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Choosing your honeymoon destination is one of the most pleasurable parts of wedding planning - you get to travel the world without leaving your laptop! We've rounded up the best honeymoon destinations to suit different priorities, whether you're looking for an amazing all-inclusive holiday, a unique adventure or an affordable getaway.

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To make sure you find the newlywed getaway that's right for you, we've rounded up the best honeymoon destinations for 2020 and 2021. Not everyone has the same priorities when it comes to [honeymoons](#), so we've divided them into categories to suit different holiday styles - from unexpected and unique to all-inclusive beach breaks, we've got it covered.

Looking for your dream honeymoon destination can be so much fun. Part of that is having the chance to scroll through amazing places and resorts. But that's not the only thing that makes looking at potential honeymoon destinations special.


Just like putting together your [gift list](#), planning your honeymoon means making an emotional investment in your future as a married couple. After all, your honeymoon memories will stay with you for years - this is a once-in-a-lifetime holiday.

What's more, you'll deserve a break after dealing with [the stressful parts of wedding planning](#). And having something to look forward to is also crucial for staving off [the post-wedding blues!](#)

Get ready to be inspired by the world's best honeymoon destinations.

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What are the top 10 honeymoon destinations?

According to [the UK wedding survey](#), the top 10 most popular honeymoon destinations in Europe are:

- Italy
- Greece
- Spain (mainland or an island)
- France
- Cyprus
- Portugal
- Scandinavia
- Central & Eastern Europe
- Austria/Switzerland
- Germany



Puglia, Italy. Image | Getty

The top 10 most popular honeymoon destinations in the rest of the world are:

- The Maldives
- The United States
- Bali
- Mexico
- The Caribbean
- Mauritius
- Thailand
- Hawaii
- South Africa
- Japan

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How do I choose my honeymoon destination?

- Start by each of you making a list of the destinations you've dreamed of visiting, then compare the lists.
- Find out how much annual leave you have. It won't be much fun flying long-haul if you only have a week.
- Set your budget, including spending money while you're there.
- Decide whether it's important to you to go on honeymoon soon after the wedding to keep the excitement going, or whether you'd prefer to have it later in the year so you can have something to look forward to for longer (and have the chance to save up more money!).
- Think about your favourite holidays and what they had in common - are you happiest on beach breaks or exploring a city?
- If you each have very different holiday styles, consider compromising with [a twin-centre honeymoon](#), so you both get to try something you want.
- Consider what you want out of the honeymoon - is it relaxation, discovering somewhere new together, spending time somewhere you love, having adventures?
- Once you have some potential destinations, check what the weather is like in different months.

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Who pays for the honeymoon?

Usually, the couple pay for the honeymoon. However, honeymoon funds are an increasingly popular part of gift lists. You can have a standalone fund that guests contribute to, you can ask for 'honeymoney' along with the traditional homewares. Some companies also let your guests buy you honeymoon experiences, such as a night in a luxury hotel or cocktails on the beach.

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How much should your honeymoon cost?

Sometimes companies claim they know [how much the perfect honeymoon costs](#). We say there's no 'perfect' amount - it's what you can afford, without going into debt. Your honeymoon budget isn't the only factor that will influence your enjoyment. You could spend thousands on a luxury Maldives getaway, for example, only to feel bored once you're there because neither of you is a beach person. The most important thing is to choose a honeymoon style you'll both enjoy.

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We've picked the top honeymoon destinations to suit different holiday styles. As well as bringing you these amazing places, we'll also introduce you to some of our favourite resorts for romantic getaways.

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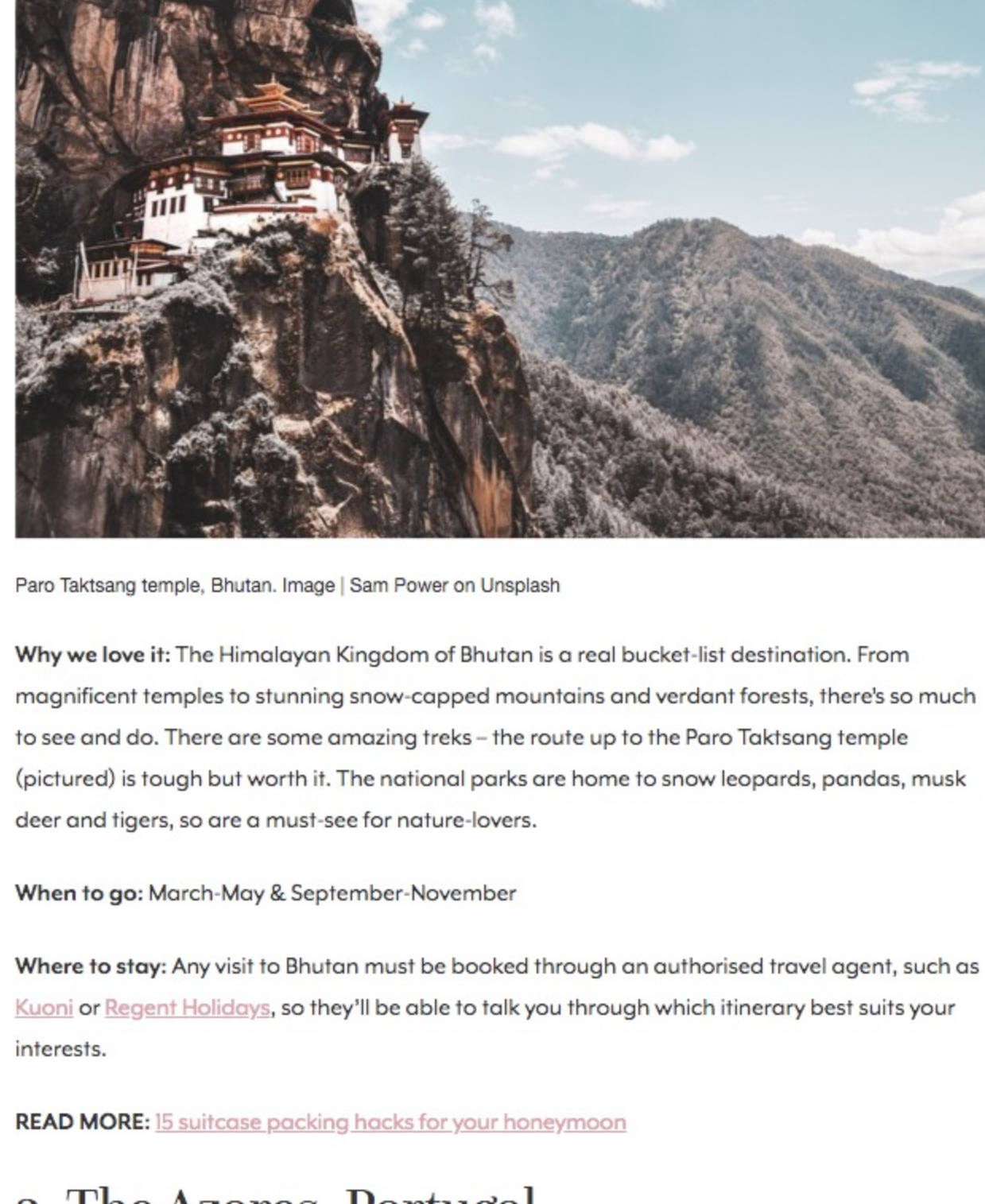


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Adventurous honeymoon destinations

These are the places to go to get your pulse racing, whether that's trekking through improbably beautiful landscapes or getting up close and personal with tropical fish on a dive.

