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All the travel trends to know about this summer, from under-the-radar foodie neighbourhoods to impressive hotel reopenings

Here is everything groundbreaking in travel this summer, from what artists to add to your playlists to the European corners showcasing the best of art, gastronomy, hospitality and more

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Summertime plans are often filled with contrasts. One weekend might be spent **dancing** through the night with heaving crowds at a European festival, while the next is spent horizontal, resting those weary feet on sun-loungers for some hard-earned rest; one trip might involve seeking out wellness experts on remote Greek islands, and the next searching high and low for the best foodie corners in the Basque Country. Our travel trends this summer reflect these contrasts exactly. Below, see how artists from Argentina to Africa are embracing their roots in the beats and rhythms that shape their music, and how female musicians are taking the top billings at festivals around the globe. Closer to home, we're captivated by the launch of beachside villas in Europe and **distilleries** showcasing the best of Scotland in low-ball tumblers through whisky-based hospitality. Keep reading for more on where to go and what to listen to this summer.

The South of France for great art

A key locale here is [Aix-en-Provence](#) where Musée Granet is staging a Paul Cézanne exhibition, including his much admired portraits of card players and bathers. Both the manor house – now visitable for the first time – and the artist’s final atelier in nearby Les Lauves are being restored. Two hours east in Saint-Paul-de-Vence, La Colombe d’Or is a 1920s bar showing works by Picasso and Matisse, some of them gifted or exchanged for bed or board. Today the hilltop village is also home to Toile Blanche, a retreat owned by the Leroy Brothers, whose gallery spaces display AI-generated pieces by Arora Vale, a fictional artist they created. There’s more modern art nearby at Fondation Maeght and Matisse’s exquisite Rosary Chapel. And collector Christian Levett has relaunched the Mougins Museum of Classical Art as FMM: Female Artists of the Mougins Museum to highlight the role of women in the modern art story. *Lisa Johnson*