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Gamla Stan  
Sweden



**100**  
**Okavango Delta**  
Botswana





**1 Temples of Angkor Cambodia**

Hewn from thousands of sandstone blocks and carved floor-to-ceiling in an expression of extravagant beauty, Angkor was designed to be a literal representation of heaven on earth.

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**2 Great Barrier Reef Australia**

Stretching for more than 2000km and home to 400 types of coral and 1500 species of fish, the Great Barrier Reef makes for some of the most spectacular diving imaginable.

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**3 Macchu Picchu Peru**

This ancient Inca city was virtually forgotten until the early 20th century. To this day, it is an enigma: no one really knows what happened here.

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**4 Great Wall of China China**

Constructed in waves over more than a thousand years, this maze of fortifications stretching nearly 9000km was built to keep the Mongol hordes out (it failed).

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**5 Taj Mahal India**

Built by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his third wife, Mumtaz Mahal, the shimmering marble Taj Mahal comes as close to architectural perfection as any building on earth.

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**6 Grand Canyon National Park USA**

Lit by flaming sunsets, filled with billowing seas of fog and iced with crystal dustings of snow, the mile-deep, 277-mile-long Grand Canyon is nature's cathedral.

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**19 Galapagos Islands Ecuador**

Arguably Earth's greatest wildlife show, these islands – each the tip of an underwater volcano – play host to myriad weird and wonderful creatures, including the marine iguana (pictured here).

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**20 Museum of Old & New Art Australia**

In Tasmania's capital, Hobart, MOMA offers a unique package: amazing architecture, provocative art, great food and wine (it's also home to a winery and brewery).

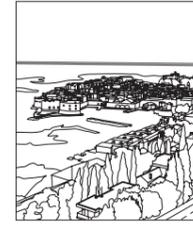
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**21 Yosemite National Park USA**

The jaw-dropping head-turner of America's national parks, Yosemite plays host to countless waterfalls, giant sequoias and roaring bears – not to mention rocks of epic proportions.

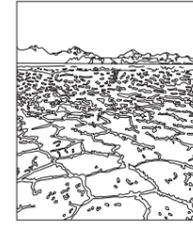
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**22 Dubrovnik Old City Walls Croatia**

Europe's most handsome ramparts are elevated by a stunning backdrop: a headland jutting into the blue Adriatic, towers rising over masts of anchored ships and green Dalmatian islands.

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**23 Salar de Uyuni Bolivia**

Welcome to the planet's biggest salt lake. There may be virtually nothing to see here, but you've never seen anything half as surreal as this sensation-bending, brain-melting experience.

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**24 Bagan Myanmar (Burma)**

Mye and dazzling ornate, this complex of Buddhist pagodas – a whopping 2200 of them – is so vast and so varied that it would take many weeks to see everything.

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**7 Colosseum Italy**

A monument to raw, merciless power, this 50,000-seat amphitheatre was once the setting for fights to the death between gladiators, prisoners and wild beasts – for baying, bloodthirsty crowds.

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**8 Iguazú Falls Brazil-Argentina**

These falls are mind-bogglingly mighty, and the subtropical rainforest around it forms a 55,000-hectare national park replete with wildlife, including jaguars and lizards.

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**9 Alhambra Spain**

The palace complex of Granada's Alhambra is one of the most extraordinary structures on the planet and a symbol of 800 years of enlightened Moorish rule in medieval Spain.

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**10 Aya Sofya Turkey**

Church, mosque and museum in one, this is a structure unlike any other: Aya Sofya represents a unique crossroads of continents and faiths.

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**11 Fez Medina Morocco**

There are in the region of 9400 alleyways in this thousand-year-old tangled labyrinth, which plays host to mosques, medrassas, riads, silversmiths, tanners and more.

