

101 Ways to Travel Without Leaving Your House

BECAUSE, WELL, WE'RE ALL SPENDING TIME
AT HOME RIGHT NOW.

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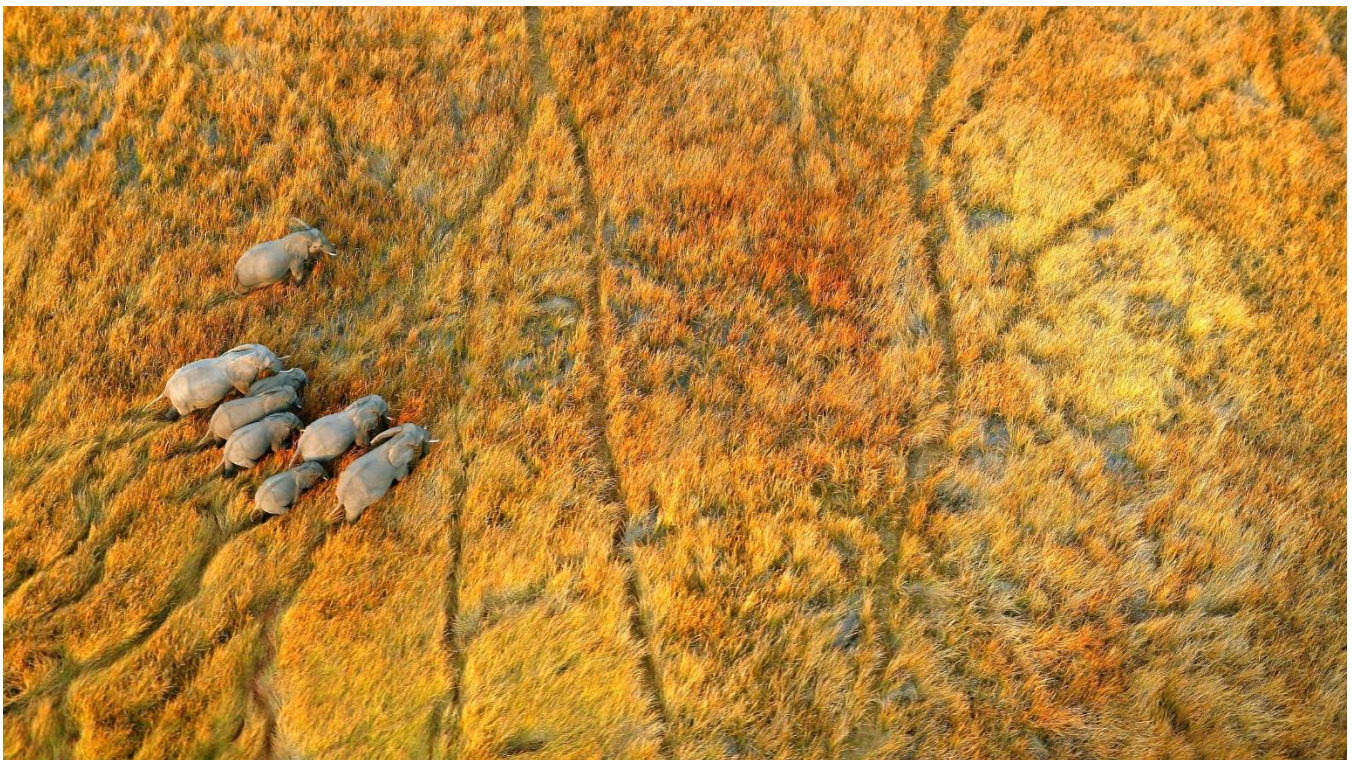
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Like many people, we've had to hit pause on our travel plans for the time being, but that doesn't mean we're not still thinking about all the places we've been—and all the places we hope to get to sometime soon. After all, so much of travel trickles into our lives both before and after a big trip, whether it's the hours we spend scouring the internet for inspiration on where to go next, or the ways a place influences us long after we've left, from the food we cook and the souvenirs we fill our homes with to the music we listen to. "It's important to remember that travel is also a state of mind," U.S. editor Jesse Ashlock wrote last week. "And that you don't necessarily have to go far away to feel far away." With that in mind, we've put together a list of 101 ways to travel without leaving your house, which we hope will help you feel a little more entertained, a little more inspired, and, most importantly, a little more connected with the rest of the world.

