

WHERE TO

An aerial night photograph of Copenhagen, Denmark. The central focus is the tall, illuminated spire of St. Nikolai Church, which glows with a warm light. The surrounding city is a dense collection of buildings, many with lit windows, creating a warm, golden glow against the dark blue twilight sky. In the background, the city extends to the water, where a bridge and other structures are visible under the night sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and vibrant.

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GO IN 2018

This year promises new ways of travelling to the places we love and easier ways to reach destinations we've always wanted to visit.

Priyanka Agarwal has the scoop

PLAN NOW

With 16 long weekends in 2018, including 12 back-to-back days of freedom in August and a nine-day Diwali break in November, there's much to plan for. We've done some of the legwork for you, and picked 17 destinations, including plenty in India, that have become more accessible. Let 2018 be the year that changes the way you travel.

NOW FLY DIRECT TO COPENHAGEN Denmark

Air India's service from Delhi now flies nonstop to the Scandinavian city three times a week. Experience New Nordic cuisine at the relaunched **noma** (www.noma.dk). Copenhagen also has 15 other Michelin-starred restaurants, besides the harbourside spots at Nyhavn; the bar strip at Gammel Strand and the playful eateries at Tivoli Gardens, the theme park that inspired Disneyland. If you're travelling with kids, May is the best time to go, as the park is celebrating its 175th anniversary this summer, with a Jubilee Parade that'll have rides, great food and cultural performances, held from Mondays to Thursdays. **Hotel Sanders** (www.hotelsanders.com; doubles from DKK2,790 or ₹28,500), run by a former ballet dancer, offers rooms inspired by vintage train cabins.

STOCKHOLM Sweden

The land of ABBA, fika and meatballs is now served by Air India's tri-weekly nonstop flights from Delhi. Besides walks and boat rides, the 14-island city also offers the Citybanan train line, launched in 2017. The **Mosebacke Design District** (www.mosebackedesigndistrict.se) houses some of Stockholm's greatest design, music and art—from vinyl at **Snickars Records** (www.snickarsrecords.com) to lamp-building kits and Art Deco sofa tables at **Butiken Republiken** (www.butikenrepubliken.se). **Omnipollos Hatt** (www.omnipolloshatt.com), also in MDD, does excellent pizza and craft beer. Take your kids to the **Life of Vikings museum** (www.vikingaliv.se), a 21,500sq ft look at Scandinavia's historic citizens through exhibitions, simulated experiences and more. Come July 26, the city will be one of two to host Europe's largest LGBT festival. **Europride** (www.stockholmpride.org). Go for entertaining live



Clockwise from top left: **products at Butiken Republiken, Stockholm; cherry blossoms in Washington, DC; pizza and craft beer at Omnipollos Hatt, Stockholm; Crimson View, a dining venue at Pod DC.** Previous pages: **Copenhagen at night**

acts, crazy dance parties, and to dine at restaurants serving up fab food. Stay at the 343-key luxury hotel **At Six** (www.hotelatsix.com; doubles from SEK1,611 or ₹12,500), where Hosoi, a musical lounge, hosts gigs, record releases and live podcasts.

WASHINGTON, DC USA

The recently launched **Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture** (www.nmaahc.si.edu) and the soon-to-open **WW I memorial** are only a nonstop Air India flight away. Other new openings include **The Wharf** (www.wharfdc.com), a 3.2 million sq ft complex on the Potomac River brimming with restaurants, hotels, shopping and cultural hotspots. Try Mallorcan seafood at **Del Mar de Fabio Trabocchi** (www.delmaradc.com), classic French fare at **Requin** (www.requinbymic.com), Mexican at **Mi Vida** (www.mividamexico.com) and outposts of local darlings **Hank's Oyster Bar** (www.hanksoysterbar.com) and **Rappahannock Oyster Bar** (www.rroysters.com). Swing by the **Municipal Fish Market**, the country's oldest continuously operating open-air fish market. Time your visit to the cherry blossoms in the Tidal Basin (mid-March to mid-April) or 4 July. The 278-key **InterContinental Washington DC - The Wharf** (www.wharfintercontinentaldc.com; doubles from US\$176 or ₹11,300) →

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