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THE VOTES ARE IN. We waded through a sea of entries—and spent endless days on the road and nights on hotel beds, forest floors, and airport benches—to bring you our 2018 Travel Awards. Whether you're in search of time-tested icons, intriguing newcomers, or insider experiences, you'll find them here. Use our list of landmarks, restaurants, gear, and more to help plan your next great Western adventure. There's plenty for the picking, and they're all winners.
—Irene Edwards, Lauren Ladoceour, Jessica Mordo, Luke Sykora, Margo True, and Maya Wong

Mountainside escape
VICEROY SNOWMASS
SNOWMASS VILLAGE, CO

In the Rockies, close-ups of snow-covered summits aren't limited to those who reach the top of the ski lift. At this chic hotel near downtown Aspen, 163 rooms are built into the slope of Assay Hill, giving guests immediate access to the mountain from the newly redesigned lobby. The $4 million renovation also brought in Toro Kitchen & Lounge, a pan-Latin restaurant from restaurateur Richard Sandoval. From $270; viceroyhotelsandresorts.com.

Window-shopping mecca
SANTA MONICA
CALIFORNIA

Unlike places that require a detailed itinerary to get the most out of a vacation, Santa Monica is best seen with no endpoint in mind. In fact, a daylong browse captures the area's laid-back spirit perfectly. Start at Third Street Promenade, where street performers play in front of retail draws like Madewell and Anthropologie. Another must: Wednesday's farmers' market, where 75 stalls make up the city's largest gathering of food stands. Then, head north and rub elbows with the athleisure-and-almond-latte set on Montana Avenue, a polished version of Venice's artesy Abbot Kinney. santamonica.com.

Travel hack for parents
BABYQUIP
SAN FRANCISCO

Moms and dads navigating an airport with small children haul an inordinate amount of stuff—strollers, iPads, diapers, plane-friendly snacks shoved in a backpack—not to mention tired toddlers who refuse to take another step toward the terminal. To lighten the load, BabyQuip (formerly Babierge) rents out baby gear for families on the go. Choose a partner from its website who will meet you at your destination (the hotel, the rental car office, the airport) and set you up. Bins of toys curated for a child's age and interests go for $8 a day on average, while backpacks for family hikes start at $7. It's a steal compared with checked luggage fees—plus, your

Water view
MONTEREY TIDES
A JOIE DE VIVRE HOTEL
MONTEREY, CA

Whether you're traveling solo or as part of a group, it's nice to have a communal space that makes you want to hang for a while before going up to your room. Opened in 2016, this Monterey beachfront hotel has a soothing, neutral-toned lobby with expansive glass windows that look out onto miles of meditative ocean. A wood-paneled fireplace surround and plenty of plush lounge chairs and sofas beckon for afternoon conversations or pre-dinner drinks. From $179; jdvhotels.com.

Culinary tour
KA'ANA KITCHEN AT ANDAZ MAUI AT WAILEA RESORT
WAILEA, MAUI

File this memorable excursion under "Things that Only Happen in Hawaii." The Soar + Savor series, led by Maui-born chef Isaac Bancaco, takes six guests on a cultural journey followed by a feast. The day begins with a
have cleared out. Schedule a trip to catch the autumn foliage at its peak. visittrumpark.com.

**Willamette Valley must see**

**OREGON**

This small agricultural community has responded to the Pinot Noir-driven tourist boom, and now you hardly need to leave its limits to experience the valley’s riches. Downtown, on picturesque Third Street, you’ll find 19th-century brick buildings housing restaurants, cafes, art galleries, and boutiques, as well as 18 wineries adding to its character. Right off Third lies the 56-room ArtHouse Hotel, whose moody, atmospheric interiors provide a restful night’s sleep. From $130. attichotel.com. visitoumorinville.com.

