



Joseph poses with  
one of the world's  
grand wonders:  
Machu Picchu, Peru

*Travel is Fatal to Prejudice, Bigotry and Narrow-mindedness.*

- Mark Twain

## Greetings!

Ah, Spring! Spring fulfills the promise nature made in the fall: *I Shall Return!* Here in California's Santa Monica Mountains, except for a few set backs you can read about on **my blog** – Spring is beautifully bloomin' all over!

We celebrate spring with festivals and events in places lately emerging from the chill: Michigan, Chicago, Canada, Japan and Iceland. Those folks know how to celebrate the earth's season of rebirth. This time of year turns writer Kimberlie Hamilton's fancy to cruising and her story on sailing the blue Danube is inspirational. It makes me want to get back to the great waters of the Europe.

The eMag serve up "Best Picks" in California, Oregon and a Taste of Cuba in Miami, where people like me celebrate

their Cuban roots. There's also a selection of fine hotels that will enhance your visit to Peru. Follow Julie and my lead and visit Peru soon for some unforgettable experiences.

Creatively, Travelscope family's artistic fires are roaring. Julie left for Hong Kong to produce a new show, *Epic Adventures*, while I'm home preparing for Taiwan, the first shoot of Season 8 of *Joseph Rosendo's Travelscope*. And, stay tuned, there's a new *Archaeology* show with a Travelscope twist coming soon. You can stay up-to-date to everything going on by visiting

**Travelscope.net** often, and for up-to-minute news, check out Facebook at **Facebook.com/Travelscope**. Happy Traveling!

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## Getting Around

Take a one-day rail adventure on the **Agawa Canyon Train Tour** into the Canadian wilderness north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Experience towering trestles and pristine lakes, rivers and forests. Explore the canyon bottom on foot. **AgawaCanyonTrain.com**. Look for Joseph's Ontario, Canada adventures airing on PBS and public in 2015. For info go to **Travelscope.net**.

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Follow in the Inca's footsteps on the **Sketches of Peru** photography experience, July 9 – 18, with award-winning photographer Adam Weintraub. Visit and photograph Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca, the Peruvian Altiplano, Cusco and indigenous Inca villages. **PhotoExperience.net**. Follow Joseph and Julie's Peruvian adventures on the blog and podcast pages at **Travelscope.net**.

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## Celebrations U.S.A.

The **Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival**, April 11-13 and April 18-20, in Indio, stars headliners from Outkast to the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. It's sold out, so plan for 2015. New events like Dinner in the Rose Garden and luxury tents with a concierge, breakfast and snacks offer upscale enjoyment. Visit **Coachella.com**. Watch Joseph's California adventures airing now on PBS and public television stations nationwide.

"**Modern Nature: Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George**," through May 11 at the de Young Museum in San Francisco, features flowers and landscapes painted during O'Keeffe's annual retreats to Lake George in upstate New York from 1918 to the 1930s. **deYoung.famsf.org**. See Joseph's California Coast adventure now showing on national public television stations.

It's **Tulip Time** in Holland, Michigan, May 3-10, when six million tulips are in bloom. The city celebrates with parades, 1,000 costumed dancers, tulip tours, a carnival, attractions including wooden shoe factories and Dutch costumes, food and music. See **TulipTime.com**.

Dance to the sounds of 44 different live bands during the **Chicago Spring Festival**, June 27 to September 14 at the Spirit of Music Garden in Grant Park. Get in step with dance lessons, then glide across the restored 4,900-square-foot open-air dance floor. Swing, waltz, cha-cha and more. Or simply sit and enjoy the music. Visit **CityofChicago.org**.

Celebrate Cuban food, coffee, drinks, cigars, music and culture at the **Taste of Cuba Festival** in Miami, April 26-28. Enjoy Cuban food, mojitos, the Cuban Art Walk, and top singers and musicians including the Riverside Miami Band, with ties to the original Cuban band from the 1930s. Go to **TasteofCubaFestival.com**. Join Joseph's Cuban heritage celebration by reading his *Christmas Smoke* blog at **Travelscope.net/blog**.

## Destination Hot Spot: Portland - The Rose City



A mix of urban chic, historic buildings along tree-lined streets, sleek skyscrapers overlooking the Willamette River and friendly locals who know how to have fun, make Portland a charming vacation destination.