Indulge your wanderlust

1. Gawk at some of the [world's most beautiful libraries](#)
2. Daydream about sailing along [Turkey's Turquoise coast](#)
3. Get ready to vote for your favorite hotels, destinations, and more in our [Readers' Choice Awards](#) on April 1
4. Make a list of all those [places you'd like to go next](#)
5. Visit your favorite U.S. National Parks on [Google Earth](#) (and a few you've yet to see, too)
6. Pick a trip that has to be [booked one year in advance](#)



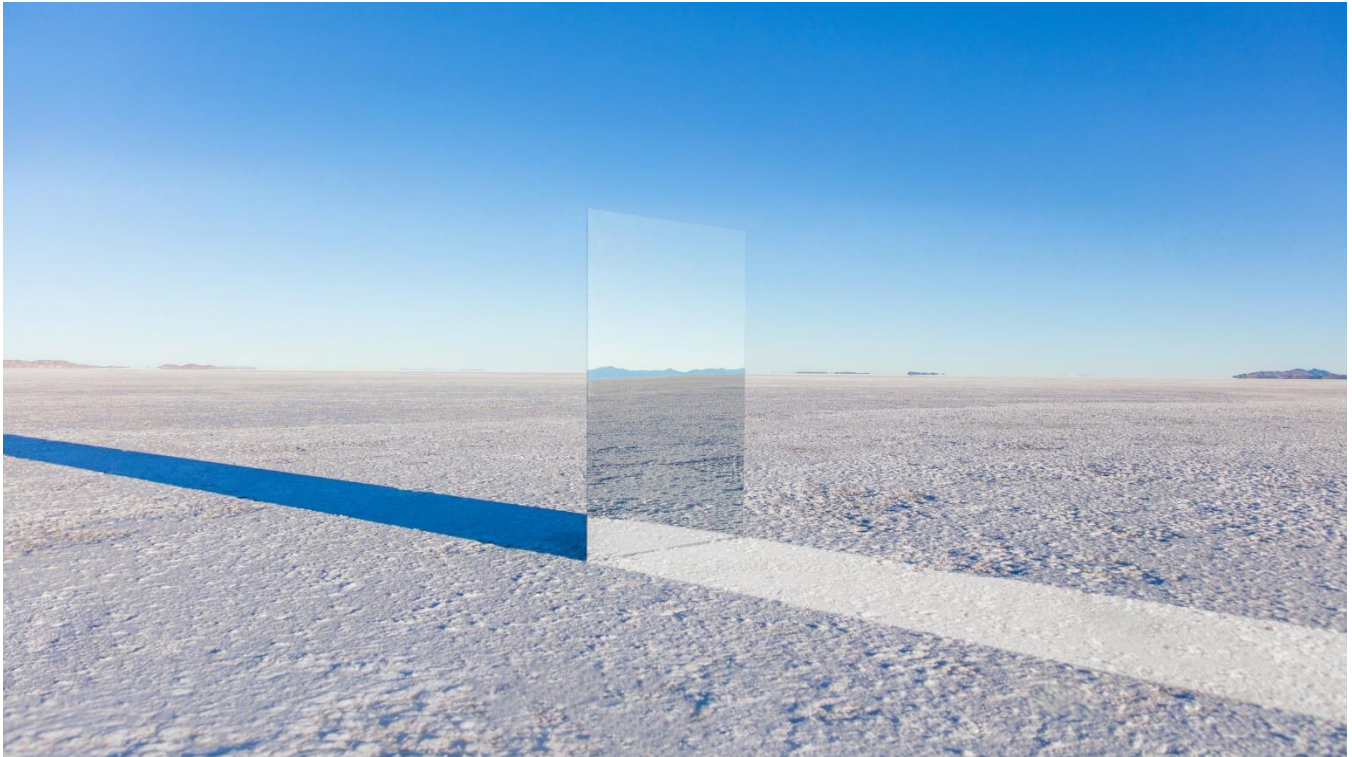
An aerial view of Botswana's Okavango Delta Getty