1. Bhutan



Paro Taktsang temple, Bhutan. Image | Sam Power on Unsplash

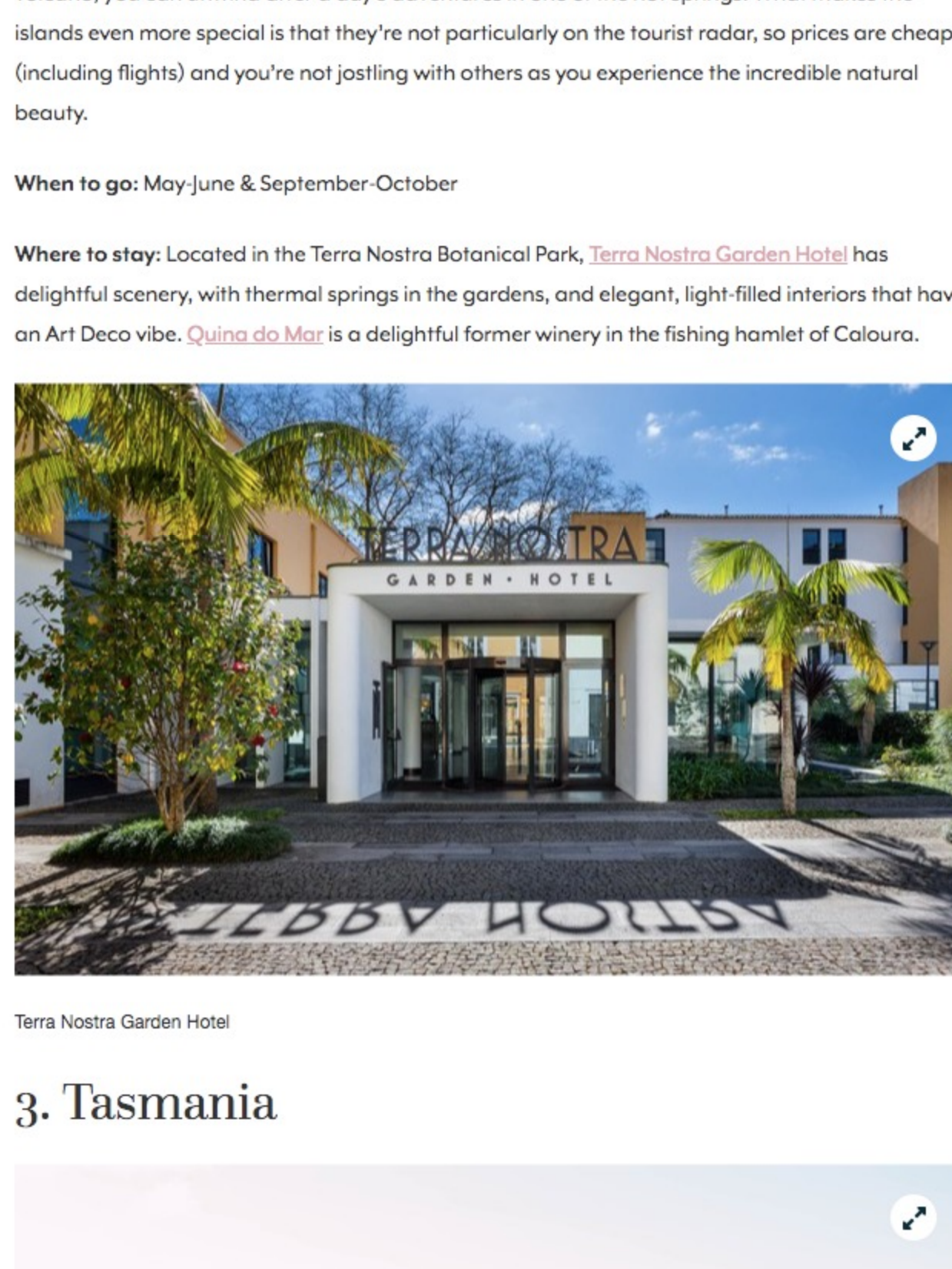
Why we love it: The Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan is a real bucket-list destination. From magnificent temples to stunning snow-capped mountains and verdant forests, there's so much to see and do. There are some amazing treks – the route up to the Paro Taktsang temple (pictured) is tough but worth it. The national parks are home to snow leopards, pandas, musk deer and tigers, so are a must-see for nature-lovers.

When to go: March-May & September-November

Where to stay: Any visit to Bhutan must be booked through an authorised travel agent, such as [Kuoni](#) or [Regent Holidays](#), so they'll be able to talk you through which itinerary best suits your interests.

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2. The Azores, Portugal

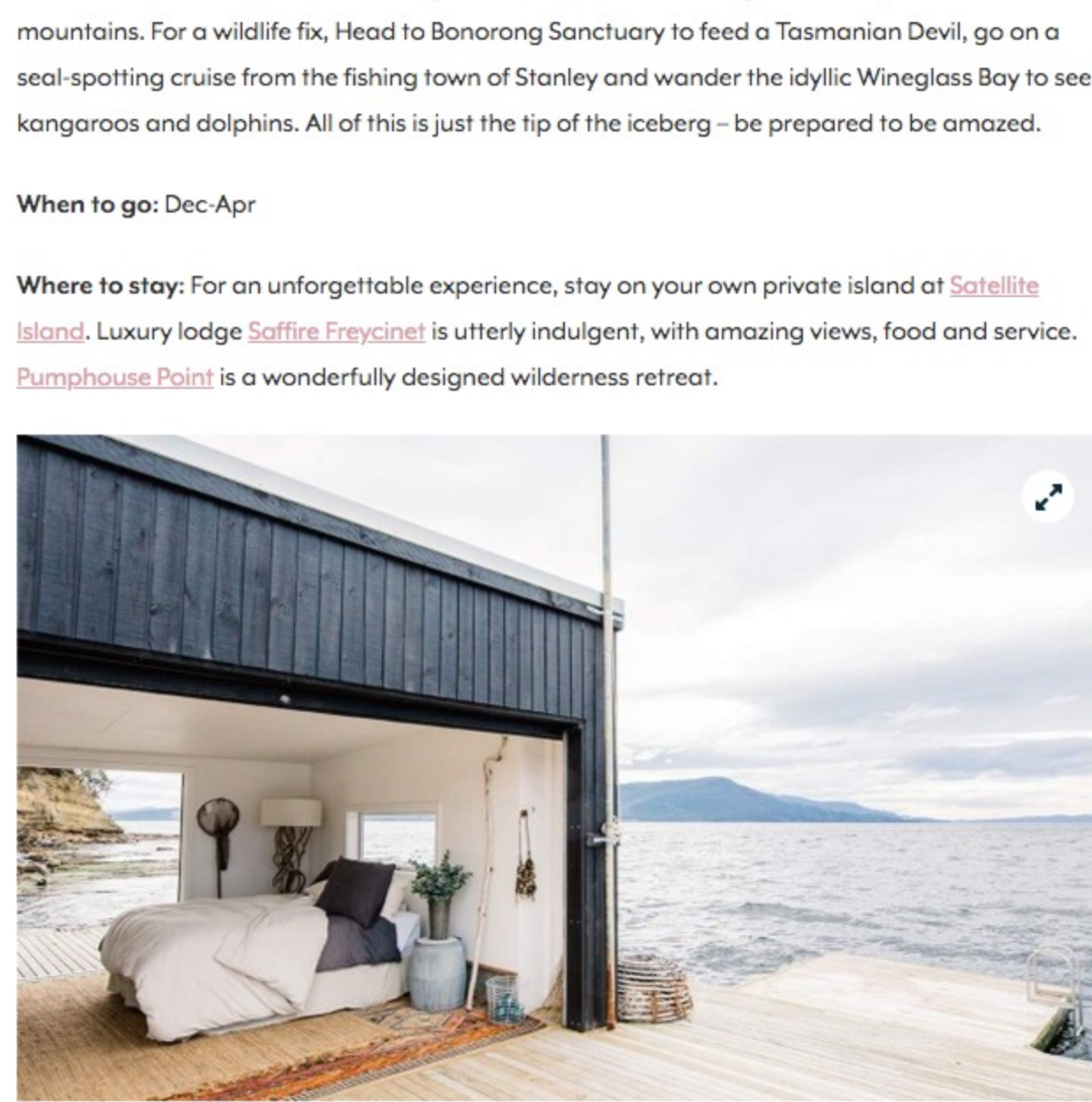


San Miguel island, The Azores, Portugal. Image | Getty

Why we love it: This Atlantic archipelago – an autonomous region of Portugal – has dramatic scenery, awash with lush greenery, natural hot springs and hypnotic lakes. It's all about getting back to nature here, whether you're swimming with dolphins, whale-watching or hiking inside a volcano; you can unwind after a day's adventures in one of the hot springs. What makes the islands even more special is that they're not particularly on the tourist radar, so prices are cheap (including flights) and you're not jostling with others as you experience the incredible natural beauty.