**Hiking excursions**

**POC HIKING TRIPS**

**ALBUQUERQUE**

For active adventurers checking off one of a lifetime experiences, this seven-day journey surely delivers. You’ll be trekking through San Juan National Forest and rafting along the San Juan River, sprinting desert bighorn sheep along the way. The RUI Adventures excursion begins and ends in New Mexico, with pit stops in Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. Also on the agenda: the Native American pueblo Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde National Park with your own private tour guide. From $3,095. rui.com/ albuq

**THE RUNNERS-UP**

For runners, dedication towns, memorable meals, action-packed activities, and gear that also put us in vacation mode.

**HOTELS THAT IMPRESS**

- C Lazy U Ranch, Grants, CO; c sloppy.com
- Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; carmelvalleyranch.com
- Glieddevn Inn, Mendocino, CA; glieddevn.com
- Glorietta Bay Inn, Cannon, CA; gloriettabay.com
- Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, CA; hoteldel.com
- Hyatt Regency Lake Washington at Seattle’s Southport, Seattle, WA; lakewashingtion.hyatt.com
- Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point, CA; monarchbeachresort.com
- The Oasis at Death Valley, Death Valley, CA; oasisdeathvalley.com
- Paradise Point Resort & Spa, San Diego, CA; paradisepoint.com
- Paso Robles Inn & Spa, Paso Robles, CA; pasorobless.com
- Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, CA; ranchovalencia.com
- The Redwoods in Yosemite, Wawona, CA; redwoodophenix.com
- Shore Lodge, McCall, ID; shorelodge.com

**GOOD TO PACK**

- Beach towel, chacos.com
- Polo shirt, vitalyou.com
- Steady-Walk Portable Luggage System, granddahousewares.com
- WakaWaka Light, wakawaka.com
- Wally Plus air purifier, wallapalooza.com

**TOURIST ATTRACTIONS**

- Bosé Art Walk, Siri chia, siriartwalk.com
- Birch Aquarium at Scripps, La Jolla, CA; aquarium.ucsd.edu
- Carmel Beach, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; carmelbythesea.com
- Haunted Mine Drop of Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, Glenwood Springs, CO; glenwoodcaverns.com
- Jelly Belly Visitor Center and Factory, Fairfield, CA; jellybellly.com
- Monastary Ridge and Umstead Creek Falls, El Dorado, WA; rainforestworld.com

**ROUTE 66 CRUISIN’**

- Route 66 Cruisin’, Dallas, TX; route66cruisin.com
- Santa Barbara’s Historic Theatre District, Santa Barbara, CA; santabarbarawine.com
- Silverton Casino Hotel & Aquarium, Las Vegas, NV; silvertoncasino.com
- Skunk Train, Fort Bragg & Willits, CA; skunktrain.com
- Snake River, Twin Falls, ID; twinfallsidaho.com
- The Three Crosses Ranch, Darby, MT; tri cresecranch.com
- The US Grant, San Diego, CA; usgrant.com

**FOOD + WINE**

- Celebrate the Craft Food Festival, San Diego, CA; celebratethecraft.com
- Colorado BBQ Challenge, Frisco, CO; townoffrisco.com
- Concannon Vineyard, Livermore, CA; concannonvineyard.com
- DANCIN Vineyards, Medford, OR; dancinvineyards.com
- Grey Wolf Cellars, Paso Robles, CA; bartosafamilywines.com
- Jordan Vineyard & Winery, Healdsburg, CA; jordanwinery.com
- Lake Tahoe Autumn Food & Wine Festival, North Lake Tahoe, CA; gatelaketahoe.com
- Maryhill Winery, Goldendale and Spokone, WA; maryhillwinery.com
- Passport Wine Company, Paso Robles, CA; passportwine.com
- The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, Livermore, CA; wentevineyards.com
- Scroll Bar Waterside Kitchen, Redwood City, CA; scrollbarkitchen.com
- Talunsa Farms & Talunsa Farmstead Creamery, Tomales, CA; talunsa.com
- Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, OR; wine.com
- Wine Road Northern Sonoma County, Healdsburg, CA; wineroad.com/ca