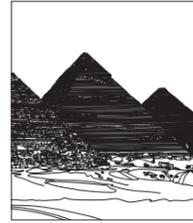
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**12 Twelve Apostles Australia**

Close to the Great Ocean Road, these lonely rocky stacks were formed some 20 million years ago as the sea eroded the soft limestone cliffs between Port Campbell and Princetown.

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**25 Pyramids of Giza Egypt**

Giza's Pyramids are the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the World and the only one to remain largely intact, allowing visitors to marvel at their impeccable 4000-year-old geometry.

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**26 Piazza San Marco Italy**

This grand showpiece square – Europe's most famous public space – beautifully encapsulates the splendour of Venice's past and its tourist-fuelled present.

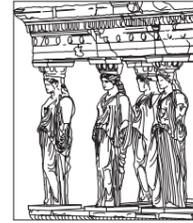
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**27 Victoria Falls Zimbabwe-Zambia**

Whether viewed from Zimbabwe or Zambia, this relentless wave is an ear-assaulting, drenching flood of one remarkable view after another – and that's just in the dry season...

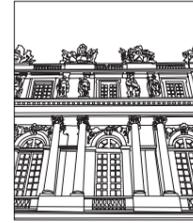
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**28 Acropolis Greece**

Crowned by the Parthenon, the Acropolis stands sentinel over Athens, visible from almost everywhere within the city. A glimpse of this magnificent sight cannot fail to exalt your spirit.

Bill Heinsohn © Alamy



**29 Château de Versailles France**

Situated in a leafy, bourgeois suburb of Paris, the Château de Versailles' ostentatious opulence pervades every last brick and baroque, egg-and-dart carved cornice.

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**30 Djemaa el-Fna Morocco**

The vibrant heart of Marrakesh, this main square is a hub of hoopla, *halqa* (street theatre) and *hikayat* (storytelling) that has been thriving since medieval times.

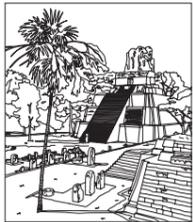
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**13 Petra Jordan**

The ancient city of Petra lay forgotten for centuries, known only to the Bedouin who made it their home, until Swiss explorer Jean Louis Burckhardt happened upon it in 1812.

Keren Su/China Span © Alamy



**14 Tikal Guatemala**

Twelve hundred years ago, visitors to Tikal would find a bustling Mayan metropolis. Today, they're greeted by haunted jungle ambience: wind through vines and the occasional cacophony of squawks.

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**15 British Museum England**

The British Museum counts among its treasures such iconic heirlooms as the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles, alongside an astonishing collection of mummies and sarcophagi.

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**16 Sagrada Familia Spain**

This iconic Modernista masterpiece is jaw-dropping to witness – despite still being a work in progress, close to 100 years after its creator Gaudi's death.

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**17 Fiordland National Park New Zealand**

Fiordland is a landscape of jagged peaks, glacial valleys, pristine lakes and fjords. Ancient forests drip green and twitch with such birds as kiwi, tahake and kea (pictured here).

Ian Watt © Alamy



**18 Santorini Greece**

With multicoloured cliffs soaring over 300m from a sea-drowned caldera, Santorini rests in the indigo Aegean, looking like a giant slab of layered cake.

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**31 Hanoi Old Quarter Vietnam**

With its French colonial mansions, frenetic Southeast Asian street markets and cool cafes, this is Hanoi's cosmopolitan heart, which beats with exuberance and brash joie de vivre.

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**32 Cradle Mountain Australia**

Tasmania's northwest corner is undoubtedly remote – but those who make it will discover Australia's quirky wildlife, alpine heaths, buttongrass-filled valleys and a varied ecosystem.

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**33 Uluru Australia**

Explore this behemoth boulder up close to discover features including pools, waterfalls, sacred sites and an ancient indigenous classroom, complete with old lessons painted on the walls.

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**34 Charles Bridge Czech Republic**

This handsome Gothic bridge began life in 1357: the foundation stone was laid by Charles IV. Over 600 years – and numerous floods and wars – later, it's still Prague's most popular thoroughfare.

