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Not Your Everyday Vacations



Back in August I attended Virtuoso's annual Travel Week which draws over 2,000 of its travel advisors and designers. While [Brown + Hudson](#) is based in London, their clients are worldwide, and while they can handle any of your travel needs, they specialize in unique trips.

Over breakfast I asked its co-founder Philippe Brown if he could share several ideas for unique trips, so in this issue, we give you a vacation where you get to name your own star (yours for the rest of history), dine atop the Arc de Triomphe in Paris (for you and someone special or up to 50 friends), or cycle

Colombia with a Tour de France winner and home country hero.

I hope all of your travels are amazing!

All the best,

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Overview

While heading to the beach or golf course always makes sense, sometimes you want something more. London-based Virtuoso travel designers [Brown + Hudson](#) specialize in the latter. With expertise in creating unique experiences, in this issue we highlight three interesting trips: Travel to Chile to name your own Star; have a private dinner atop the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, or cycle with a Tour de France champion through the world-class rides of Colombia.

1. Name Your Own Star

This is your chance to leave a lasting legacy, and your name to a remote

corner of the Universe. The Atacama Desert in Chile boasts the clearest skies on the planet, offering ideal conditions for the exploration of the night sky.

Scientists working at an array of next-generation observatories continue to make new discoveries every year, and Brown + Hudson offers a rare chance to join them in their research.



You'll visit the world's most advanced astronomical observatories, which – aside from the work they do – are marvels of precision engineering. Here, alongside the resident scientific teams, you'll use radio telescopes to peer into the night skies, identifying pulsars, globular clusters, nebulae and remote galaxies, and learning about techniques such as red-shift analysis and spectrography used to reveal the deepest regions of the Cosmos.

The ultimate prize will be to discover a previously unidentified celestial body with the opportunity to name it yourself.



From to the Central Atacama – a seldom-visited part of the desert, where Brown + Hudson will build a luxurious private camp as your base of operations. Copiapo Chamonate Airport has a runway length of 5,446 feet if you want to use your own airplane.

You'll have a team of expert guides at your disposal together with helicopters and dune buggies on hand to explore. While your evenings will be dedicated to scanning the night skies, you'll spend your days exploring the wonders of the desert.

Right on your doorstep is South America's highest dune system – a thrilling adventure playground that is ideal for racing dune buggies, sandboarding and desert picnics.



Venture high into the Andes to discover their otherworldly beauty as you cross hallucinogenic landscapes of candy-colored lagoons, bizarre rock formations and flamingo-speckled salt pans in the shadow of 20,000-foot volcanoes.

Or head down to the Pacific Coast to encounter teeming marine wildlife and strange Elphin forests sustained by the ocean mists. If you come in September, you may well be treated to a kaleidoscope of color as the desert bursts into bloom following the Spring rains.

Also consider extending your trip to visit Chile's finest grapes at a luxurious wine lodge set among the vineyards near Santiago or continue further south where the lakes, forests, and glaciers of Patagonia await.

2. Dine Atop the Arc de Triomphe

There is no shortage of fine dining options in Paris, however, having a top chef create a private dining experience atop the Arc de Triomphe is something truly special.



You'll enjoy an exclusive evening devoted to the twin pleasures of food and wine, while you revel in the privacy, and take in the splendid views down the Champs-Elysees as you enjoy Michelin-star cuisine atop one of the city's most famous landmarks.

With enough notice, a specific celebrity or industry-leading chef can be made available for your special evening, with a wine and food menu specifically handcrafted to your taste buds.

Perfect for a special occasion, or just to celebrate a holiday well spent, this unforgettable evening spent dining above the city lights will certainly be one to remember. The space can accommodate groups up to 50.

While you are in Paris, Brown + Hudson can use its preferred relationships to secure rooms and suites at your favorite hotel, or perhaps recommend something new and special.

They can also arrange behind-the-scenes experiences curated entirely around your wishes, needs and motivations including a journey through France's great wines from your birth years led by a master sommelier. Or maybe designing your own piece in one of Paris' most exclusive fashion houses or masterclass in the art of viennoiserie by one of the doyennes of French patisserie, multi-award-winning Johanna Le Pape?

3. Ride With A World-Class Cyclist

Colombia's kings of the mountains are currently top of the world. Cycling superstar Egan Bernal became this year the youngest winner of the Tour de France in more than a century, and fellow countrymen Nairo Quintana and Rigoberto Uran are also among the world's best. The reason? The mountains of Colombia are simply the best place on the planet to train to be a cyclist.



This 8-night trip for your private group starts in Bogota, before tackling a four-day cycling route through mountains and coffee country led by Egan Bernal himself.

You'll then fly down to the coast to enjoy the seductive Caribbean rhythms of Cartagena. You'll have a full support team to back you up and, whether you're a complete beginner or a semi-professional wanting to reach the next level, you'll find no better place for a cycling road trip than Colombia.

Beginning with two days to enjoy the incredible cultural and gastronomic renaissance taking place in Colombia's capital, Bogota, you'll then join Egan Bernal himself and loosen your legs on a 40-mile ride to Zipaquirá.



Hear stories about his dramatic road to success and the foundation he has set up for budding young cyclists looking to follow in his tracks. You'll also have a chance to visit Zipaquirá's famous cathedral made of salt, before relaxing at an uber-cool organic coffee plantation in the hills outside.

Your route starts getting fun the next day on a 4.5-hour montada that weaves its way through characterful Colombian villages and spectacular scenery down to the colonial town of Honda on the banks of the River Magdalena.