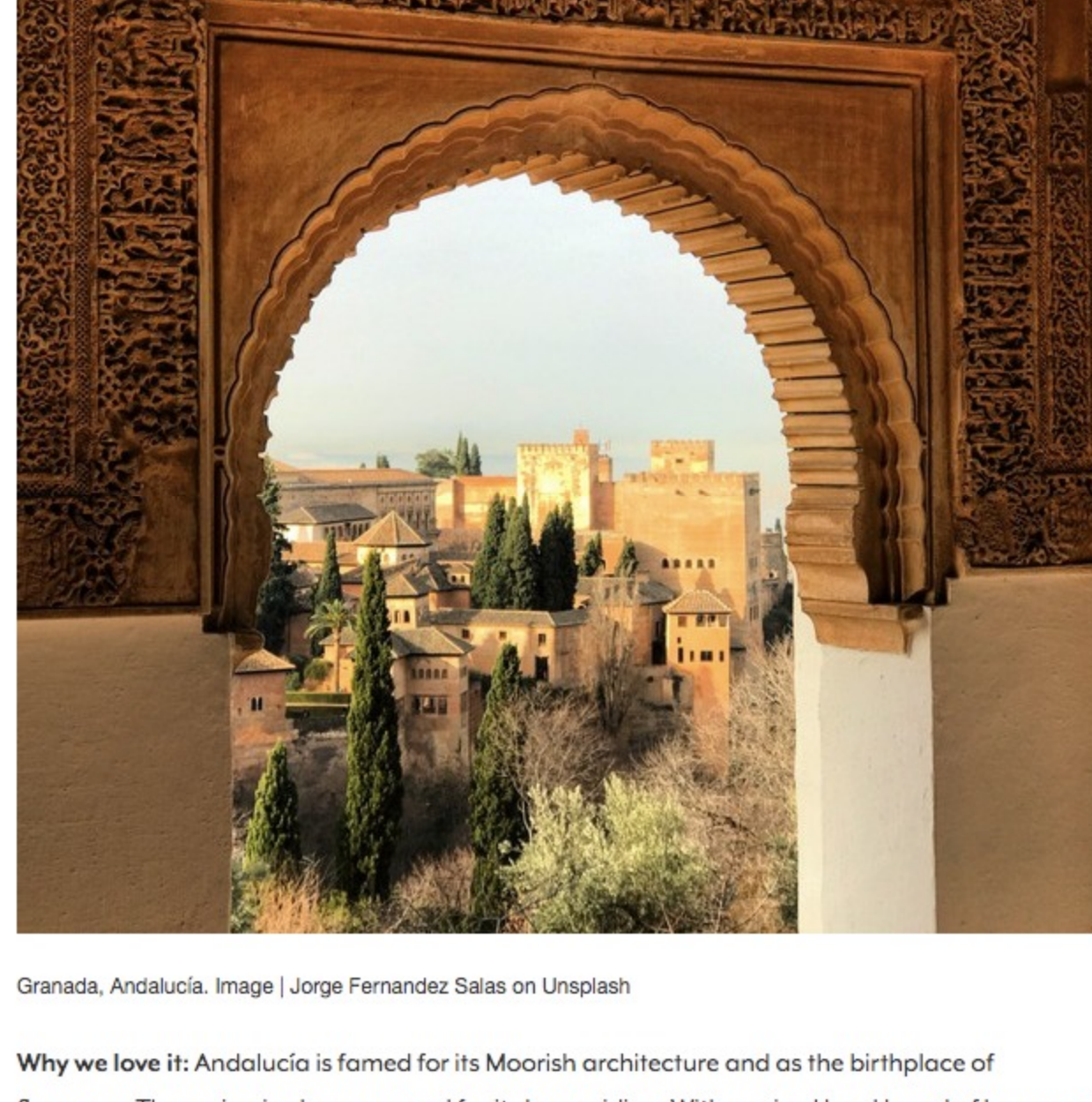
When to go: May-June & September-October

Where to stay: Located in the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, [Terra Nostra Garden Hotel](#) has delightful scenery, with thermal springs in the gardens, and elegant, light-filled interiors that have an Art Deco vibe. [Quina do Mar](#) is a delightful former winery in the fishing hamlet of Caloura.



Terra Nostra Garden Hotel

3. Tasmania



Hidden Lake, Tasmania

Why we love it: There are outdoor adventures aplenty to be had amid the spectacular scenery of this Australian island state. The hiking is excellent, whether through national parks or amid mountains. For a wildlife fix, head to Bonorong Sanctuary to feed a Tasmanian Devil, go on a seal-spotting cruise from the fishing town of Stanley and wander the idyllic Wineglass Bay to see kangaroos and dolphins. All of this is just the tip of the iceberg – be prepared to be amazed.

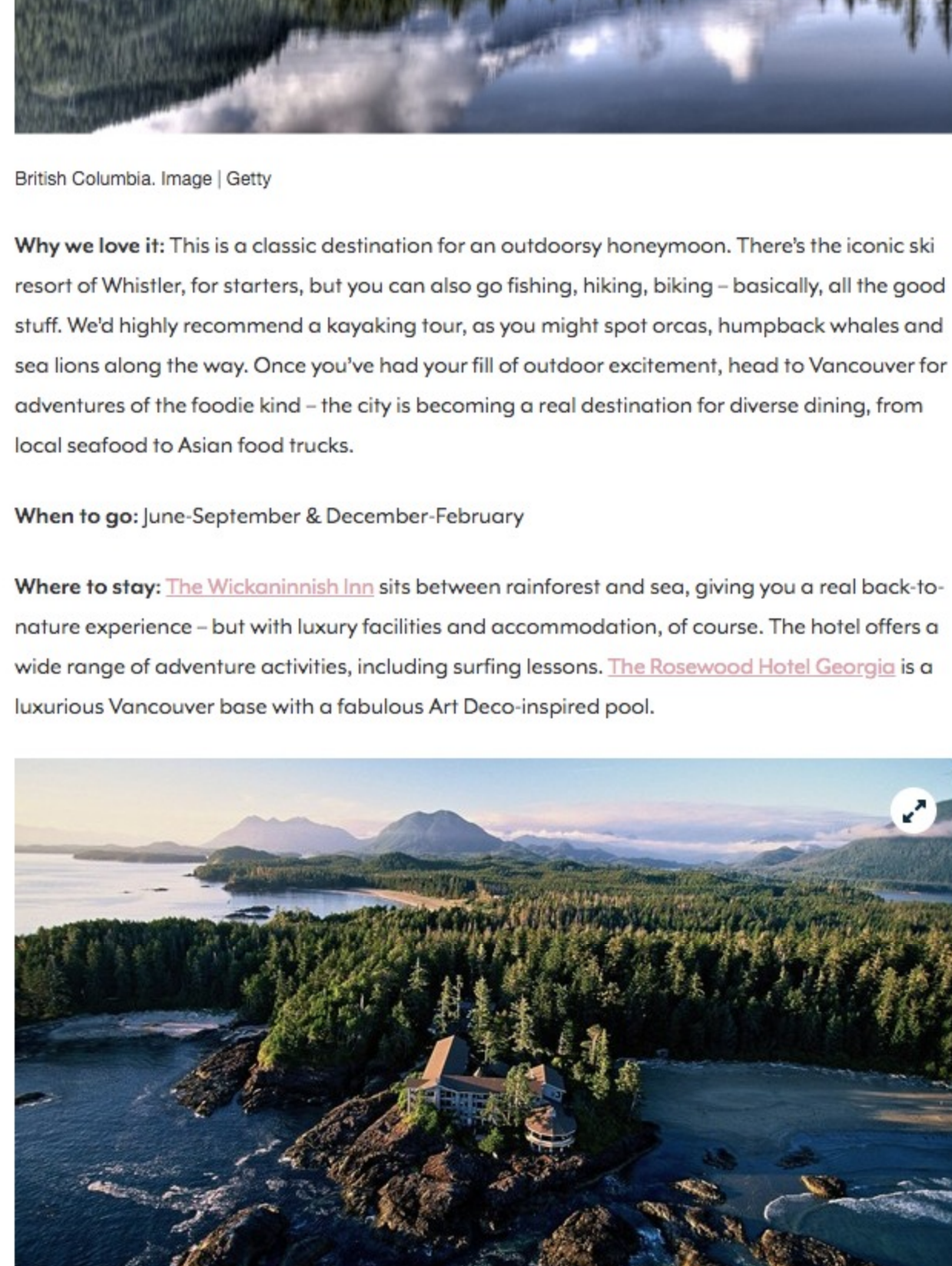
When to go: Dec-Apr

Where to stay: For an unforgettable experience, stay on your own private island at [Satellite Island](#). Luxury lodge [Saffire Freycinet](#) is utterly indulgent, with amazing views, food and service. [Pumphouse Point](#) is a wonderfully designed wilderness retreat.