Arts and culture are everywhere, including acclaimed museums, gardens and live theater. Stylish restaurants abound. For beer-lovers, Portland has more craft breweries than any city on the planet. Flower aficionados delight in "The Rose City's" beautiful blooms including 8,000 gorgeous roses at the International Rose Test Garden, considered a must-see signature attraction.

One of the best times to visit is during the annual Portland Rose Festival, when the city serves us a menu of parades, concerts, dragon boat races, the City Fair carnival and a myriad of activities and celebrations. This year's festival is April 26 through June.

Highlights include the April 26 opening 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade and the Grand Floral Parade on June 7, featuring 17 floral festooned floats, 18 marching bands, 19 equestrian units, vintage vehicles and other special entries. May events include the Starlight Parade, with 100 illuminated and glow-in-the-dark entries, and the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. June 5-6 is the 126th Annual Spring Rose Show, the largest and longest-running rose show in the nation. June 4 starts Fleet Week, when military and pleasure vessels welcome visitors aboard.

The Hotel Vintage Plaza, an AAA 4-diamond boutique hotel, is an excellent choice. Located in the heart of downtown, it's near many Rose Festival events, features a nightly hosted wine hour in the library-like lobby and Pazzo Ristorante for creative Italian cuisine.

Visit [RoseFestival.org](http://RoseFestival.org) and [TravelPortland.com](http://TravelPortland.com).

Listen for Joseph's Portland pod cast at [Travelscope.net/podcast](http://Travelscope.net/podcast).

For more on the Hotel Vintage Plaza go to [VintagePlaza.com](http://VintagePlaza.com) and on Pazzo Ristorante visit [Pazzo.com](http://Pazzo.com).

## Dateline: The World

Peek inside 150 of Toronto's most architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings during **Doors Open Toronto**, May 24-25. Admission is free to all the venues including the palatial Queen's Park. Go to [SeeTorontoNow.com](http://SeeTorontoNow.com). Check out Joseph's six new Ontario, Canada adventures beginning in 2015 on Public Television stations throughout the U.S. and Canada. For information, go to [Travelscope.net](http://Travelscope.net).

Enjoy the **Reykjavik Arts Festival**, May 22 to June 5, in Iceland, featuring leading Icelandic and international visual and performing artists from around the world. The program includes concerts, an award-winning puppet show for adults and paintings and sculpture with an Icelandic spin, plus Reykjavik's vibrant nightlife. Visit [ArtFest.is](http://ArtFest.is). Watch Joseph's European adventures airing now on PBS. For a complete list of European shows, go to [Travelscope.net](http://Travelscope.net).

Experience May Day in Ireland. Festivities include **Mayday Bonfire Night on the Riverwalk**, May 1, in Arklow, County Wicklow, featuring music, kids' activities and a roaring bonfire. And the **Limerick Riverfest**, May 2-5, in Limerick, County Limerick, with a BBQ competition, crafts, boat races, fashion shows and fireworks. Visit [Wicklow.ie](http://Wicklow.ie). Check out JRTS's Ireland episode at [Travelscope.net](http://Travelscope.net).

Celebrate **Easter Sunday Holy Mass with Pope Francis** in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 20. Admittance is free, but tickets are necessary to join the thousands of worshipers each year in the square. Go to [PapalAudience.org](http://PapalAudience.org) for details on how to request tickets and the official Vatican site, [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va). Watch Joseph's Italy adventures airing now on PBS and public stations nationwide.

Admire the **cherry blossoms in Japan** from late March through early May. Choice locations for "Hanami" (cherry blossom viewing) include Arashiyama in Kyoto, Lake Kawaguchi at the foot of Mt. Fuji and the banks of the Sumida River in Tokyo. Visit [Jnto.Go.jp](http://Jnto.Go.jp). See Joseph's Japan episodes airing now on PBS and Public Television stations nationwide.



## Sampling the Sights along the Blue Danube

Story by Kimbelie Hamilton



**H**igh above the narrow cobblestone streets of tiny Durnstein, Austria, I hiked up to the crumbling ruins of a castle where King Richard the Lion-Hearted was once held for ransom in the 12th century.

When I arrived at the top I found it completely deserted, despite being midsummer and the height of tourist season. For the next hour or so I had the castle and the marvelous view over the Wachau Valley entirely to myself.