7. ...And then create a [Pinterest board](#) to gather inspiration for it
8. Consider an [epic train trip](#) for the future and start plotting your route
9. Take a look at some of the most [colorful places in the world](#)
10. ...Or plan an itinerary around [Pantone's color of 2020](#)
11. Bookmark [beautiful Airbnbs](#) for the future (and maybe get some home decor inspo while you're at it)
12. Watch [walking tours](#) of places you haven't been, or want to revisit
13. Explore the most beautiful [UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#)
14. Start a [Google Maps list](#) filled with bookmarked restaurants, coffee shops, art galleries, museums, bookstores, and more that you dream of visiting one day
15. Steal a little travel inspiration from your [favorite celebrities](#)
16. Spin around Google Earth with the [I'm Feeling Lucky button](#)
17. Fantasize about which [hidden beaches](#) you'll hit next time you're in Italy...



Italy's hidden beaches are at the top of the list of places we want to go when this is all over. Getty

18. ...Or if you're so inclined, [Hawaii](#)
19. Imagine sleeping underwater, right on the [Great Barrier Reef](#)
20. [Subscribe](#) to Condé Nast Traveler! (We know. We're shameless.)



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33. ...And then load up your [Kindle](#) with everything you've just bought
34. Read some of our favorite authors on [what home means to them](#)
35. Add some travel inspo to your coffee table with [some of these tomes](#)
36. And if you're feeling motivated, start [journaling about your own travels](#)

Soothe with some retail therapy

37. Buy a [luxurious pair of pajamas](#) that you'll never be ashamed to travel with
38. Splurge on something from [that shop you dream of returning to](#) one day
39. Buy [destination-inspired scented candles](#) and have them burn all day long inside your house
40. Stock up on all your [K-Beauty](#) favorites without a trip to Seoul
41. ...Or shop for [French beauty products](#)
42. Bring the tropics to your house with [some exotic plants](#)
43. Treat yourself to one of our editors' [favorite travel gifts](#)
44. Pick up a [coffee subscription](#) and get to know [beans from around the world](#)—it will making your WFH caffeine routine way more fun
45. Shop at one of our favorite [hotel gift shops](#), like [The Hoxton](#) or even [The Ritz](#)
46. Revamp your apartment (or beauty cabinet or closet) in the style of [Paris](#)
47. ...Or if you're more of an Italy person, shop for [locally made products](#), like a custom bag from Florence or a coffee maker to perfect your espresso
48. Represent your favorite national park with gear from the [Parks Project](#), and feel good knowing that your dollars go back into backlogged projects in the parks
49. Feeling anxious about being cooped up at home? [Order some CBD oil](#)—and then add it to your dopp kit the next time you travel.
50. Make your online shopping work for you by getting [maximum travel points](#) with your credit card
51. ...And start earning points toward your [next hotel stay](#) while you're at it

Dabble in some self-improvement

52. Learn a new language with a [digital classroom](#)
53. ...And then jump into a [foreign language film](#)
54. Figure out if you have what it takes to [become a pilot](#)
55. Practice [visualization meditation](#) to get a head start on figuring out your next trip
56. Donate to [carbon offset charities](#) to shrink your footprint before flying again
57. Learn the art of Japanese calligraphy with [this book](#)
58. Finally take the time to practice becoming an [organized traveler](#)
59. Keep your fitness up with these [hotel room workouts](#)
60. Do a little redecorating inspired by [your favorite hotels around the world](#)