In the afternoon, explore the local markets with a top chef and help him choose what's for dinner this evening as you stay at a gorgeous private house.

Next up, the Alto de Letras ranks next to Hawaii's Mauna Loa as one of the longest mountain passes in the world. It's an iconic climb that's on any serious cyclist's bucket list, ascending more than 12,000 feet over a grueling 50-mile route through Colombian landscapes at their best. Your stay tonight will be a luxurious mountain retreat with spa treatments and Jacuzzis to help unknot any tired muscles.



Your next day is a little less demanding, as you explore the gentle backroads of Colombia's coffee country. You'll pass through small colonial towns like Filandia and Salamina – under the radar, but offering a fabulously authentic snapshot of rural Colombia and some seriously great slow-cooking.

The following morning will give you a chance to explore the magnificent landscapes and world's tallest palm trees in the Cocora Valley, either on two wheels or by four, before flying down to UNESCO World Heritage Cartagena – a wonderful place to sign off on your journey through Colombia.

You'll have the keys to the city as you enjoy three days exploring Cartagena's pulsating rhythms. With an opulent private house as your base in the heart of the city's historic old town, you'll delve into the city's rich musical and literary heritage, meet the city's movers and shakers at a specially hosted dinner, and relax aboard a private yacht among the tropical Rosario islands.

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You don't have to be a high roller to stay in these suites



Viva Las Vegas. Some of the most spectacular suites you will find anywhere in the world are in Sin City. However, many are reserved for high rollers. In this issue, we look at impressive suites anyone can stay in, as long as you can pay. Check out the best from Aria, the Bellagio, the Delano, the new Nomad, and more. [Read more...](#)

A week of Swiss luxury



Although it's a bit smaller than Vermont and New Hampshire combined, there are few places that offer more beautiful views of lakes, mountains, and medieval cities combined with five-star hotels and fine dining. Winter or summer, Switzerland is always a great place to spend a week. [Read more...](#)



5-star dining atop 5-star hotels



If you hate having to rush across town to dinner when you're traveling, with the help of our friends, we've curated a list of 143 restaurants in over 60 cities around-the-world each with memorable views, cuisine to match, and all are located on the top floors or rooftops of leading hotels. [Read more...](#)



Sentosa Villa on the famous Grace Bay



Enjoy direct beachfront access at this outstanding 8-bedroom villa located on the famed Grace Bay Beach. Perfect for special events, such as a family reunion, wedding or other milestone celebration, revel in the perfect ocean views and soak in the lovely ambiance at Sentosa.

The main house holds 6 bedrooms, while the other 2 are in the guest house. Just about every room has a large opening that lets light and ocean breezes flow freely throughout. Outside, the terrace and beach offer lots of comfortable lounge chairs and sunbeds alongside the infinity pool and ocean. [Read more...](#)



Five bedrooms of luxury in Turks & Caicos



A gorgeous getaway for your group of family and friends, the 5-bedroom Beach Enclave offers luxury-filled days and nights. Furnished to the highest standards, enjoy a bespoke private villa experience with your stay here.

From the moment you arrive, you'll find yourself slipping into the natural island rhythm. Inspired by an open Caribbean living concept, the villa features wide glass doors and multiple terraces that together allow the indoors and out to blend seamlessly. Spend days relaxing with a good book, cooling off in the pool, snorkeling in the ocean, or flying high on a kiteboard. [Read more...](#)

VIP British Columbia and Alaska by helicopter



Two of the most beautiful and rustic spots in the world are in Western North America, in British Columbia, Canada, and Alaska. One of the great advantages of private jets is you don't waste travel time getting between places, and to that end Entrée Destinations combines the best of the outdoors in both places in one week, connected of course by your private jet. [Read more...](#)

Five stunning villas in Los Cabos



Located next to One&Only Palmilla, Del Mar Los Cabos is a luxury gated. Expansive homes up to 12,000 sq. ft. are built to the highest standards of construction, and you have your own butler and private chef. Elegant Mexico handles all pre-arrival planning and concierge services. You get your own golf cart, Club Ninety-Six beach club and kids club access, Club Espiritu fitness club and spa, Offsite activity coordination services, in-residence spa services, 24-hour gated security, and 24-hour emergency medical response are all included. [Read more...](#)



Fishing, shooting, castles, and Harry Potter in Yorkshire



Voted Europe's Best Travel Destination at the World Travel Awards, the first time the award went to a non-city, Yorkshire in northern England is known for its Roman and Viking heritage, Norman castles, medieval abbeys, national parks and cities that were the cradle of the Industrial Revolution. [Read more...](#)

Fine and Fun Skyscraper Dining in Bangkok



lebua at State Tower in Bangkok has become the epicenter of Thailand's move to award-winning internationalizing, with 2-star Michelin restaurant Mezzaluna, Breeze, Sirocco, and soon Chef's Table under the direction Vincent Thierry of the 3-star Michelin Caprice in Hong Kong. Of course, the nightlife is not restricted to restaurants with a multitude of specialty bars from The Flute A

Perrier Jouet and Alfresco 64, a Chivas bar, lehua No. 3, with its caviar shooters and of course the bar that launched a worldwide trend, Skybar (pictured left). [Read more...](#)

A golfer's paradise in Northern California



The Northern California coast offers stunning Pacific views and has long been a desirable weekend getaway spot for Golden State residents. However, if you don't happen to be from the state and are going to be visiting the Bay Area, The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay is convenient to extend your trip or an excellent base to visit the region's many attractions. [Read more...](#)



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