I was on my first river cruise, AmaWaterways' seven-night Melodies of the Danube voyage. Somewhat prone to seasickness, I had little interest in ocean cruises, but river cruising was supposedly different – more destination-oriented and with much smaller ships. River cruise vessels are like floating boutique hotels that can often dock in the old historic quarter of a town, meaning I could step off the ship and immediately start exploring. It sounded like a safe, scenic and easy way to see Europe. As an added bonus, I'd only have to unpack once.

The enduring romance of the Danube River appealed to me, too. Immortalized in legend and song, the river offers a cultural "tasting menu" of the Continent, winding through multiple countries renowned for beautiful scenery, quaint villages, medieval churches and castles, and grand old capital cities.

Some excerpts from my travel journal:

### Day 1: All Aboard

The newly built AmaCerto was like a boutique hotel, with a plunge pool, library, fitness suite, massage rooms and a stunning glass elevator. Succumbing to jet lag, I slept through dinner, but awoke in time for an Illuminations Cruise along the city's floodlit riverfront. Standing under the stars on the top deck I watched the massive Hungarian Parliament

building slowly glide past.

### Day 2: Budapest

I was famished by the next morning and very happy to see the breakfast buffet. I figured it was a good idea to fuel up given the day's busy itinerary, which started off with a city tour. Budapest sprawls across both sides of the Danube; Pest to the east and hilly Buda to the west. The sightseeing tour gave a good overview of all the top landmarks, including Heroes' Square, Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. My favorite place was the cavernous Great Hall Market on the Pest side, which dates from the 1800s and is filled with exotic produce, huge bundles of dried paprika, food stalls and Hungarian handicrafts.

### Days 3 & 4: Bratislava & Vienna

The next morning I awoke in the capital



A stateroom onboard the AmaCerto

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The Hungarian Parliament building in Budapest

of Slovakia, a former Communist country that gained independence in 1933. Bratislava was interesting enough, but I was much more excited about our next port of call, Vienna, one of Europe's most beautiful and historic cities. After our sightseeing tour, I indulged in a slice of sachertorte, quite possibly the world's most decadent chocolate cake. I savored it slowly over a cup of strong coffee, then lurked outside the Vienna Spanish Riding School, hoping to catch a glimpse of the academy's pristine white horses.

I also visited Schonbrunn Palace, an architectural masterpiece built in the late 1600s as the summer residence of the Habsburg monarchs. It was modeled after Versailles and has more than 1,400 rooms, although Empress Maria Theresa once dismissively described it as "cozy." After a guided tour of the imperial apartments, I went outside to explore the palace's vast grounds, which

contained a gigantic fountain, sculpture gardens, a hedge maze and a small zoo.

Vienna is considered the music capital of the world, so I thought it would be sinful not to see a concert in one of the city's formal concert houses. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening performance, a mix of compositions by Vienna's favorite composers, Mozart and Strauss, and the opulent setting was truly spectacular.

#### Day 5: Durnstein

The Wachau Valley is one of Austria's loveliest regions, dotted with picturesque hamlets such as Durnstein, best known for the unusual blue façade of its baroque church tower. I tasted apricot brandy for the first time and spent some of my free time in the town's cemetery, strolling amongst the ancient tombstones and peering into an ossuary stacked high with dusty femurs and skull bones.

Later, I borrowed one of the ship's complimentary bicycles and took a guided bike ride from Durnstein to Melk, a leisurely 19-mile route alongside the river, pedaling parallel to the ship. It took about three hours, including a beer stop at a local café, and it was one of my favorite experiences of the trip. Melk was a highlight, too. Located on a rocky outcropping overlooking the river, the



Meeting one of Vienna's famous Lipizzan stallions

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900-year-old Melk Abbey is one of Europe's largest monasteries and a world-famous monastic site. The abbey has a museum, a school and an amazingly atmospheric library stuffed with priceless medieval manuscripts, which is said to have inspired the acclaimed novel *The Name of the Rose*.

### Day 6: Linz

The only thing I knew about Linz was that it was the birthplace of Linzer Torte, a delicious jam-filled tart with a lattice topping. Linz is also known for its museums, galleries and lively art scene. But there was little time to experience much of that, as I'd signed up for an optional excursion to Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, just across the Austrian border. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cesky Krumlov has a 13th century castle and twisting medieval streets lined with shops, cafes and food stalls. I couldn't resist trying a local specialty, *trdelnik*, a cannoli-like pastry topped with cinnamon, sugar and nuts. Delicious!

