ever to see Western Sicily's unspoiled hillsides and dramatic coastlines. Instead of showing up with a checklist of restaurants or tourist attractions, rent a house — **The Thinking Traveller** has more than 90 villas across the island, all of them spectacular. Then you can cook every night, educate yourself on the particulars of Sicilian whites and bop around the rugged beaches and medieval towns. Splurge on either end of the trip at Villa Igiea, **a Rocco Forte hotel set to open in June** in an Art Nouveau palazzo on the edge of Palermo.

Where to go before any of your friends: Guyana



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New Yorkers can more easily access South America's North Atlantic coast this year thanks to two new nonstop routes from JFK to Georgetown, Guyana (above) — American Airlines launched flights in December and JetBlue service will begin in April. Immerse yourself in the history, gastronomy and natural landscapes of Guyana and its neighbors (Suriname, French Guiana and Belém, Brazil) with the new **Three Guianas Adventure Tour**. You'll weave through capital cities and small villages; mountains, rainforests, and islands; coffee and cocoa plantations; eco-lodges, and more.

Where to go to see a clear night sky: Bozeman, Montana



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If you're all "been there, done that" on Aspen, you're in luck: This summer, American Airlines will launch weekly nonstop service from LaGuardia to Bozeman, Mont. In April, the city will welcome Kimpton's first hotel in the state, an adaptive reuse of a 1941 National Guard Armory building with a rooftop pool and sweeping views of the Bridger Mountains. Visit Yellowstone National Park (about 90 minutes south) or venture two hours east to **Tippet Rise Art Center**, a five-year-old cultural complex with sculptures (including a piece by Alexander Calder), concerts, and hiking and biking trails, all on a 12,000-acre working sheep and cattle ranch.

Where to go to “step back” from your hectic life: Vancouver



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No sooner did they **vow to “step back”** from the royal family did Meghan Markle and Prince Harry do what we’ve all fantasized about doing: **flee to Canada**. Vancouver, served by several nonstop flights from New York, is the perfect choice if you’re looking to work up a non-royal-style sweat: VBT’s new six-day **British Columbia tour** explores the coast by bike, ferry and sea kayak. Once you’ve ogled dolphins and sampled Dungeness crab, pamper your inner prince or princess at CHI, The Spa at **Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver**, the only spa in Canada to use products from CODAGE Paris, an upscale French skincare line.

Where to go to get (almost) as far as possible: Auckland, New Zealand



At nearly 9,000 miles, Air New Zealand's **October 2020-launching route between Newark and Auckland** — set to become the only nonstop between New York and New Zealand — will be one of the longest flights in the world. Think 17 hours and 40 minutes on the way out and 15 hours and 40 minutes on the way out back. All the better, then, to settle in for a while. In May, **QT Hotels & Resorts**, which runs boutique hotels around Australia and New Zealand, will open its 10th location in downtown Auckland. Extend the trip by hopping aboard one of the regular Air Tahiti Nui flights to Tahiti; you can stretch your limbs at an overwater bungalow before that long, sobering flight back home — and back to reality.