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The contemporary
new Temple House built for
Luchs in Gengenotz, Czech

TRAVEL TRENDS 2016

Where will your wanderlust take you this year? What will you take with you? How is travel changing as we become ever more mobile? Here, Sky looks at the year ahead, from trending destinations to tech-savvy hotels and next-generation suitcases. Welcome to a new year in travel.

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▶ WHERE TO GO

When in Rome

In Rome, the shock of the new and the city's faded past sit comfortably side by side. Check into the residential-like, 30-room J.K. Place Roma or the art-filled D.O.M. Hotel Roma on the Via Giulia (don't miss dinner on the hotel's lovely rooftop Deer Club in the summer months). Or kick it old school at the Hotel Hassler, perched high atop the Spanish Steps, or at the Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria with its rock star-worthy interiors and dramatic views. Of course, Rome's sites are top-notch, so nightfall is from the Vatican to the Colosseum or the Zaha Hadid-designed Maxxi contemporary art museum before strolling along the Tiber River and channeling your own Roman holiday. Just in time, too: The Trevi Fountain just reopened after a \$2.4 million renovation courtesy of Fendi. Also recently refurbished or refreshed are sites connected to Augustus—the Palatine Museum, House of Livia—in honor of the 2,000th anniversary, in 2014, of his death. Slightly more modern is the circa-1893 Babington's English Tea Room, just at the bottom of the Spanish Steps, which offers a wonderful if somewhat incongruous English-style tea service. —J.O.N.

Below: The Trevi Fountain in Rome after its Fendi-financed restoration; above: "Hunting the Duck" dish at the House on Salween in Bangkok; The Speakeasy rooftop in Bangkok.



▶ THE STATE

Checking In

We asked Airbnb where people are hosting and staying around the world.

Cities with the most registered Airbnb hosts (as of November 2015):

- Paris
- New York
- London
- Los Angeles
- Rome

Most popular travel destinations booked on Airbnb last year (as of mid-November):

- Paris
- London
- New York City
- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- Melbourne
- Sydney
- Toronto
- Singapore
- Moscow

Range of properties to book on the site:

More than 80,000 villas, 4,000 castles, 2,800 treehouses, 1,000 islands, 9,000 boats, 700 igloos, and 500 light nights. (And on a recent night, more than 100 people were staying in yurts.)



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THE "BANG" IN BANGKOK

Bangkok is hot and boving and something of a sensory overload, but it's great fun once you figure out how to get around. What makes the Thai capital so trendy? Think killer new hotels (the soon-to-open Lancaster) rounded out with long-running, iconic hostels, knock-out street food and a buzzy nightlife scene. Top-tier accommodations include the intimate, 38-room "urban retreat" The Siam (pool villas with rooftop terraces), The St. Regis Bangkok and the Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok. Start off your tour with breakfast at Fauchon—try the Bayonne ham French toast—or a drink at Scandi-chic Rocket Coffeebar before taking in top-flight stiches such as the Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaew, Wat Arun and the Jim Thompson House. Lunch might include duck noodles or red pork

on rice from a market stall in neighborhoods such as Bang Rak and Victory Monument. Later, head to Nakh (stir-fried clams with Thai samphire and spring onions) throwback, open-air Jay Fai (crab curry—and, yes, that is a photo of Martha Stewart on the wall); or the Aussie-owned Eat Me. Later, live it up at the low-key chic Bamboo Bar at the Oriental; the rooftop Speakeasy (with watering holes that include the Long Bar, the Lawn and the bar at The House on Salween in a revamped colonial mansion within the W hotel. —J.O.N.



▶ TREND ALERT

Destination marketers know that if travelers could just experience the wonders of their thriving cities and stunning landscapes, it would make their jobs a lot easier. So it's only logical that many—from Thomas Cook to Marriott to Destination BC in Canada—are turning to virtual reality to bring new places to life.