### Day 7: Passau & Vilshofen

It rained the next day and I was tempted to just hang out on the ship, but eventually I went ashore with everyone else. The city tour in every port was included in my cruise fare



Cruising past Passau

so it seemed like a waste to skip it, and I also didn't want to miss out on any interesting experiences. After a couple hours exploring Passau, the ship continued on to Vilshofen, where the skies cleared and the friendly local residents staged a festive "Oktoberfest" celebration just for us. I loved the spirited Bavarian folk music and dances and meeting the town's mayor and reigning Oktoberfest Queen.

Over pretzels and steins of good German beer, everyone excitedly talked of their next destination. A river cruise in Myanmar seemed to be at the top of everyone's bucket list. Where would my next voyage be? With only a single sail under my belt, I was already a river cruising convert.

For more information about river cruising, Google "River Cruising" or visit [AmaWaterways.com](http://AmaWaterways.com).

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Cycling from Durnstein to Melk



# Resorts, Hotels 'n' Inns

Here are some restful values.

R = resort H = hotel I = inn ♥ = romance, of course.

Joseph and Julie just returned from a scouting trip to Peru and here are their hotel recommendations. (See their Peruvian adventures at the blog and podcast pages of Travelscope.net.)

**R** Situated in the heart of Cusco on the historic Plaza Las Nazarenas, the luxurious boutique **Inkaterra La Casona Cusco** is the first Relais & Chateaux hotel in Peru. It's transformed from an exquisite 16th century colonial mansion, believed to once been the home of Simon Bolivar, and features 11 rustically lavish suites that offer a perfect mix of historical heritage and modern luxury. Original murals and colonial-inspired furnishings echo the city's colonial past, while modern amenities include complimentary mini-bars, handcrafted toiletries and the in-house Yuca Therapy Room foot, hand and full body therapies. Meals, including tea and cocktails, are served in the formal dining room. Like any private residence, the hotel is closed to the public. The Museum of Pre-Columbian Art is next door, allowing for immediate sightseeing. Rates begin at \$380 per night, single or double. To learn more, go to [InkaTerra.com](http://InkaTerra.com). ♥



**R** The **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel** is nestled on 12 acres of a mountainside reserve at the foot of Machu Picchu Mountain. Sporting the look and feel of a rustic Andean village, this charming boutique hotel is composed of 85 one- and two-story white-washed casitas and villas. Pre-Columbian relics dot the grounds, which include three miles of ecological paths that wind past waterfalls, gardens and wild forest – ideal for orchid, bird and butterfly watching. Highlights include a garden of native orchids in their natural habitat – 372 species in total, a world record according to the American Orchid Society – an organic tea plantation and garden – both of which provide the hotel with organic products – and the Andean Spectacled Bear Rescue project. The resort's ambiance is refined and natural. Meals are served in the glass-walled restaurant. Rates start at \$249, double; and \$394, single. Visit [InkaTerra.com](http://InkaTerra.com) for details. ♥



**R** For a luxurious retreat, the **Aranwa Sacred**

## Valley Hotel & Wellness

encompasses 10 acres of woods and lakes on the banks of the Vilcanota River in Urubamba. It's anchored by the beautifully restored 17th century Yaravilca Hacienda, with 31 antique-filled rooms and suites, courtyards and fountains; and 84 accommodations in newly constructed buildings including six river-front suites measuring 1,464 square feet each, three 1,800-square-foot Lake Suites on small islands in the lake, and the 5,400-square-foot Presidential Suite on a private islet. The Unno Spa is the largest in South America, at 27,000 square feet, offering ancestral Andean therapies and international practices. Antiques and original art grace the property, which also features two gourmet restaurants, a Pisco & Sushi Bar, a chapel, an art gallery with works by Peru's leading artists, a museum, a library, screening room and pyramid-shaped greenhouse, with 1,000 species of orchids. Rates range from \$260 to \$7,000 per night. See [AranwaHotels.com](http://AranwaHotels.com) ♥



**H** In Lima, the boutique **Hotel Antigua**

**Miraflores** offers charming and affordable accommodations in the best area of Miraflores, near Lima's top restaurants, vibrant nightlife, finest shopping and oceanfront boardwalk. Originally a 1923 mansion, the boutique hotel is known to have the friendly warmth and attention to detail of a B&B and the comforts and amenities of a fine hotel. All the rooms and junior suites have been recently renovated, with hand-carved wooden furniture, original art, antiques, flat screen TVs and free Internet. Every room has a garden view. Amenities include a restaurant with a unique menu of novoandina cuisine, and a café-lounge pouring pisco cocktails. A fresh-cooked breakfast with choices including ground corn pancakes and other made-from-scratch specialties is included in the rate. Rates begin at \$92 per night, single; and \$106 per night, double. Visit [AntiguaMiraflores.com](http://AntiguaMiraflores.com).



