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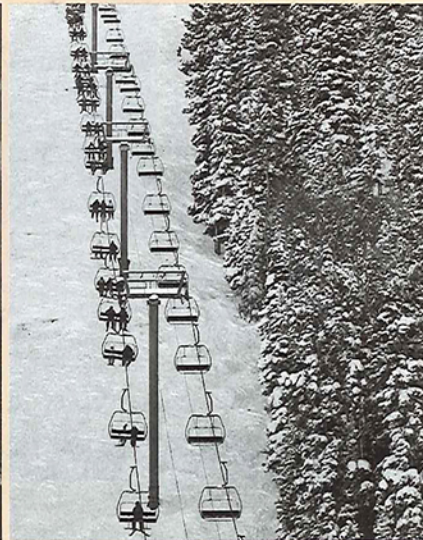
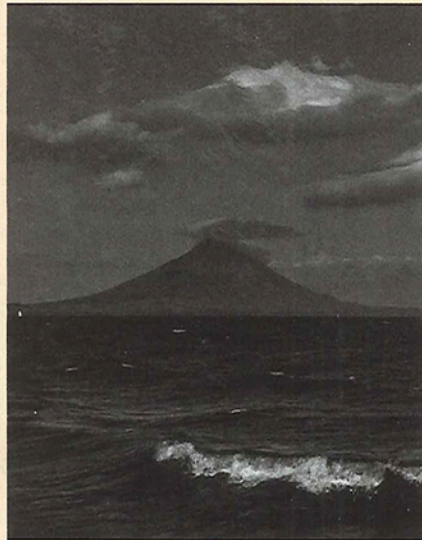
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TIPS, TRICKS, AND
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OUR GUIDE
TO TRAVELING BETTER
THIS MONTH

GOOD NEWS

Flying to Singapore, one of the best food cities in Southeast Asia right now, will get easier on October 23, when Singapore Airlines launches nonstop service from San Francisco. These will be the first U.S. flights for the carrier's Airbus A350-900s, which legitimately reduce the effects of jet lag. Good thing, too, since the 8,451-mile flight will be among the world's longest—at least until Singapore starts nonstop service to Los Angeles and New York in 2018.



FORGET THAT PRICEY ROAMING PLAN

This past summer, I left for a week on a “work” trip to the Chilean Andes. Like most neurotic Americans, I couldn't *not* check my email (or, let's be real, my Instagram account). Thank God a colleague suggested the [Skyroam Hotspot](#), which uses a cellular connection to create an on-the-go Wi-Fi network. It's the size of a deck of cards and works in 101 countries. Lucky for me, it cost only \$10 a day, including unlimited data—which meant my colleague, hunched over his computer at the office, caught some spectacular views from 13,000-foot peaks on my Instagram Stories. CANDICE RAINEY

BAD NEWS

As of May, tourist arrivals to Turkey had dropped about 35 percent compared with the same time last year—and that was before the June bombing at Istanbul Atatürk Airport and July's failed coup attempt. Still, says Earl Starkey, a Turkey expert with Protravel International, demand for the country is beginning to build again—with an increased interest in Turkey's Aegean coast, which remains “completely safe.”

Easier to Get to and Still Bookable

Four last-minute destinations that offer nonstop flights, a choice of sun or snow, and new hotels that'll give you bragging rights—and a room for the night.

GO FOR SUN

GO FOR SNOW

	Nandaime, Nicaragua	Trinité, Martinique	Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico	Hunter, New York
THE VIBE	You get hiking, spa time, and volcano views, all without the crowds of Costa Rica.	A Caribbean isle with idyllic beaches but also great food—not always a given in the islands.	That old-school ski scene beloved by veterans: blue skies and long, less-tracked-out runs.	For those who prefer snowshoeing to black diamonds (though Hunter Mountain is close by).
THE NEW HOTEL	Nekupe, an eight-suite eco-resort where you can do yoga, bird-watch, or hike jungle trails.	The lovely French Coco's in-house Creole restaurant uses local crawfish, mushrooms, and taro.	The Blake, a rare opening here, debuts its 80 cabin-inspired rooms this February.	A former motor inn, Scribner's Catskill Lodge is like new after a total reno, with fireplaces galore.
HOW TO GET THERE	Fly from major U.S. hubs to Managua. No car rental necessary: The resort can send a driver.	Norwegian will resume nonstops to the island from Baltimore, Boston, and N.Y.C. this fall.	The mountain resort is an easy three-hour drive northeast of Albuquerque International.	It's a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Newark International and about the same from JFK.

UNBELIEVABLE NEWS

Cape Town's top-rated Ellerman House hotel has teamed up with Benguela Diamonds for daylong “diamond safaris” to Port Nolloth, near the Namibian border, where you can dive for gems in the company's private Atlantic Ocean concession. While the \$15,902 price tag includes private flights, it sadly does not cover take-home stones.



WOULD YOU EVER... HOP A RIDE ON YOUR SUITCASE?

If you've hoofed the nearly mile-long distance between gate D3 and D53 at Miami International, you'll applaud the ingenious (but kinda ridiculous) [Modobag](#). The carry-on has an electric motor so you can ride it like a scooter, at speeds up to eight miles per hour, through even the most interminable of terminals (\$1,199).

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