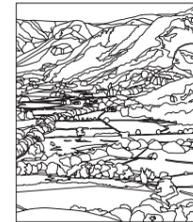
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**35 Abel Tasman National Park New Zealand**

This is a pleasuredome – a place where you can swim, sunbathe, kayak and kick back, enjoying all the fun of a beach-bum holiday – in the seductive surroundings of a national park.

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**36 Lake District National Park England**

Slatecapped fells, craggy peaks, tumbling waterfalls and shimmering lakes are all part of the charm in this, the landscape that inspired such Romantic poets as Wordsworth and Coleridge.

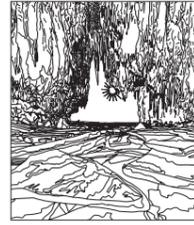
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**37 Louvre**  
**France**  
The planet's most visited museum is a finely curated record of human endeavour and expression throughout time, housed in a 12th century building that's as interesting as the exhibits.



**38 Torres del Paine**  
**Chile**  
Patagonia summons every iota of its fabled wilderness into one dramatic thrust of precipitous granite in this, an oasis of forest-cloaked mountains, lakes, plains and glacier.



**39 Lake Baikal**  
**Russia**  
The 30-million-year-old Baikal – the world's deepest lake – has an otherworldly air that's stirred and sustained nomadic tribes, Buddhists, Decembrists, artists and adventurers for centuries.



**40 Eiffel Tower**  
**France**  
Gustave Eiffel only constructed this elegant, 320m-tall signature spire as a temporary exhibit for the 1889 World Fair. Luckily, the art nouveau tower's popularity assured its survival.



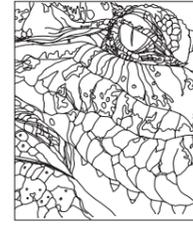
**41 Pompeii**  
**Italy**  
This, surely, is Europe's most compelling archaeological site: the ruins of Pompeii. Sprawling and haunting, the site is a stark reminder of the malign forces that lie deep inside the volcano Vesuvius.



**42 Habana Vieja**  
**Cuba**  
Cobbled streets, pastel buildings and vintage cars combine to make a visit to old Havana a little like stepping into a sepia-tinted vintage photograph.



**55 Notre-Dame**  
**France**  
A masterpiece of French Gothic architecture, Notre-Dame was the focus of Catholic Paris for seven centuries, its vast interior accommodating 6000-plus worshippers.



**56 Kakadu**  
**National Park**  
**Australia**  
Australia's Kakadu holds in its boundaries a spectacular ecosystem and a mind-blowing concentration of ancient Aboriginal rock art.



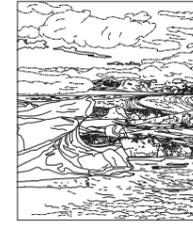
**57 Sydney Opera House**  
**Australia**  
Designed by Danish architect Jørn Utzon, this World Heritage-listed building is Australia's most recognisable landmark, situated on Sydney's Circular Quay.



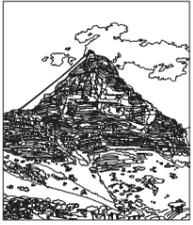
**58 Edinburgh Castle**  
**Scotland**  
Lording over the Scottish capital, this stronghold seems to segue organically out of the volcanic plug below; it's hard to tell where nature ends and masonry begins.



**59 Anne Frank Huis**  
**Netherlands**  
In the dark and airless Secret Annex of this house the Franks hid from the Nazis for several years. Now a museum, this is a moving and powerful experience.



**60 Jökulsárlón**  
**Iceland**  
A host of spectacular, luminous-blue icebergs drift through Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Its ice sculptures are sometimes striped with ash layers from volcanic eruptions.



**43 Table Mountain**  
**South Africa**  
Around 600 million years old, and a canvas painted with the rich diversity of the Cape floral kingdom, Table Mountain is a truly iconic symbol of Cape Town.