## Oxnard - More than You Expect

Story and Photos by Barbara Beckley



Inside the Channel Islands Maritime Museum

Sunny beaches where seabird tracks outnumber foot prints. Green grasses sprouting from oceanfront sand dunes. World class attractions including an acclaimed maritime museum brimming with 17th and 18th century treasures, gourmet restaurants and unique ocean excursions.

Sounds like New England, right? Wrong. It's all in Southern California – just one hour north of Los Angeles in Oxnard.

Long known for delicious strawberries, I recently discovered that Oxnard has way more than berries to delight visitors. While its strawberries are among the nation's best – the annual California Strawberry Festival attracts more than 100,000 visitors each May – this ocean-front city has impressive year-round attractions that also draw celebrities.

A mannequin in a sleek 1930s beaded gown, vintage Louis Vuitton luggage and classic Art Deco autos took my breath away at the Mullin Automotive Museum. I'm usually not a car museum enthusiast – but this one is different. The vast Art Deco-styled two-story space transports visitors to the Paris Auto Salons of the 1920s and 1930s, where auto designers brought the artistry of Lalique crystal and Louis Vuitton luggage into the designs of their automobiles.

Finely-crafted classic French-built touring automobiles and grand prix race cars gleam under the lights, surrounded by exquisite period furniture, paintings and ceramics from the French Art Deco designers of pre-war Europe. "Yes, Jay Leno visits the museum. Leno and Peter Mullin, the museum

owner, are friends," confided Ruby Talbot, museum vice president.

I was enthralled by the rusted-out chassis of a 1925 Bugatti and the high society story of how it got that way. As Talbot explains, the Bugatti was won in a 1933 poker game in Switzerland. To avoid taxes, the new owner suspended the vehicle in Lake Maggiore; but the chains broke before he could clandestinely get it home. It lay on the lake bottom until it was raised in 2009. "Now it's worthless as a car – but priceless as an object of art," she said.

It's a short drive from 1930s France to 17th century adventures on the high seas at the impressive Channel Islands Maritime Museum on the waterfront at Oxnard's Channel Islands Harbor. "Enthusiasts compare it to a young Mystic Seaport - Museum of America and the Sea (the nation's premiere maritime museum in Connecticut)," said Susan Smith, Oxnard CVB president and CEO. No surprise once you're inside. For sea-loving visitors like me, this is a must.

Artifacts from Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson, replicas and a few originals from China's Ming Dynasty Treasure Fleets, which sailed the world from 1405 to 1433; hundreds of 16th and 17th century oils by Dutch and Flemish painters, and one of the nation's two largest collections of antique Napoleonic prisoner of war sailing models (made from whatever the captive sailors could scrounge). The French sailors sold their models while they were still in jail, and many went on to fame and fortune as model-makers once they were freed, explained a docent.

Perhaps best of all – I learned how to make a ship in a bottle! Regularly scheduled Ship-in-a-Bottle classes are one of the many museum activities.

Outside, the call of the sea is easy to answer. Island Packers, A&M Boat Charters and Channel Islands Sport Fishing serve Oxnard's Channel Islands Harbor, with guided kayaking, sport fishing, snorkeling, diving, whale watching and camping excursions into Channel Islands National Park, which encompasses five of the eight California Channel Islands and the ocean surrounding them.

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Cooking class at La Dolce Vita Ristorante &amp; Lounge

The Channel Islands National Park Headquarters in Ventura Harbor provides an in depth look at the islands' sea life – so diverse they are described as “North America’s Galapagos Islands.” If the voice on the introductory video sounds familiar – it is. It’s actor Kevin Costner, who grew up in Oxnard.