Satellite Island

4. Andalucía, Spain

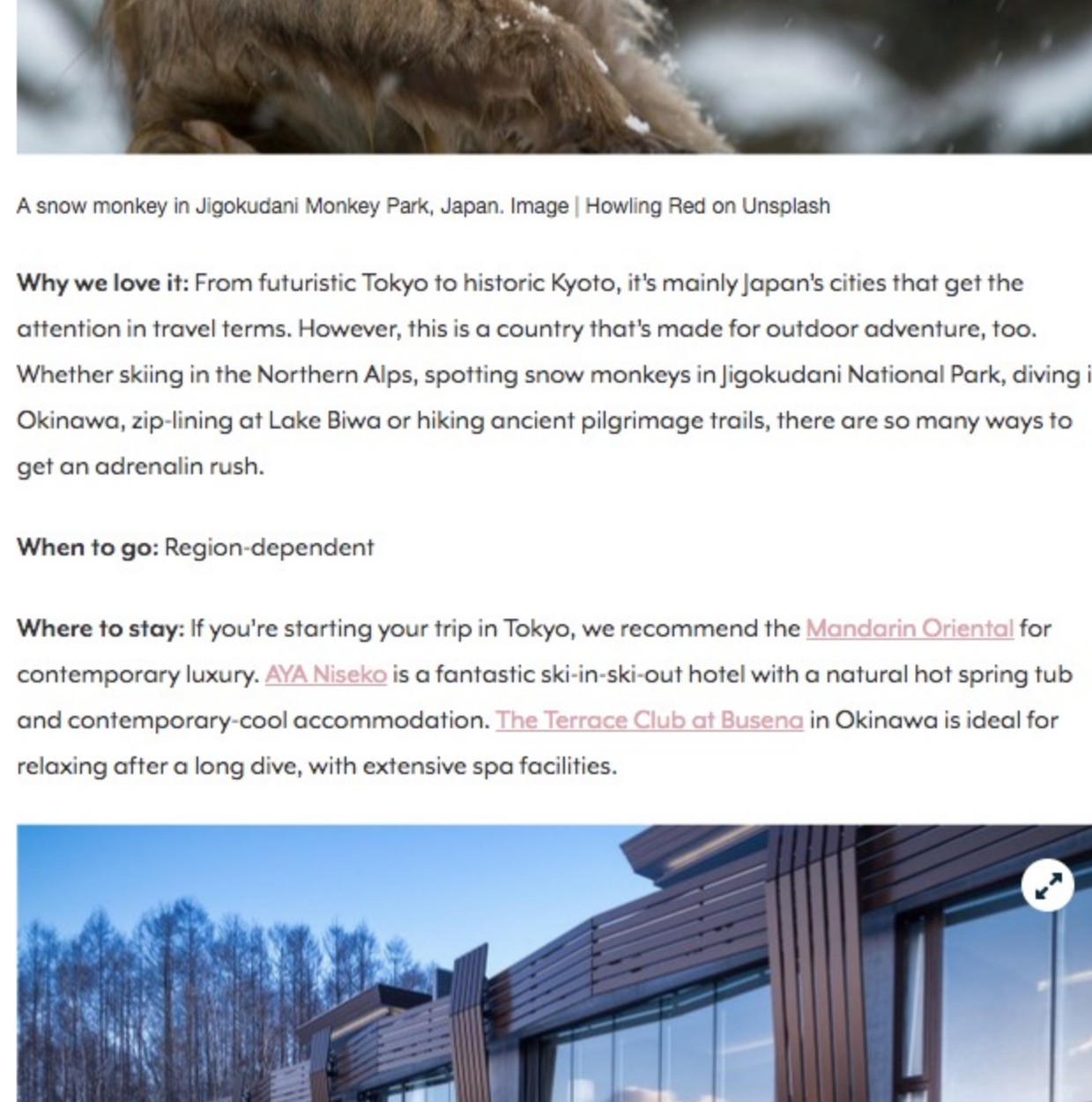


Granada, Andalucía. Image | Jorge Fernandez Salas on Unsplash

Why we love it: Andalucía is famed for its Moorish architecture and as the birthplace of flamenco. The region is also renowned for its horse riding. With a prized local breed of horse and centuries-old trails leading through unspoilt landscapes, this is one of the best places to get in the saddle.

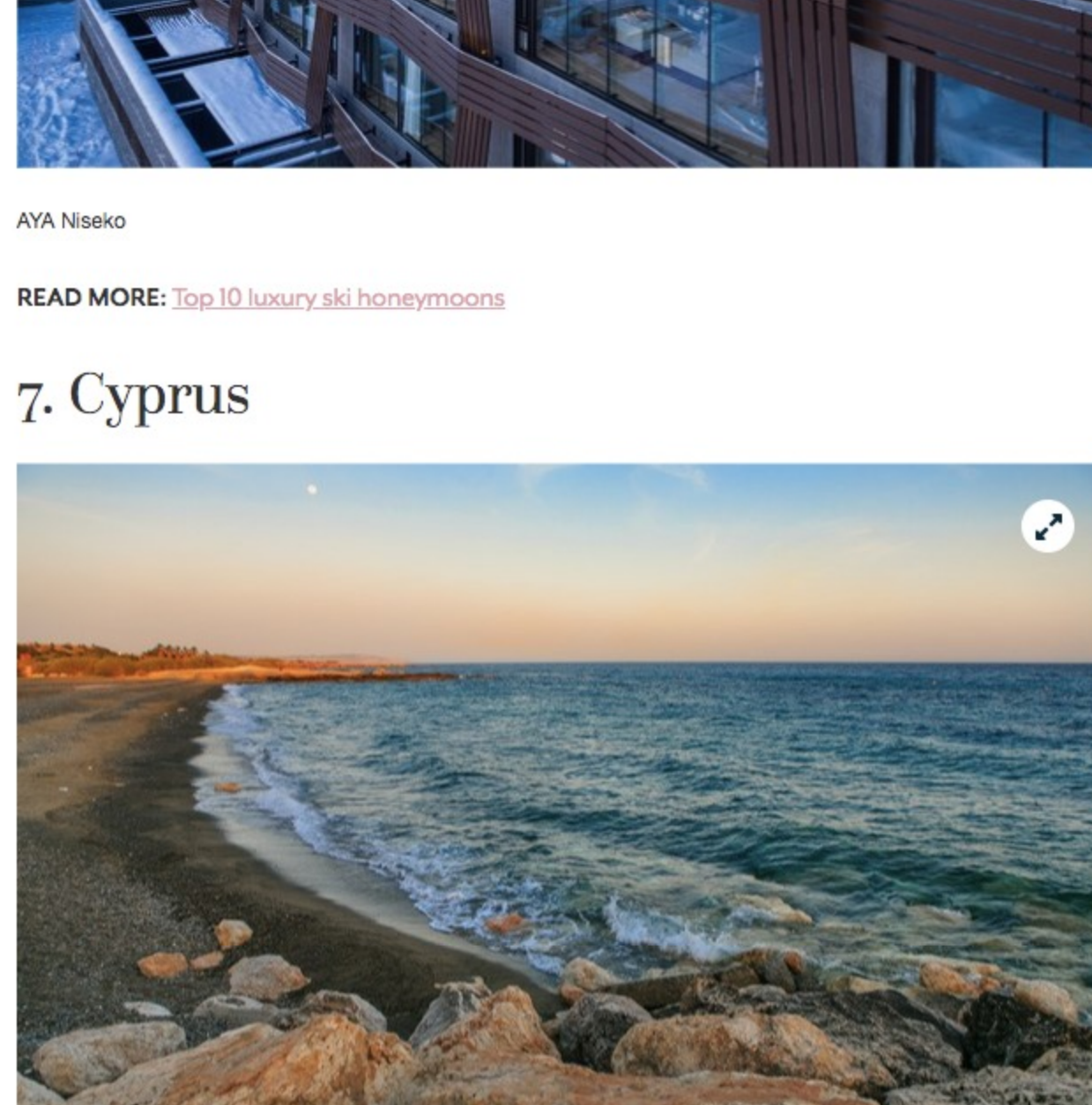
When to go: March-June & September-November

Where to stay: [Cartijo Valverde Rural Country Hotel](#) is made up of six individual casitas, all with a rustic-luxe feel, and offers horse riding tours through idyllic countryside. [Hotel Hurmonea](#) has a beautiful setting, with nightlife within easy reach, and their horse riding tours include beach riding. [Hotel Fuente del Sol](#) has rustic charm in spades, and glorious countryside for horse rides.