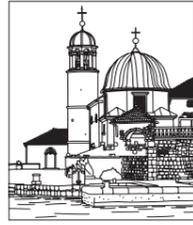
**44 Old Town Square**  
**Czech Republic**  
In Prague's Old Town Square, ornate frontages rise up on all sides and heels click on cobbles that have seen nearly a millennium of footfalls.



**45 Serengeti**  
**National Park**  
**Tanzania**  
No other park in the world spawns such a magnificent wildlife spectacle as the epic migration of millions of animals, following the ancient rhythm of Africa's seasons.



**46 Hermitage**  
**Russia**  
The Hermitage is a superlative-defying assemblage of priceless artistic masterpieces and architectural marvels; it now lays claim to a staggering three million items.



**47 Bay of Kotor**  
**Montenegro**  
In the many twists and turns of the Bay of Kotor, rugged mountains of lavender-grey scree tumble down to a coastal fringe of olive and pomegranate trees above a limpid opal sea.



**48 Jaisalmer**  
**India**  
This honey-coloured fortress rises from the sandy plains like a mirage, encircled by 99 mighty bastions. To visit is to step into an Arabian Nights fantasy made real: powerful stuff.



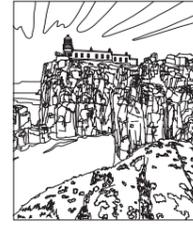
**61 Yellowstone**  
**National Park**  
**USA**  
With an enigmatic concentration of wildlife, half the world's geysers and rivers and a giant supervolcano, this is one of Mother Nature's most fabulous creations.



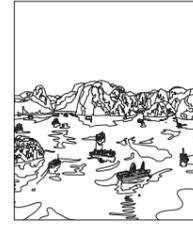
**62 Stonehenge**  
**England**  
This compelling ring of monolithic stones has been attracting a steady stream of pilgrims, poets and philosophers for the last 5000 years.



**63 Berlin Wall**  
**Germany**  
Twenty-five years after its fall, little remains of the barrier between East and West Berlin, but the wall's absence is as affecting as the fragments that still stand.



**64 Isle of Skye**  
**Scotland**  
The largest island in the Inner Hebrides, Skye has castles and crofts, granite-grey seas and crystalline fairy pools, heather moors and emerald glens.



**65 Halong Bay**  
**Vietnam**  
This verdant bay's immense number of islands are dotted with wind- and wave-eroded grottoes, and their sparsely forested slopes ring with birdsong.



**66 Il Duomo di Firenze**  
**Italy**  
Dominating the Florence skyline is the russet-domed Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, with its furiously pretty façade in pink, white and green marble.



**49 Ngorongoro Crater**  
**Tanzania**  
The concentration of wildlife on the Ngorongoro Crater floor, particularly of lions and other large predators, is unparalleled anywhere else in Africa.



**50 Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park**  
**Japan**  
What was once ground zero for the world's first nuclear attack is now a green expanse, home to numerous memorials – a peaceful place to wander and reflect.



**51 Pantheon**  
**Italy**  
A striking 2000-year-old temple, now a church, the Pantheon is the best preserved of Rome's ancient monuments and one of the most influential buildings in the Western world.



**52 Tate Modern**  
**England**  
Containing works by Rothko, Matisse, Warhol, Pollock and Hirst, the Tate Modern welcomes five million visitors every year to its hallowed halls, built in the shell of a 1940s power station.



**53 Naqsh-e Jahan**  
**Iran**  
Begun in 1602 as the centrepiece of Abbas' new capital, this vast and captivating square was designed as home to the finest jewels of the Safavid empire.



**54 Tiger Leaping Gorge**  
**China**  
With snowcapped mountains rising on either side, and winding trails that pass through tiny villages, this gorge is China's unmissable trek.



**67 Cappadocia**  
**Turkey**  
Turkey's Cappadocia is a geological oddity of honeycombed hills and towering boulders of otherworldly beauty.