Oxnard’s foodie scene is gaining celebrity status, as new, chef-owned restaurants introduce seasonal-centric cuisine across town. Roses and a white picket fence set the scene for authentic Italian Mediterranean fusion cuisine at La Dolce Vita Ristorante & Lounge, located in a 1901 Colonial Revival-style two-story home in Oxnard’s historic Heritage Square. The paneled rooms make elegant settings for lunch and dinner, the basement is a hip nightspot and the vine-covered veranda is where Chef-owner Michelle Kenny gives cooking classes.

A limoncello champagne cocktail got my cooking lesson off to a delicious start. Armed with fresh eggs, I expertly separated the yolks from the whites – a first step in preparing Kenny’s popular Chicken Milanese with Tomato and Fennel Sauce. She made it look easy: lightly pounding and sautéing the chicken; then crafting a sauce with olive oil, fennel bulbs, salt, pepper, thyme leaves and a hefty helping of mascarpone cheese. Definitely one of the tastiest meals I’ve enjoyed.

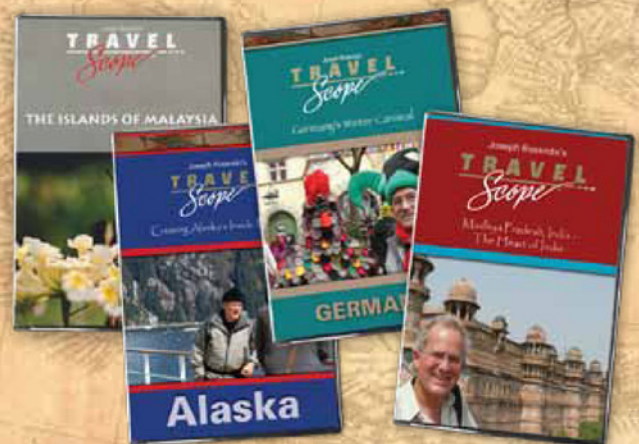
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## Spotlight on San Francisco

San Francisco Skyline

The timeless allure of cable cars, spectacular bay views and beloved attractions from the Embarcadero and Fisherman's Wharf to the saucy Mission District and Golden Gate Park keep San Francisco on everyone's vacation A-list. In 2013, *Condé Nast Traveler* ranked the City by the Bay third among the nation's top 10 destinations and *Saveur* magazine named it "the world's best city for food markets and artisan shops."

While visitors gravitate to the iconic attractions, San Francisco doesn't rest on its laurels. New and expanded attractions, restaurants and night spots add fresh discoveries to the city favorites.

New on the cultural scene is the SF Jazz Center, which opened in 2013 in the heart of the city. Built specifically for jazz music and jazz audiences, the transparent concert hall is the first of its kind in the world. The Bay Lights art installation burst into the night sky across the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge in

2013, creating the world's largest LED light sculpture. And the Embarcadero is the new waterfront home to the expanded Exploratorium, San Francisco's interactive science museum. Its new glass Bay Observatory offers breathtaking never-before-seen bay views.

Look for the 10-story, high-rise expansion of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) to open in 2016. It will house SFMOMA's expanded permanent collection of acclaimed art including the recently acquired Fisher Collection – acknowledged as one of the world's finest collections of modern and contemporary art.

Just as an Irish coffee at the Buena Vista Café is a must; so are the new hot spots. The Royal Cuckoo in the Mission District is a swanky, hip, new old-school bar, with LPs played on a record player and some of the city's best impromptu live jazz and blues.

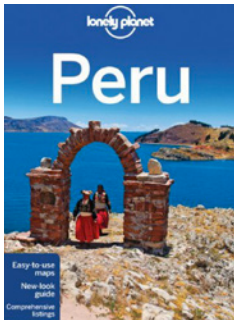
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# Book Marks

Story by Barbara Beckley



"Peru startles with its variety," writes the authors of the Lonely Planet Peru Guide: parched coastal desert, jagged Andean peaks, lush Amazon rainforest and culture from sophisticated Lima to antiquities including Machu Picchu and the mysterious Nazca Lines, visible from the air only. Festivals mix ancient pageantry with stomping brass bands.

The urban vanguard beams with artistry and innovation. Trails mark the way from dense jungle to glacial mountain peaks.

This amazing diversity – and how to best see and enjoy it – is offered in detail throughout the 584 pages of the Lonely Planet Peru Guide. Beginning with the planning chapters which include need-to-know items from health and safety and money and costs to getting around and the best times to go, the book guides you toward what appeals to your travel style.

