

TOP 50 ADVENTURES

Adventure means something different to everyone. It might be jumping out of an airplane, exploring the deep unknown by submarine in the Indian Ocean, or trekking through the Amazon. It could be getting lost in a new destination; finding those off-the-beaten-track gems that make a trip all the more memorable (and that certainly can't be found in any travel guides or on Google); joining a native tribe for an authentic home-cooked dinner and immersing yourself in another way of life; or seeing an elusive herd of animals, safe in the knowledge that your conservation contribution is making a difference in the world. You might favor journeys of the self and hike through the Himalayas, or perfect your downward-facing dog in a thermal cave in Italy. One thing's for certain — adventure changes our perceptions, pushes us out of our comfort zones and makes us feel alive. In the third annual installment of our top adventures, we've split these 50 top-notch trips into easily digestible sections with exclusive itineraries and experiences that will have you bragging to your friends for years to come. Your next adventure starts here.

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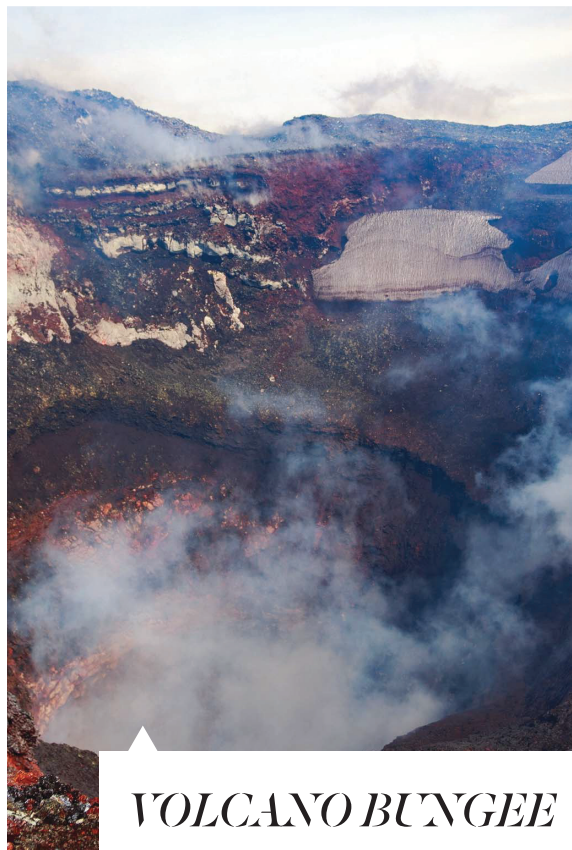
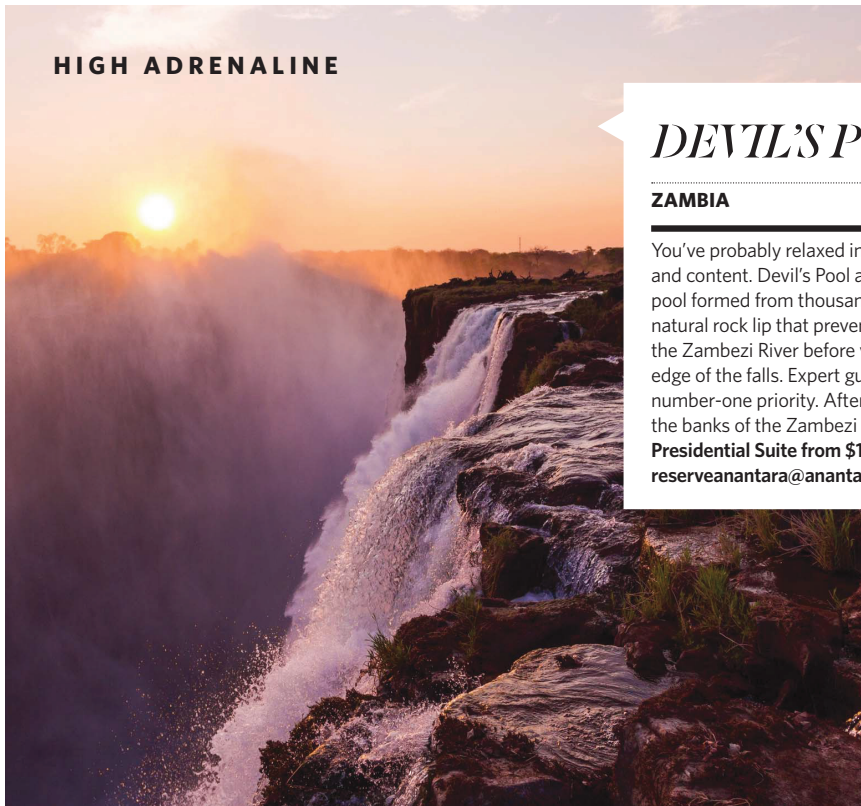
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DEVIL'S POOL

ZAMBIA

You've probably relaxed in your fair share of infinity pools overlooking a beautiful vista, and felt calm and content. Devil's Pool at Victoria Falls is not that type of infinity pool. Instead, it is a natural rock pool formed from thousands of years of erosion that teeters right on the edge of the Falls, but with a natural rock lip that prevents daredevils from going over the edge. Enjoy an exhilarating swim across the Zambezi River before venturing into Devil's Pool and witnessing the sheer drop off the 338-ft edge of the falls. Expert guides are with you every watery step of the way, and your safety is their number-one priority. Afterwards, head back to The Royal Livingstone for an outdoor massage on the banks of the Zambezi River.

Presidential Suite from \$1,300 per night. Contact Emmanuelle Moneger, general manager, reserveanantara@anantara.com, +66 236 591 10, anantara.com



CASTAWAY

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

As wonderfully luxurious as five-star hotels and all their ultra-comfy amenities are, there's nothing like using your own survival skills on a deserted island to make you really appreciate the finer things. Docastaway (the only travel company who operates in this rather niche area) specializes in creating your own Chuck Noland-type experience and offers a selection of remote, untouched islands to choose from. There are two options, adventure mode and comfort mode, depending on how stripped-down you want to go, and there's even a key for how isolated you want to be during the experience. If you opt for adventure mode, expert guides can supervise and assist on the island with you, or will stay on a nearby island in case you need additional provisions. You'll stay in different shelters (huts or tents) and forage for your own food and drink on a pristine desert island. Extreme adventurers should go for Devil's Island — a volcanic island is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, far away from civilization.

Devil's Island from \$430 per day. Contact Alvaro Cerezo, founder, info@docastaway.com, +852 580 804 83, docastaway.com

VOLCANO BUNGEE

CHILE

Absolutely not for the faint-hearted: You can leap into an active volcano in Chile with specialist operator Bungee (who also assisted daredevil skydiver Felix Baumgartner with his stratosphere skydive from space). A helicopter will fly you into the caldera of the Villarrica Volcano, where you'll bungee jump 400 ft into the abyss, coming close to bubbling lava. A photographer will accompany you to capture the most unbelievable, death-defying thing you'll likely ever do. During the trip, you'll also board the helicopter once again to bungee jump into a lava tube down the face of a 330-ft waterfall, and head off on a white-knuckle, white-water rafting ride. Stay in the Park Lake Resort in Villarrica — it has superb views of the volcano and lava lake, plus its own helipad.

From \$16,000 per person. Contact Casey Dale, president, +1 503 520 0303, info@bungee.com, bungee.com