**68 Ko Tao**  
**Thailand**  
This jungle-topped island has the busy vibe of Samui mixed with the laid-back nature of Phangan. But its wildcard is accessible, diverse diving right off its shores.



**69 Palenque**  
**Mexico**  
The soaring jungle-swathed temples of Palenque are a national treasure and one of the best examples of Maya architecture in Mexico.



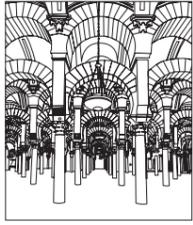
**70 Ilulissat Kangerlua**  
**Greenland**  
This bay's mouth is filled with bergs the size of buildings or whole towns. It's mesmerising to hear the almighty thunderclaps when they fissure or explode.



**71 Mt Sinai**  
**Egypt**  
Revered by Christians, Muslims and Jews, all of whom believe that God delivered his Ten Commandments to Moses at its summit, Mt Sinai is an easy and beautiful climb.



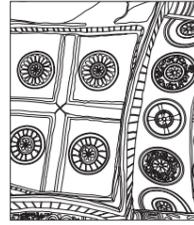
**72 Pão de Açúcar**  
**Brazil**  
From the peak of Pão de Açúcar, the city of Rio unfolds beneath you to reveal green hills and golden beaches, with skyscrapers sprouting along the shore.



**73 Mezquita  
Spain**

It's impossible to overemphasise the beauty of Córdoba's great mosque, with its remarkably serene and spacious interior. This is one of the world's greatest works of Islamic architecture.

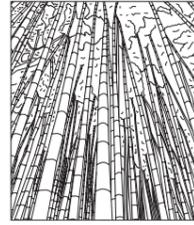
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**74 Lalibela  
Ethiopia**

The breathtaking rock-hewn churches of Lalibela represent history and mystery frozen in stone. This is not only a World Heritage Site, but truly a world wonder.

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**75 Arashiyama's  
Bamboo Grove  
Japan**

Arashiyama's ethereal bamboo grove could be the most magical place in Japan. The visual effect of walking among the seemingly infinite stalks of bamboo is like entering another world.

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**76 Lake Bled  
Slovenia**

With crystal-clear blue water, a tiny island topped with a pretty church and a dramatic Cliffside castle, Lake Bled is lovely to behold from almost any vantage point.

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**77 Redwood  
National Park  
USA**

This national park is home to the largest trees on earth: coast redwoods, which often grow more than 100m in height and live for hundreds, occasionally more than a thousand years.

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**78 Chichén Itzá  
Mexico**

The most famous and best restored of the Yucatán Maya sites, Chichén Itzá will impress even the most jaded visitor: it is simply spectacular.

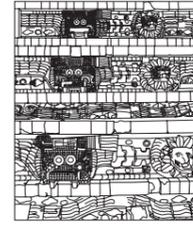
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**91 Shwedagon Paya  
Myanmar (Burma)**

Myanmar's signature monument, a 99m-high zedi (stupa), is coated with 27 tons of gold and topped with an eye-popping 2000 carats of diamonds.

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**92 The Pyramids  
of Teotihuacán  
Mexico**

With its sprawling complex of pyramids, this was Mexico's biggest ancient city and the heart of the country's largest pre-Hispanic empire.

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**93 Blue Lagoon  
Iceland**

This milky, teal-coloured spa lounges in a magnificent black lava field, fed by waters marinating at a perfect 38°C from a futuristic geothermal plant.

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**94 Lake Wanaka  
New Zealand**

New Zealand's alternative adventure hub, the Lake Wanaka region offers more than just watersports; it's the gateway to the South Island's mighty Mt Aspiring and nearby snowsport centres.

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**95 Abu Simbel  
Egypt**

Carved out of the mountain on the Nile's west bank more than 3000 years ago, the colossal Great Temple of Ramses II was lost in the shifting desert-sands of time before its rediscovery in 1813.