Hotel Fuente del Sol

5. British Columbia, Canada

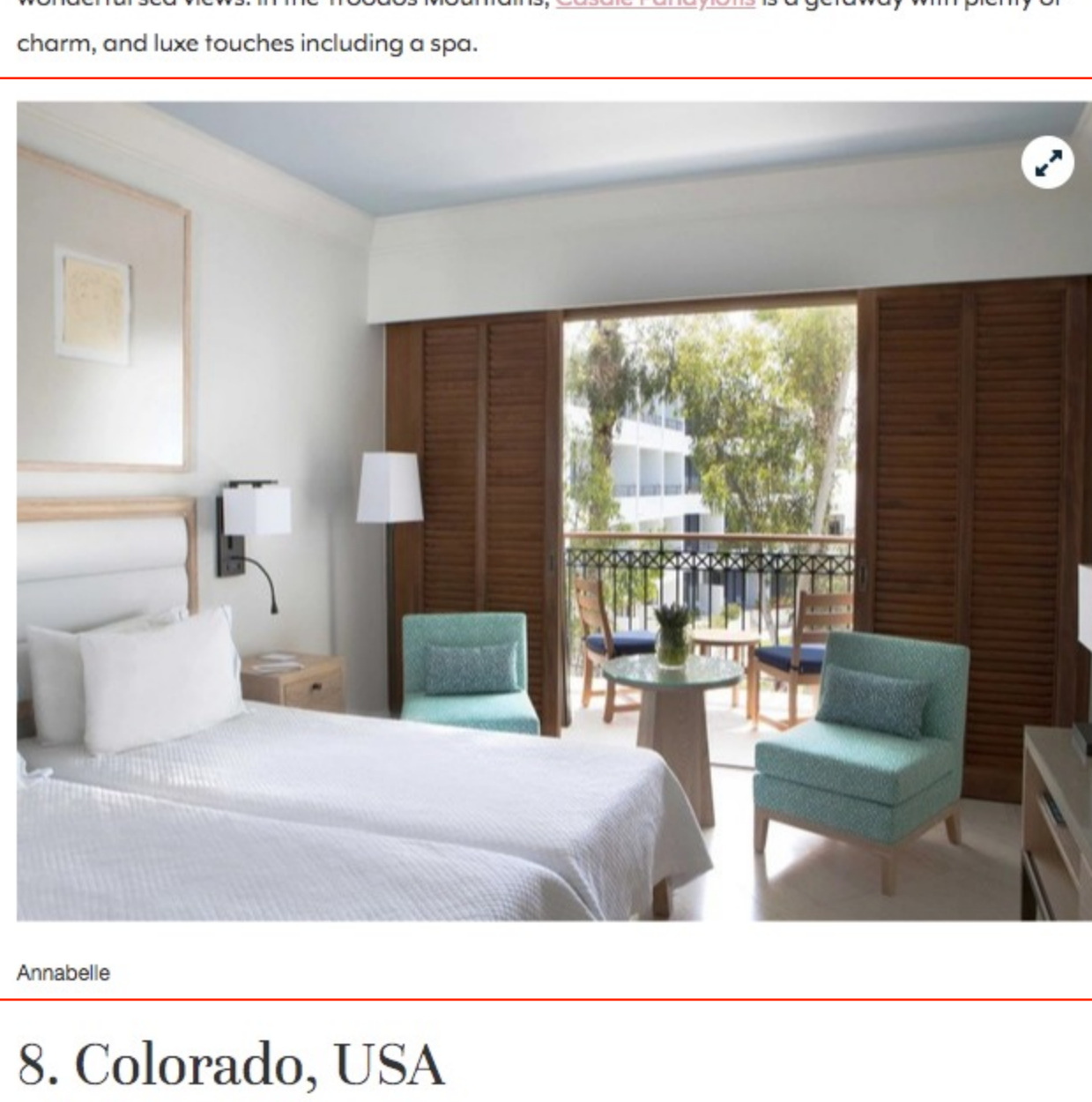


British Columbia. Image | Getty

Why we love it: This is a classic destination for an outdoorsy honeymoon. There's the iconic ski resort of Whistler, for starters, but you can also go fishing, hiking, biking – basically, all the good stuff. We'd highly recommend a kayaking tour, as you might spot orcas, humpback whales and sea lions along the way. Once you've had your fill of outdoor excitement, head to Vancouver for adventures of the foodie kind – the city is becoming a real destination for diverse dining, from local seafood to Asian food trucks.

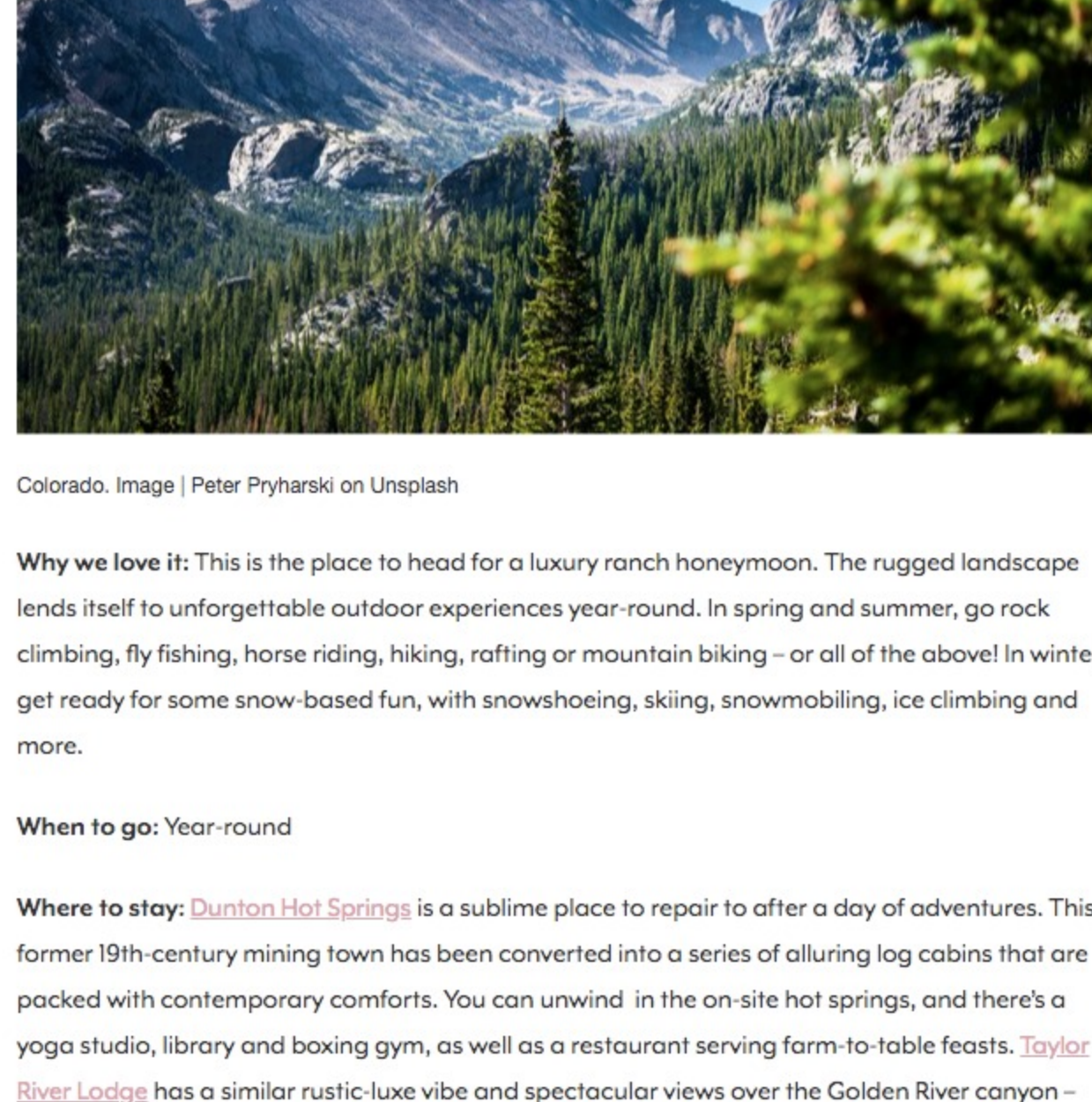
When to go: June-September & December-February

Where to stay: [The Wickaninnish Inn](#) sits between rainforest and sea, giving you a real back-to-nature experience – but with luxury facilities and accommodation, of course. [The Rosewood Hotel Georgia](#) is a luxurious Vancouver base with a fabulous Art Deco-inspired pool.