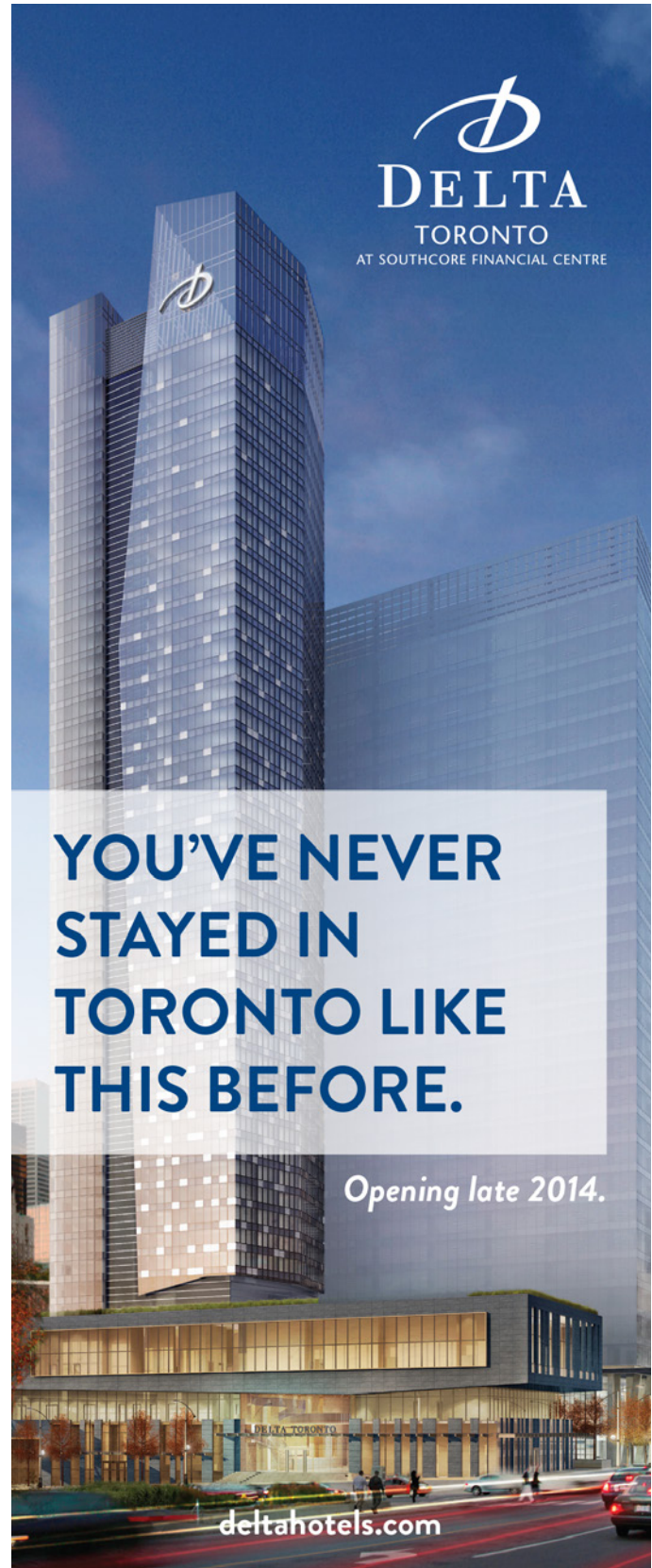
You'll find the best places to stay in all categories: luxury resorts, the top jungle lodges, guesthouses and B&Bs and hostels. Some 376 restaurants in all price and cuisine categories are reviewed by journalists who've been there. Likewise the best sights to see from Casa-Hacienda San Jose to Machu Picchu; the top entertainment, myriad activities such as Inka Natura and Inca del Peru; recommended tours, the best shopping, best festivals and the best markets are explained from experience.

With more than 36 mountains, perhaps the world's most arid desert and dense tropical jungle – trekking is especially popular. The guide features a special Trekking the Inca Trail feature, along with a section on Peru's Best Treks.

Nearly 100 full-color photographs and 71 maps bring Peru to life and give you a good lay of the land. The guide covers Lima, the capital; the south coast, Arequipa, the Sacred Valley, Canyon Country and Lake Titicaca.

Find the Lonely Planet Peru Travel Guide 8th edition (\$25.99) at [LonelyPlanet.com/Peru](http://LonelyPlanet.com/Peru).

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