



15 Best Places to Visit in 2017

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As 2016 winds down, The Points Guy team has got travel on the brain, thinking back at our [best airline mileage](#) and [hotel points redemptions](#) of the year and looking forward to all the fantastic spots we hope to explore next. With some exciting new adventure destinations and a few classics thrown in, here's our list of the places we're eager to see in 2017, as well as a few we've been to and would suggest others visit next year, presented here in alphabetical order.

Peru

With its famous Inca ruins, Andean culture and the unspoiled majesty of the Amazon, Peru has long been a traveler's paradise, but it now seems poised to make the transition from being a top South American destination to a world-class one thanks to a slew of new developments. The continent's most thrilling restaurant scene can be found in Lima thanks to chefs like Gastón Acurio (La Mar) and Virgilio Martínez (Central). The capital city is also home to pre-Columbian ruins and the imposing remains of its colonial era, not to mention a daring (and darling) new boutique hotel called Hotelito Atemporal.

Up in the north, Iquitos is the gateway to the Amazon basin from which cruises depart. Luxury line Aqua Expeditions, for example, has launched a new series of three-, four- and seven-night cruises to help visitors explore the lush rainforest. The country's most famous body of water, however, has to be Lake Titicaca down south, where guests can now stay at the ultra-luxe Relais & Chateaux lodge, Titilaka, as they spend their days visiting floating villages and learning about the local culture.

Of course, you can't come all the way to Peru without spending at least a little time in Cusco, where you'll have your choice of hotels — your points will come in handy at the JW Marriott El Convento Cusco, for instance. On your way out to [Machu Picchu](#), where there's also a bunch of fancy lodges — like the Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel and Belmond Sanctuary Lodge, located right near the entrance — spend a few days exploring the scenic Sacred Valley and put your Starpoints to use at Tambo Del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado, or splurge on a stay at Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, which opened late in 2015 and offers activities like cultural hikes and bird-watching.



The famous floating villages of Lake Titicaca. Image courtesy of Getty Images.

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