The Wickaninnish Inn

6. Japan

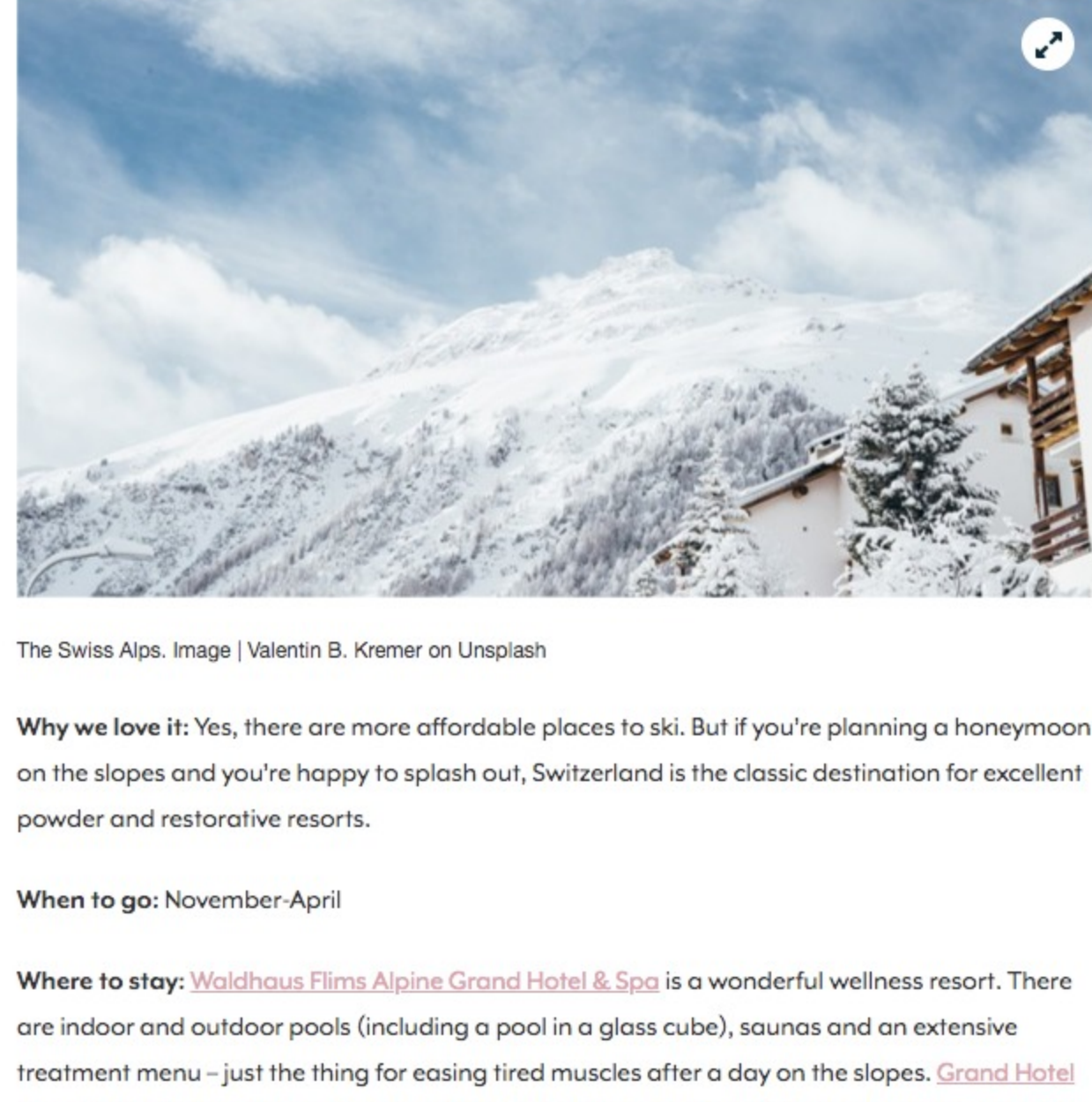


A snow monkey in Jigokudani Monkey Park, Japan. Image | Howling Red on Unsplash

Why we love it: From futuristic Tokyo to historic Kyoto, it's mainly Japan's cities that get the attention in travel terms. However, this is a country that's made for outdoor adventure, too. Whether skiing in the Northern Alps, spotting snow monkeys in Jigokudani National Park, diving in Okinawa, zip-lining at Lake Biwa or hiking ancient pilgrimage trails, there are so many ways to get an adrenalin rush.

When to go: Region-dependent

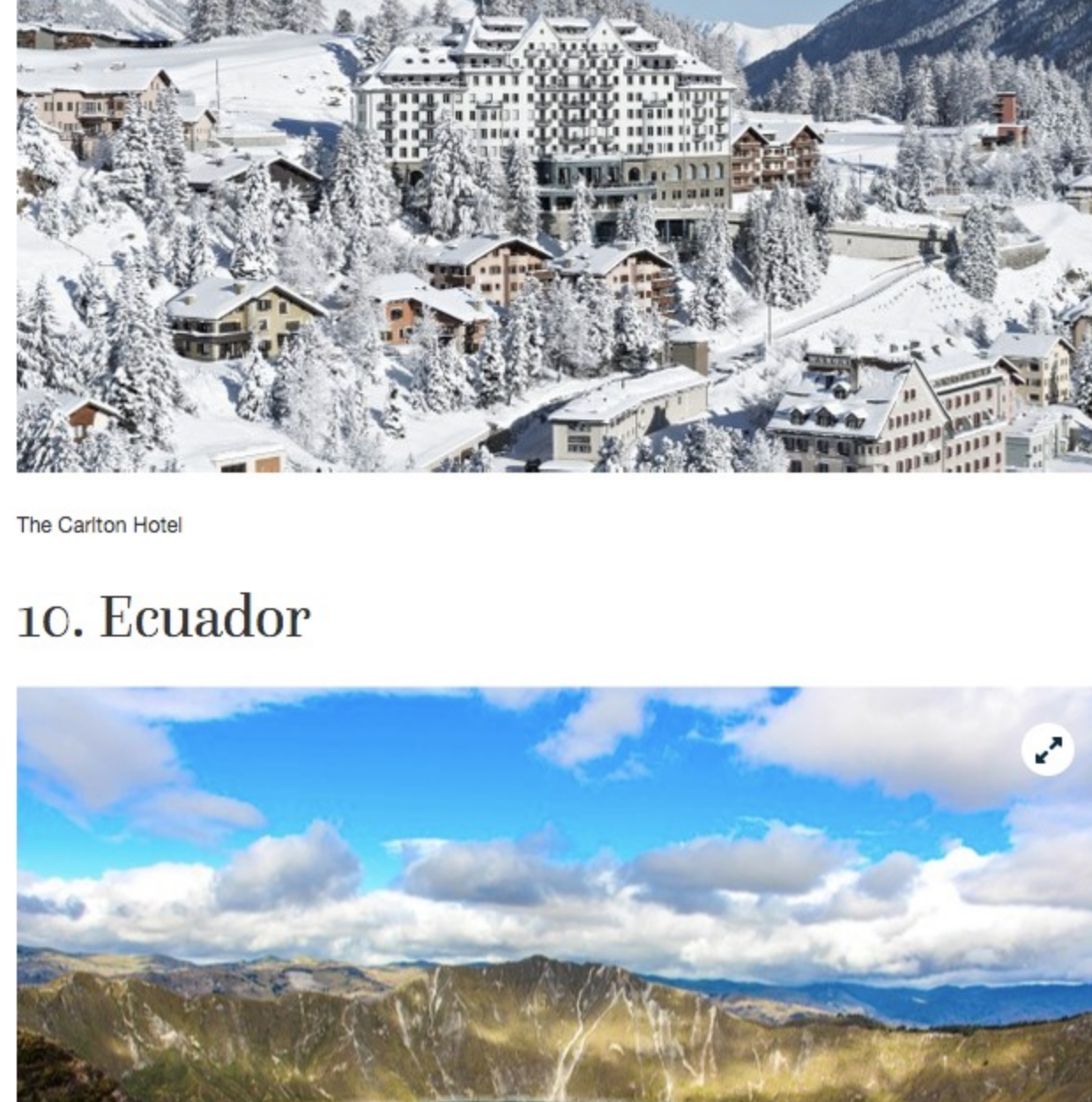
Where to stay: If you're starting your trip in Tokyo, we recommend the [Mandarin Oriental](#) for contemporary luxury. [AYA Niseko](#) is a fantastic ski-in-ski-out hotel with a natural hot spring tub and contemporary-cool accommodation. [The Terrace Club at Busenji](#) in Okinawa is ideal for relaxing after a long dive, with extensive spa facilities.



AYA Niseko

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7. Cyprus



Cyprus. Image | Olga Kononenko on Unsplash

Why we love it: You may associate Cyprus with beach holidays – and it's certainly a great place to relax in the sun. However, there are also some pulse-racing adventures to be had on this Mediterranean island. The Troodos Mountains have picturesque hiking trails, taking in historical villages along the way. Cyprus's year-round temperate climate and clear waters also make it a great place for scuba diving, with famous diving sites including The Zenobia wreck, filled with fish. For outdoor fun of the slightly more chilled variety, head to the Akamas National Park to swim in the Blue Lagoon.