The best thing about abandoned places? There's no one else there. Getty

Find something new to talk about during your Zoom happy hour

61. Tour the world's most [beautiful abandoned places](#)
62. Use this Google tool to see how [World Heritage Sites have changed](#)
63. Take a peek at how [Olympic stadiums have evolved over time](#)
64. Get into a bit of [slow TV](#) (trust us, it's pretty soothing)
65. Find out what a night at a [space hotel](#) might look like
66. Jump between the Arctic's Lonely Island and Pukapuka in the Pacific, in Judith Schlansky's [Pocket Atlas of Remote Islands](#)
67. Learn about Sardinia's [annual pagan exorcism](#) (seriously)
68. Get to know the fascinating history of [Jewish temples in the Caribbean](#)
69. Enjoy some of the world's greatest [museums, symphonies, and operas](#) from your couch
70. Read up on the ancient history of destinations you hope to visit in the future, like [these ruins right in the middle of Lima](#)
71. Marvel at Bolivian architect Freddy Mamani's [otherworldly architecture in La Paz](#)
72. Absorb a digital art exhibit like this [mesmerizing one](#) on Ireland's Connemara mountains
73. Go back in time to the [golden age of travel](#)
74. Or if it all feels a little too high-brow, watch a livestream of these [pandas](#)

Expand your music repertoire

75. Check out [Bad Bunny's favorite spots in Puerto Rico](#)
76. ...And then turn up the volume on some [noise cancelling headphones](#)

77. Escape to Lisbon with [Portuguese fado music](#)
78. Get to know Women Who Travel podcast guests [Ibeyi](#), whose music fuses Cuban, French, and Yoruba influences
79. Start streaming a random radio station from somewhere far away with the [Radio Garden](#) project
80. Search a country's top 50 hits on Spotify to listen to music from around the world (right now we're listening to [France](#) and [Japan](#))
81. Have a dance party and blast some calypso soca music from [Trinidad](#)
82. Research all the [jazz clubs](#) you'll want to hit up when you finally get to New Orleans

Bring the world to your kitchen

83. Transport yourself with these [international cookbooks](#)
84. Crack open that [bottle of wine](#) you brought home from your travels
85. Make yourself an indulgent New York-style brunch, using [these places as inspiration](#)
86. Get [take-out](#) from your favorite restaurants and chefs
87. Learn how to recreate dishes from the legendary [Osteria Francescana in Modena](#) with Massimo Bottura's [virtual cooking lessons](#)
88. Allow yourself to [pine for dishes you miss](#)—then try your best to recreate them
89. Get yourself a bunch of [Biscoff cookies](#)—an airplane staple—and eat them next to your window
90. Try to imagine [Alison Roman](#) cooking up a feast for 45 people in Portugal—or just read about the one place she always hits when she travels
91. [Order in](#) from that restaurant you've never managed to get a table at
92. Make your own Italian aperitivo hour—and use [these places](#) as inspiration
93. Order [wine from around the world](#) to sip on

Binge on pop culture

94. Compare the real [destinations that inspired your favorite Disney movies](#) to the animated interpretations (thanks Disney+!)
95. Rewatch old seasons of Anthony Bourdain's Parts Unknown, and learn about [places you've never been to](#)
96. Watch our [favorite travel movies on Netflix](#) right now
97. Look for shows [filmed right in your home city or state](#), and remember how lucky you are to be, well, where you are
98. Subscribe to the [Women Who Travel podcast](#) and listen to travel stories from Elizabeth Gilbert, Lynsey Addario, Jessica Nabongo, and more
99. Travel to a [galaxy far far away](#)
100. Dive into this list of [road trip movies](#)
101. And then work your way through the [greatest travel movies](#) of the past 50 years—after all, you finally have the time to.

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