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**Zaskar Valley**

**GETTING THERE**  
Fly to Leh and then rent a car up to Zaskar Valley

*Walk over a frozen river in Zaskar Valley >>*

For award-winning photographer SANKAR SRIDHAR, who spent over 17 years travelling across Ladakh, the treacherous Chadar walk trumps even the Grand Canyon experience

“Though it’s been nine years since I last walked the Chadar, it remains an unmatched experience. And why not? There aren’t too many treks that take you through a gorge deeper than the Grand Canyon at places, over a river in turn frozen and thawed, and through transient landscapes carved by the cold. It is a thrill unlike any other, but equally, for those lucky enough to walk it with the Zaskaris, a testament to the human spirit of adaptability and survival.”

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Grandhotel Pupp

*Check in to The Grand Budapest Hotel >>*

In the Czech spa town of Karlovy Vary stands the charming Grandhotel Pupp, the inspiration behind Wes Anderson’s Oscar-winning movie, finds AARTI VIRANI

Though it’s been nearly 700 years since a German king stumbled upon the healing waters of Karlovy Vary (also called Carlsbad) on a hunting expedition, the western Czech countryside (a two-hour bus ride from Prague) continues to attract spa-seekers eager to take a dip in one of its 12 thermal springs. It’s also the site of the luxurious, Neo-Baroque marvel, the Grandhotel Pupp, whose magical exteriors, gargantuan chandelier and expansive hallways served as inspiration for Wes Anderson’s madcap 2014 comedy, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. If it’s a natural cure you’re after, grab a spout cup from one of the countless souvenir vendors and make your way to the town’s most impressive geyser, the Vřídlo, which spouts water to a height of almost 12 metres.

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**Karlovy Vary**

**GETTING THERE**  
Fly to Prague (Czech Republic) and then take a train or bus to Karlovy Vary



A poster for Wes Anderson’s film

**VOGUE PICKS**

Watch a movie at Bio Oko, an alternative movie theatre where row seating is swapped for vintage cars and beach chairs. [Biooko.net/en](http://Biooko.net/en)

Shop at Pour Pour; neon leather satchels, Gummy Bear earrings and animal-print pottery are just some of the off-the-wall accessories at this eclectic boutique. [Pourpour.cz](http://Pourpour.cz)



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**Búzios**  
**GETTING THERE**  
 Fly to Rio de Janeiro and then rent a car or take a taxi to Búzios

Búzios boasts of 23 postcard-worthy beaches



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Surfing pros can head to Brava or Tucuns beach

**GO SURFING**

It's always surf's up in the Brazilian beach town of BÚZIOS, says SARAH KHAN

Where do posh Brazilians decamp for a seaside sojourn? Ever since Brigitte Bardot put this erstwhile fishing village on the map when she visited with her Brazilian boyfriend in the '60s, Armação de Búzios (or just Búzios) has been the go-to escape for well-heeled Rio de Janeiro residents who save the three-hour drive for weekends. The town's perched on a scenic peninsula and is home to over a dozen postcard-worthy beaches and a number of world-class surfing spots. There are other aquatic activities to keep you busy, like windsurfing and kitesurfing.

First-time surfers should first head to Praia Geribá, where Shark's Surf School offers lessons amid beginner-friendly waves. Along the beach, you'll find more intermediate and advanced spots, which are a popular setting for major surfing championships. If you're keen on seriously strong currents, head to Brava or the Tucuns beaches.

For sun-soakers who prefer hanging out to hanging ten, there's plenty to look forward to as well—just leave the surfing to bay and order a thick, refreshing açai smoothie at Fishbone Café on Geribá, where people-watching will keep you occupied.

Each of Búzios's beaches comes with its own distinct vibe—from the lively scene at Praia da Tartaruga, where you can bypass the long row of colourful kiosks in favour of the fish stew at the lone restaurant at the end of the strand to the Instagram-worthy setting of Praia Azeda, sheltered beneath a cliff. After your seaside pursuits, join the throngs headed for cobbled Rua das Pedras, the town's buzzy main street, lined with posh boutiques, restaurants and party-all-night clubs. Just try not to stay out too late—there are waves to catch in the morning.

**VOGUE PICKS**

Dine at Bar do Zé ([Bardozebuzios.com.br](http://Bardozebuzios.com.br)) or enjoy drinks and crepes at Chez Michou ([Chezmichou.com.br](http://Chezmichou.com.br)). A visit to the Orla Bardot promenade, which boasts of a life-size bronze statue of Bardot sitting atop a suitcase, warrants a selfie.

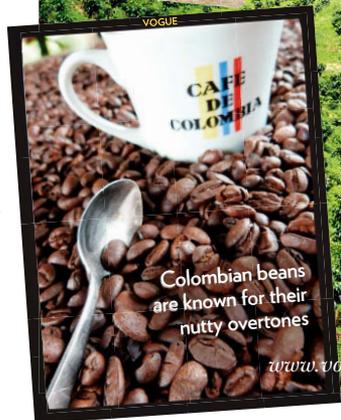
**ROAST YOUR OWN COFFEE**

Learn about harvesting, roasting and latte foam-art, as you sip on the finest coffee in COLOMBIA, says AARTI VIRANI

Calling all outdoorsy epicures, Colombia's Zona Cafetera, or famed coffee triangle, needs a spot on your adventure shortlist. Start in Manizales, the pulsing heart of the country's lushest region (just a 45-minute flight from the capital city of Bogotá), where you'll tour Hacienda Venecia, a sprawling estate run by fourth-generation coffee farmers, which also includes a hostel. Get a crash-course in harvesting and roasting—the area's volcanic soil lends the beans their signature nutty scent—and enjoy cups of intoxicating espresso at the on-site eatery. Then head to nearby Termales de San Vicente, a natural spa bordered by hanging vines and wild flowers, and choose from two waterfall hikes before taking a dip in the thermal springs. A three-hour drive will bring you to Salento, a quaint, coffee-obsessed town (some local joints even offer latte foam-art tutorials here), nestled in the Andean foothills—it's the ideal starting point for a trek along the idyllic Cocora Valley, dotted with wax palms (Colombia's national tree) and dreamy, low-hanging clouds. ■

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**Colombia**  
**GETTING THERE**  
 Fly to Bogota and take a short flight to Manizales. Then take a taxi or bus to Salento

A visit to coffee estates is a must for any caffeine connoisseur



Colombian beans are known for their nutty overtones

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