

Positive momentum *Global*

Preface

This month's best in global travel includes an isolated retreat in the Pacific inspired by a Hollywood great, a look at Buenos Aires' cycling boom and a luxury river cruise up the Mekong.



Another Country London

Homeware manufacturer Another Country has crafted a niche for itself in simple, sustainably made furniture since it began in 2010. Early this May, however, the brand opened the doors of its first bricks-and-mortar retail space: a tasteful two-floor semi in London's well-to-do Marylebone neighbourhood. As well as being the first place to see a complete selection of its inventory, Another Country's showroom-cum-office is a carefully conceived embassy for the brand's values. "We produce a product that's very much about design, quality and provenance," says the company's founder Paul de Zwart. "There's a limit to what we can do solely online." — JAF



Q&A Francesco Galli Zugaro CEO, Aqua Expeditions



By creating custom-made cruise trips sailing down the Amazon river, CEO of Aqua Expeditions Francesco Galli Zugaro established himself as a pioneer of luxury river travel. His next project will set sail in September, taking passengers along the waters of the Mekong.

What is the design ethos of the Aqua Mekong boat?

A clean, contemporary Asian feel with warm earthy tones mixed in as designed by British architect David Hodkinson of Noor Design. Guests will feel like they are in a world-class boutique hotel in Asia.

How sustainable is the vessel?

We have 100 per cent composite Resysta decking exteriors made of rice husk and vegetable oil and we have installed state-of-the-art reverse osmosis water-treatment plants from Holland All our engines are also the lowest in emissions.

How did you decide on this new Aqua route?

I became an expert on the region after exploring it with river pilots and my photographer – and I just fell in love with it. — DS
aquaexpeditions.com

The Brando

French Polynesia
The late Marlon Brando's private isle – the coral-fringed island Teti'aroa in French Polynesia – will soon have a new resort. Hotelier Richard Bailey will open The Brando in July on a site located 30 miles from Tahiti. Once a retreat of Tahitian royalty the luxury resort's location has 35 villas, each with a personal plunge pool and private beach. Dining is devised by Michelin-starred chef Guy Martin. — SK
thebrando.com



Venice Simplon-Orient-Express Belgium

The famous wagon-lit carriages of the Orient Express were produced by Belgian Georges Nagelmackers in 1874. However, they had yet to roll across that country's tracks until mid-May this year, when the Venice Simplon-Orient Express arrived in Brussels on its inaugural journey. With services linking the city to Venice, Vienna, Budapest, Paris and London, Belgian guests are now able to enjoy the art deco cabins stocked with toiletries from Temple Spa and bed linen from Italy's Frette, while perusing a wine list that includes 10 premium champagnes. About 1,700 bottles of bubbly are served onboard each season. — CMG

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