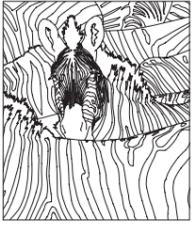
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**96 Cimetière Du  
Père Lachaise  
France**

Everyone who was once anyone is buried here, from Balzac to Chopin to Édith Piaf to Oscar Wilde. The tree-lined, cobblestoned cemetery is today rich in folklore and superstition.

Père-lachaise cemetery © Lonely Planet Images



**79 Masai Mara  
National Reserve  
Kenya**

A vast tract of savannah, dotted with shady umbrella acacias and divided by meandering rivers, the Mara is where nature is at her most ferocious, extrovert and heroic.

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**80 Metropolitan  
Museum of Art  
USA**

This sprawling encyclopedic museum houses one of the biggest art collections in the world, with more than two million objects, from Egyptian temples to American paintings.

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**81 Franz Josef  
& Fox Glacier  
New Zealand**

Franz Josef and Fox are twin glaciers, remarkable for many reasons, including that visitors can venture on to their frozen flanks to explore an incredible ice-scape.

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**82 Valley of the Kings  
Egypt**

It was in this isolated hollow that the pharaohs constructed their princely tombs for hundreds of years. What remains is a succession of 63 magnificent royal tombs.

Michelle McMahon © Getty Images



**83 Hoi An Old Town  
Vietnam**

Vietnam's most civilised town is both cosmopolitan and provincial but, above all, beautiful. Once an ancient port, it's now bursting with gourmet restaurants, hip bars, boutiques and tailors.

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**84 Monument Valley  
USA**

A fantasyland of crimson sandstone towers soaring up to 1200ft skyward, this valley was once home to Ancestral Puebloans, who abruptly abandoned the site some 700 years ago.

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**97 Big Sur  
USA**

Nestled up against mossy redwood forest, the Big Sur coast is a secretive place in which hot springs, waterfalls and beaches lay hidden. It has long been a muse for creative types.

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**98 Matterhorn  
Switzerland**

No other mountain inspires as much obsession as the charismatic Matterhorn. Some 3000 worshipful Alpinists summit its 4478m-high peak each year.

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**99 Gamla Stan  
Sweden**

In Stockholm's old town, founded in 1250, cobblestone streets wriggle past Renaissance churches, baroque palaces and medieval squares, while spice-coloured buildings frame cosy cafes.

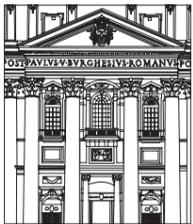
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**100 Okavango Delta  
Botswana**

This huge inland delta's annual flood attracts a wonderful concentration of the continent's big-ticket animals and seeing them here feels intimate and personal.

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**85 St Peter's Basilica  
Italy**

Rising on the west bank of the Tiber like a gargantuan wedding cake, St Peter's is vast. Its great double dome, an architectural tour de force, was designed by Michelangelo.

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**86 Dome of the Rock  
Israel**

Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock is perhaps the city's most enduring symbol. Its gold top shimmers above a turquoise octagonal base. The site is sacred to both the Muslim and Jewish faiths.

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**87 Red Square  
Russia**

The historical, geographic and spiritual heart of Moscow, Red Square is crowded on all sides by architectural marvels; individually they are impressive, but the ensemble is electrifying.

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**88 Forbidden City  
China**

Beijing's enormous palace complex, the largest in the world and home to 24 emperors over 500 years, exudes dynastic grandeur with its vast halls and splendid gates.

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**89 The Uffizi  
Italy**

As extraordinary as the Michelangelo, da Vinci, Raphael, Titian and Caravaggio paintings in the Uffizi is its setting – a gargantuan riverside palace built by the Medici family in the 1500s.

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**90 Everest Base Camp  
Nepal**

In 2015 an avalanche devastated Mt Everest's base camp. But it has proven its resilience over the years; people will return to trek through villages where people live among the biggest mountains on earth.

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