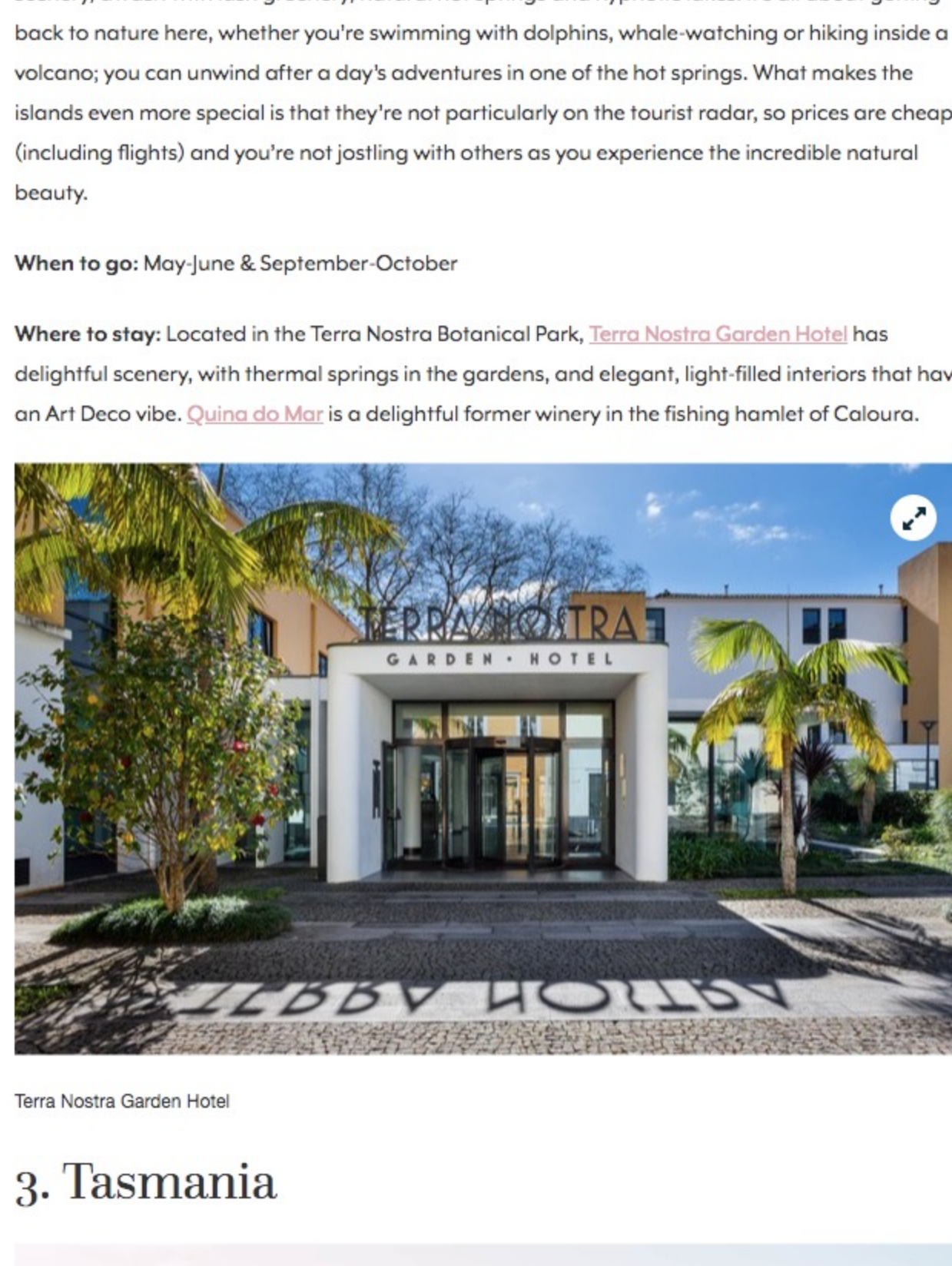
When to go: Year-round

Where to stay: Set near the historic harbour, [Annabelle](#) has long been a Paphos institution, but a recent refurbishment means it's totally up-to-date. Expect elegant accommodation, a dreamy spa and a fabulous indoor rooftop pool. [Coral Thalassa](#) is a sophisticated adults-only resort with wonderful sea views. In the Troodos Mountains, [Cazelle Panayiotis](#) is a getaway with plenty of charm, and luxe touches including a spa.



Annabelle

8. Colorado, USA

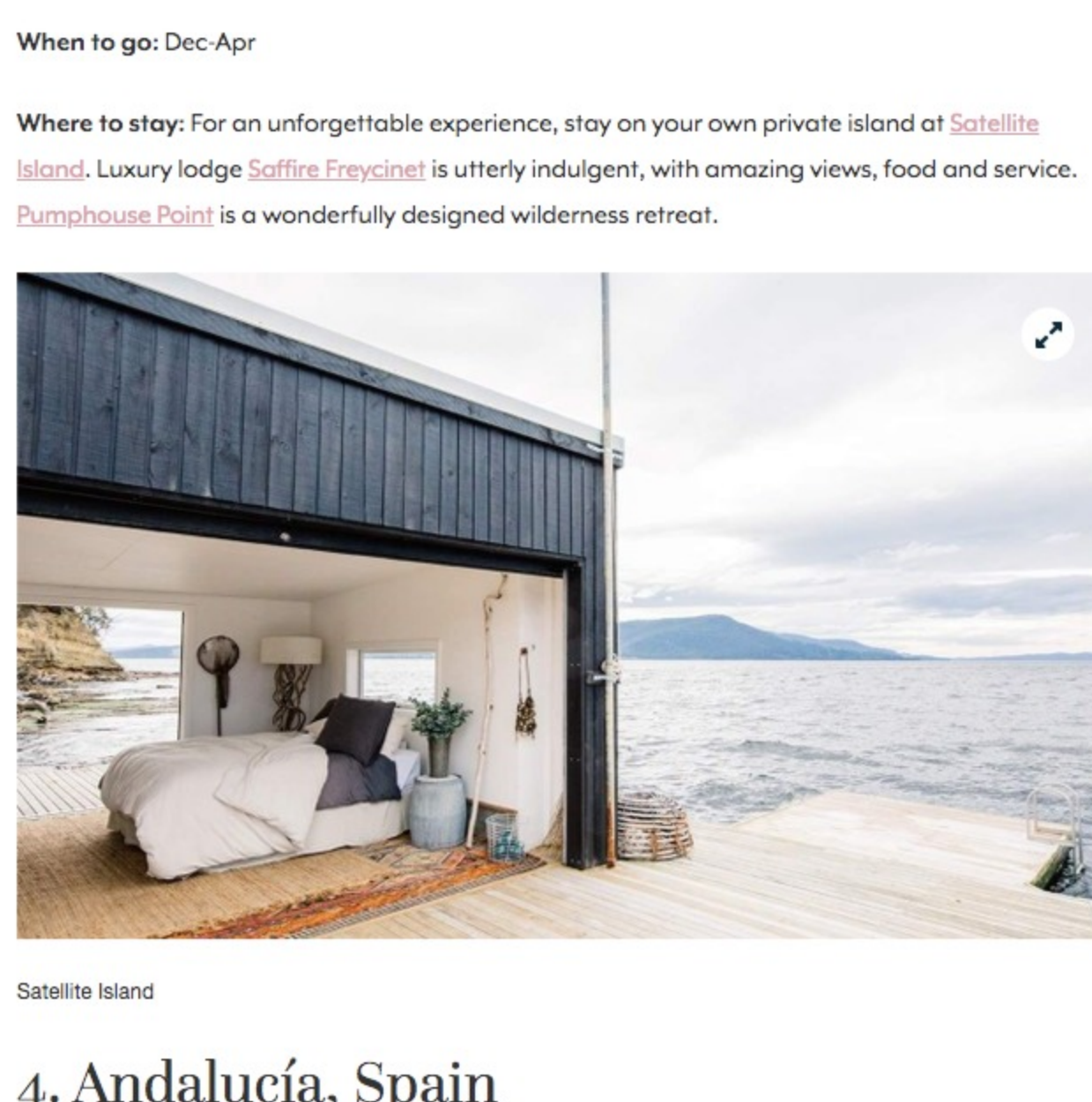


Colorado. Image | Peter Pnyharski on Unsplash

Why we love it: This is the place to head for a luxury ranch honeymoon. The rugged landscape lends itself to unforgettable outdoor experiences year-round. In spring and summer, go rock climbing, fly fishing, horse riding, hiking, rafting or mountain biking – or all of the above! In winter, get ready for some snow-based fun, with snowshoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, ice climbing and more.

