



ONE LONG-DISTANCE TRAIL TO UNDERTAKE

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“The Lycian Way is a 500km-long hiking trail that winds its way along southern Turkey’s Turquoise Coast, passing ancient amphitheatres, churches, drowned cities, and stone sarcophagi. The trail, stitched together from old walkways and goatherd tracks by British historian Kate Clow, gives walkers access to Lycian ruins as well as island-studded bays that are only reachable by foot or boat. The route also meanders through olive groves, where you may meet flocks of glossy goats, a wild boar or two, and forests of woody bushes. But the trail doesn’t offer up her glories easily—at times you’ll be scrambling over sharp rock and clinging onto rope past tombs carved into cliff faces. Still, it’s all worth it for the dive into the sea when you reach your guesthouse or camp site, or the lunch of homemade cheese, olives, bread, and honey in a hilltop village of stone houses. While the full length of the trail, from Fethiye to Antalya, can take a month, many walkers pick a section that can be done in a few days. From the charming town of Kaş, via the paradisiacal getaway of Kaleköy, and onto ruin-studded Demre takes about four days, and offers history and natural splendour in abundance.”



ONE LGBTQ-FRIENDLY DESTINATION TO VISIT

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“Colombia has cleaned up its act in the past 10 years to become one of the safest destinations in Latin America. It’s also among the four Latin American countries that have legalised gay marriages, and has an array of anti-discrimination measures. Medellín has a vibrant gay scene in the El Poblado area. Our favourite gay bars here include Bar Chiquita and Donde Aquellos, though Viva, Zero, and Industry are cool clubs as well.”

The old quarters of Cartagena are lined with vibrant, 16th-century style houses



ONE PLACE TO VISIT WITH YOUR GIRL GANG IN 2019

BY KRÉSHA BAJAJ, FASHION DESIGNER

“Cartagena in Colombia’s Caribbean coast is straight out of a painting. Stay in the old town where your girl gang can rent a villa all to themselves. Engulfed by the walls surrounding the old city are 16th-century houses. You can also take a short boat ride to Playa Blanca, a lovely beach perfect for a swim-eat-read-repeat day. For the food-obsessed, La Cevicheria and El Boliche Cebichería are a must for the world’s best ceviche. By sunset, the streets turn into a dance floor with live bands—so join in.”