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Our editors  
and explorers  
pick the  
**world's most  
exciting  
destinations**  
for the  
year ahead.

# BEST TRIPS

**AROUND THE WORLD FOR  
2019**

#### CITIES

Dakar, Senegal  
Salvador, Brazil  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Toronto, Canada  
Matera, Italy  
Perth, Australia

**Mexico City: Sacred Harvest**  
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#### NATURE

Peruvian Amazon  
Montenegro  
Belize  
Gorongosa National Park  
South Walton County, Florida  
Fanjingshan, China

**Tahiti: Moments of Mana**  
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#### CULTURE

Cairo, Egypt  
Hoang Lien Son, Vietnam  
Galway, Ireland  
Bauhaus Trail, Germany  
Oakland, California  
Vevey, Switzerland

**Dordogne: Beauty Defined**  
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#### ADVENTURE

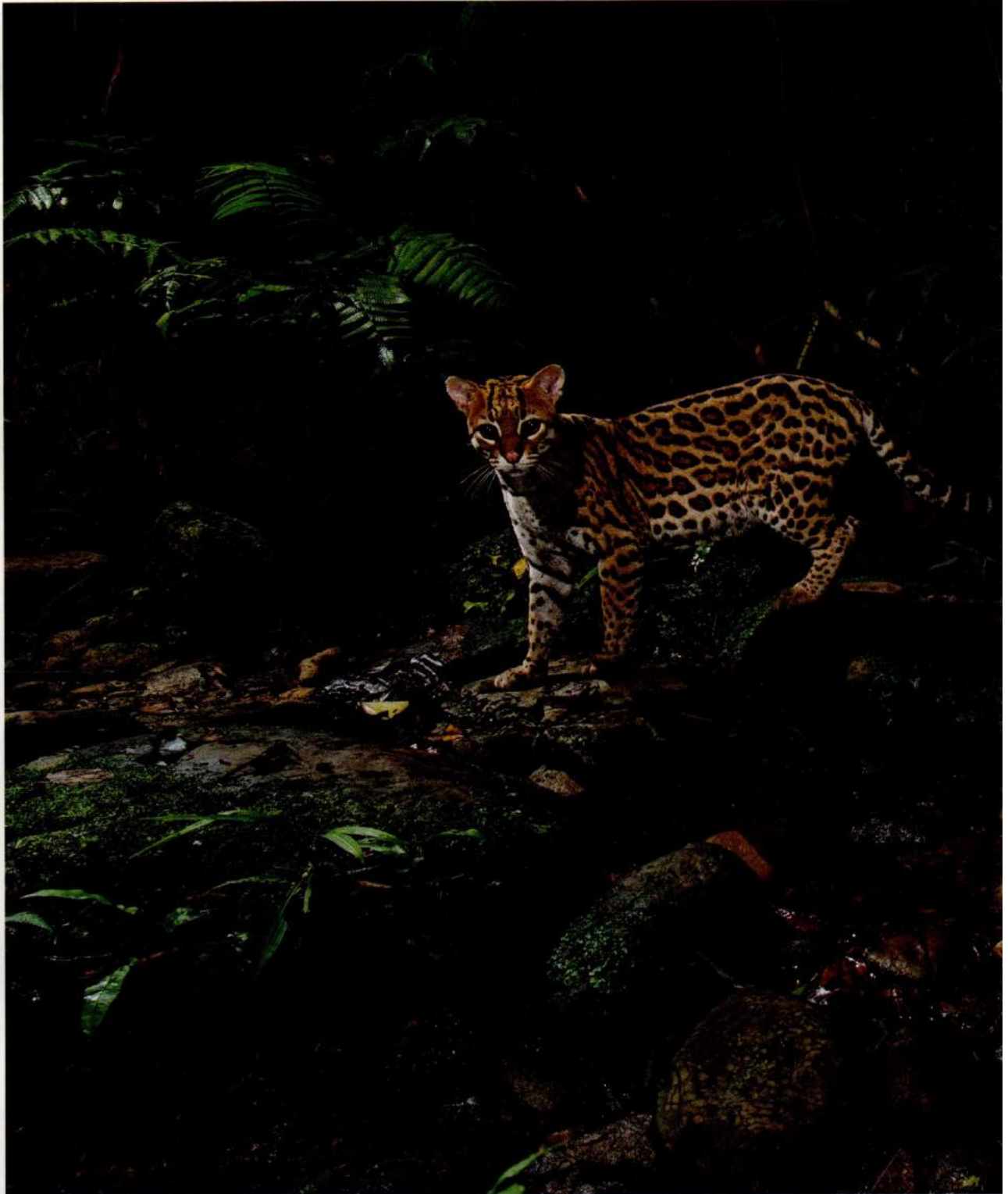
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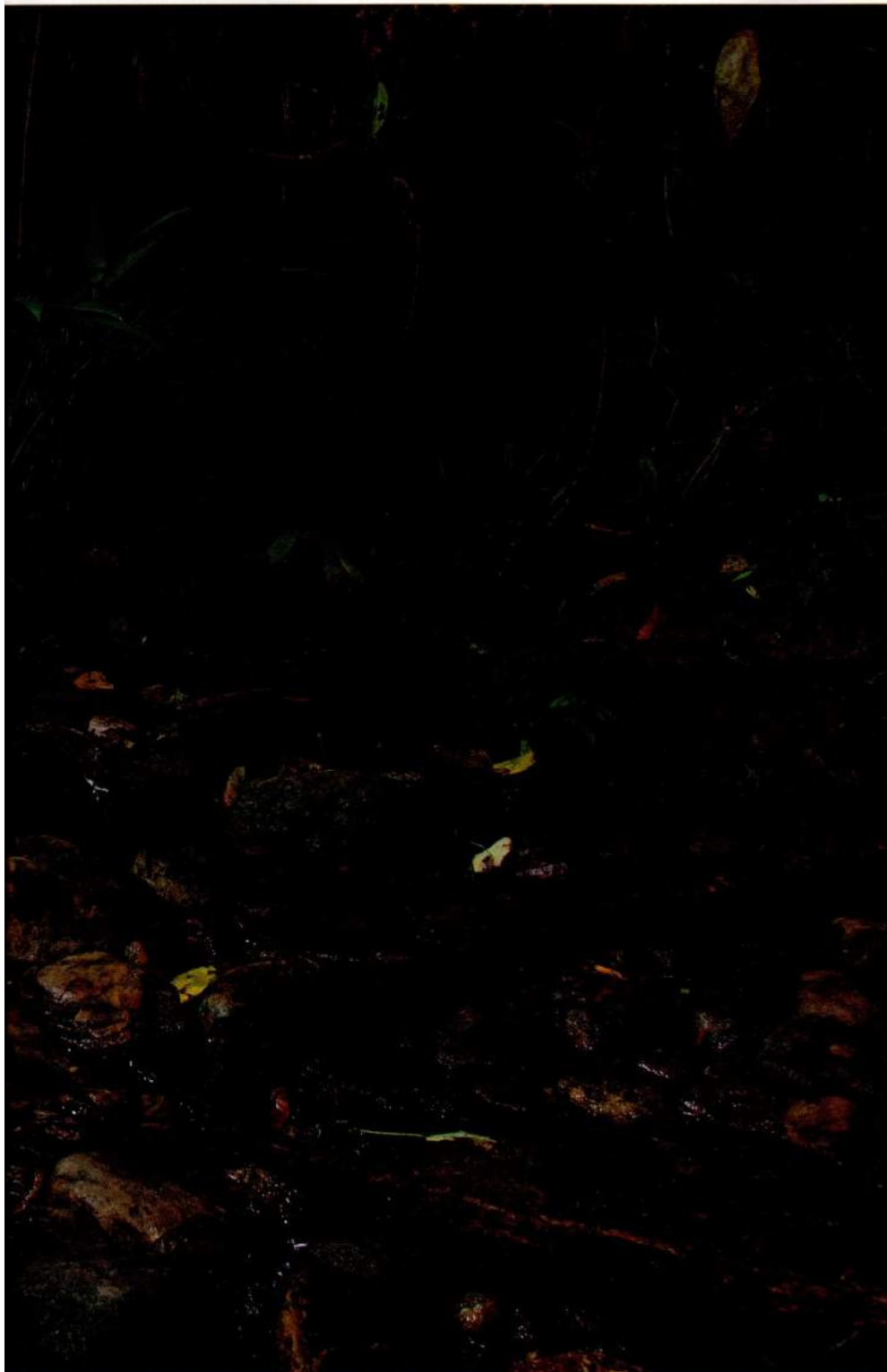
# NATURE

WILD EXPERIENCES

IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS







## Peruvian Amazon

**Why Go Now:** Welcome to the jungle

Amazon rain forest covers more than half of the country of Peru. "We have low jungles, high jungles, cloud forests, flooded forests, vast swamps, waterfalls, jungle ruins, creepy isolated mountain peaks, and even the world's largest documented thermal river—the Boiling River of the Amazon," says Peruvian geothermal scientist and National Geographic Explorer Andrés Ruzo. "One of my favorite things here is the blending of cuisines and cultures," Ruzo says. "Chefs are exploring the wilds of the jungle for the next bold flavor." Lima top chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino has teamed up with river cruise operator Aqua Expeditions to support sustainable fishing practices in the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, where the *Aria Amazon* sails. Creating northeastern Peru's roadless Yaguas National Park in 2018 spared millions of acres of Amazon wilderness from development; it should be ready for tourists soon. **HOW TO GO** Walk through the treetops 98 feet above the ground on the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway, built in partnership with National Geographic and the World Bank. [inkaterra.com/inkaterra-reserva-amazonica](http://inkaterra.com/inkaterra/inkaterra-reserva-amazonica)

**The Peruvian Amazon** has one of the densest concentrations of ocelots in the world.