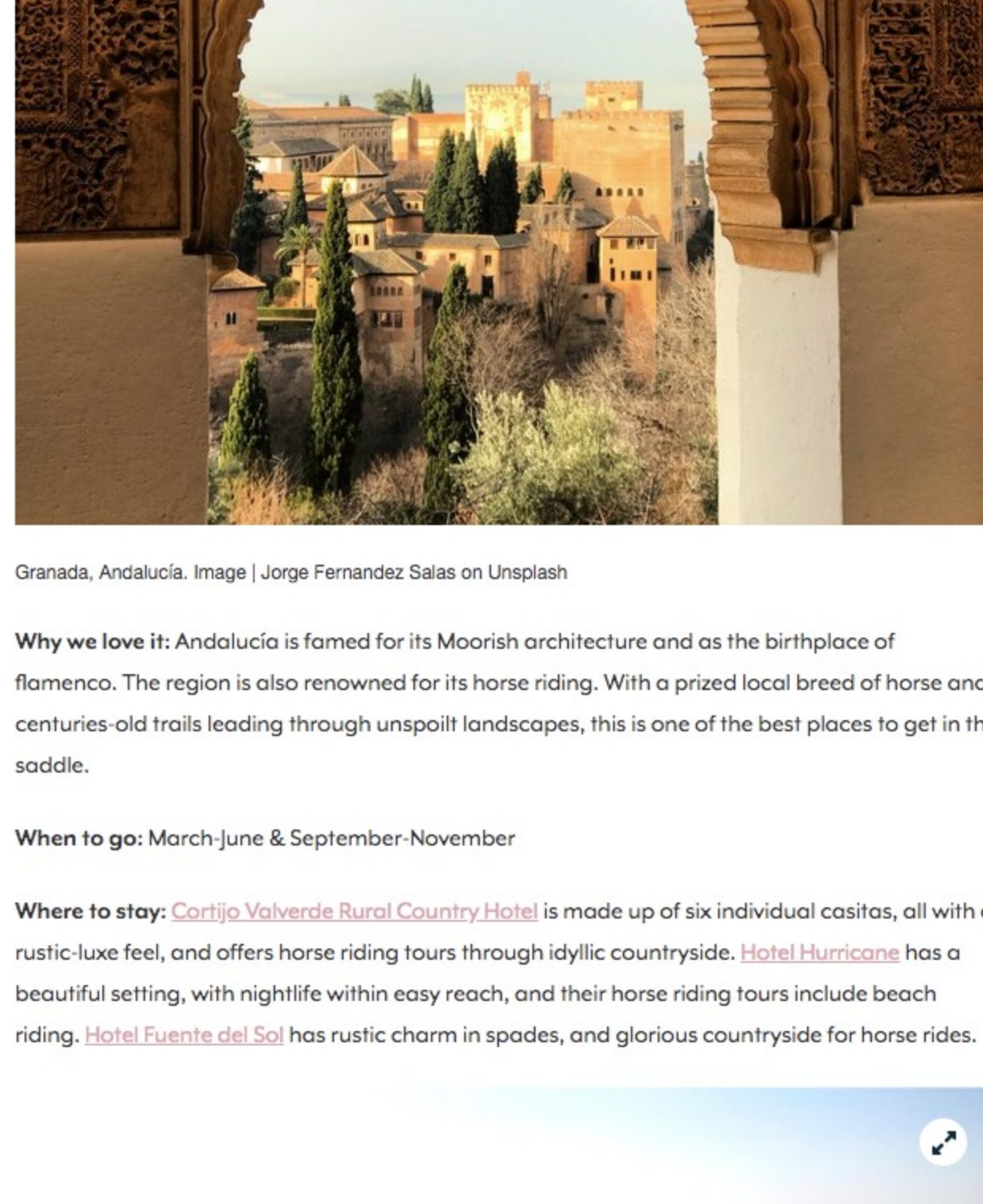
When to go: Year-round

Where to stay: [Dunton Hot Springs](#) is a sublime place to repair to after a day of adventures. This former 19th-century mining town has been converted into a series of alluring log cabins that are packed with contemporary comforts. You can unwind in the on-site hot springs, and there's a yoga studio, library and boxing gym, as well as a restaurant serving farm-to-table feasts. [Taylor River Lodge](#) has a similar rustic-luxe vibe and spectacular views over the Golden River canyon – read [our review of Taylor River Lodge](#) for more detail.



Dunton Hot Springs

9. Switzerland

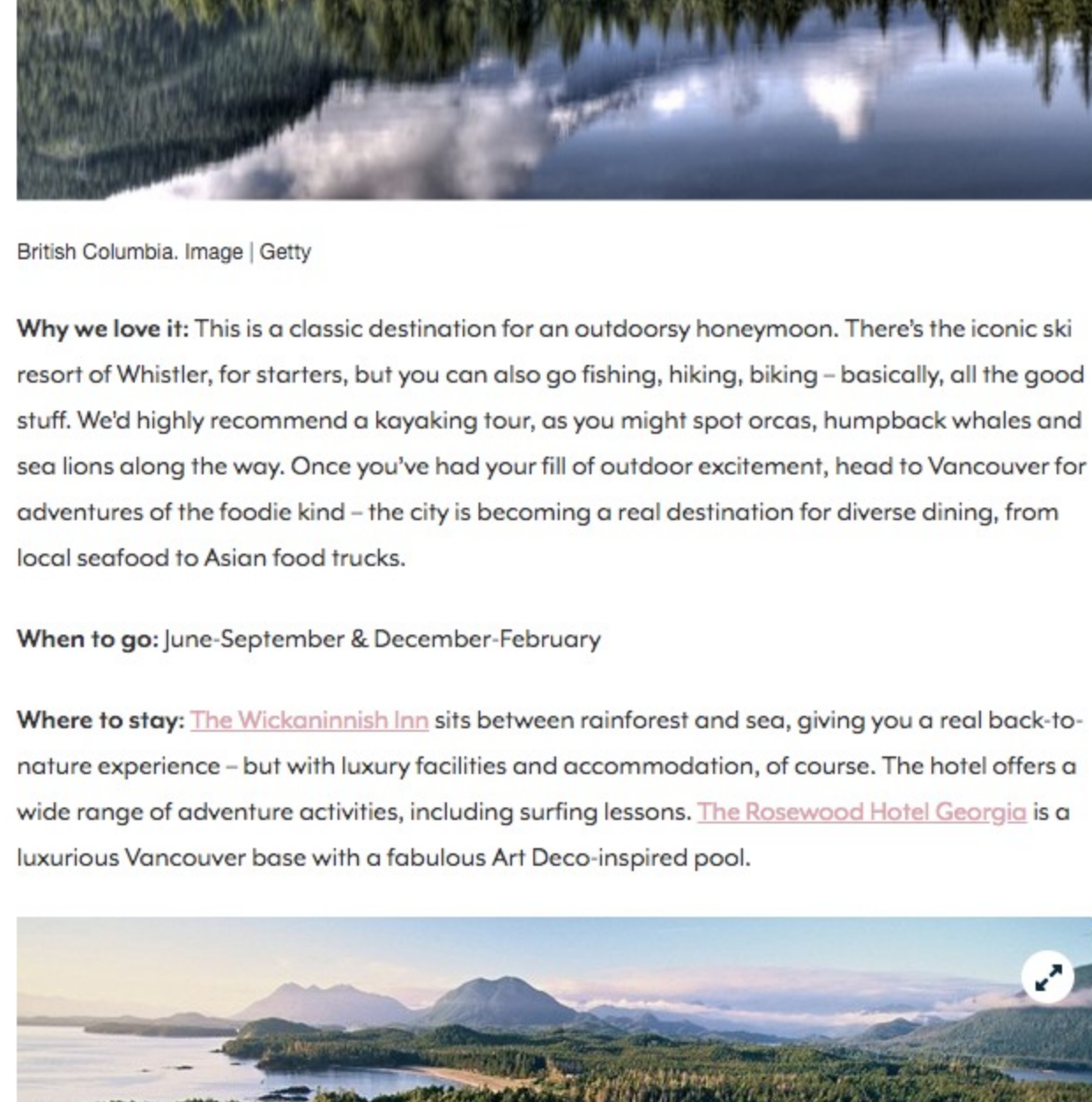


The Swiss Alps. Image | Valentin B. Kriener on Unsplash

Why we love it: Yes, there are more affordable places to ski. But if you're planning a honeymoon on the slopes and you're happy to splash out, Switzerland is the classic destination for excellent powder and restorative resorts.

When to go: November-April

Where to stay: [Wildhaus Films Alaine Grand Hotel & Spa](#) is a wonderful wellness resort. There are indoor and outdoor pools (including a pool in a glass cube), saunas and an extensive treatment menu – just the thing for easing tired muscles after a day on the slopes. [Grand Hotel Zermatt Chofar](#) is classically beautiful, and is particularly renowned for excellent food; they even have a cheese restaurant. [The Carlton Hotel](#) is pure luxury; they even have outdoor butlers, so you're pampered at every point. Read [our full review of The Carlton Hotel](#).



The Carlton Hotel

10. Ecuador

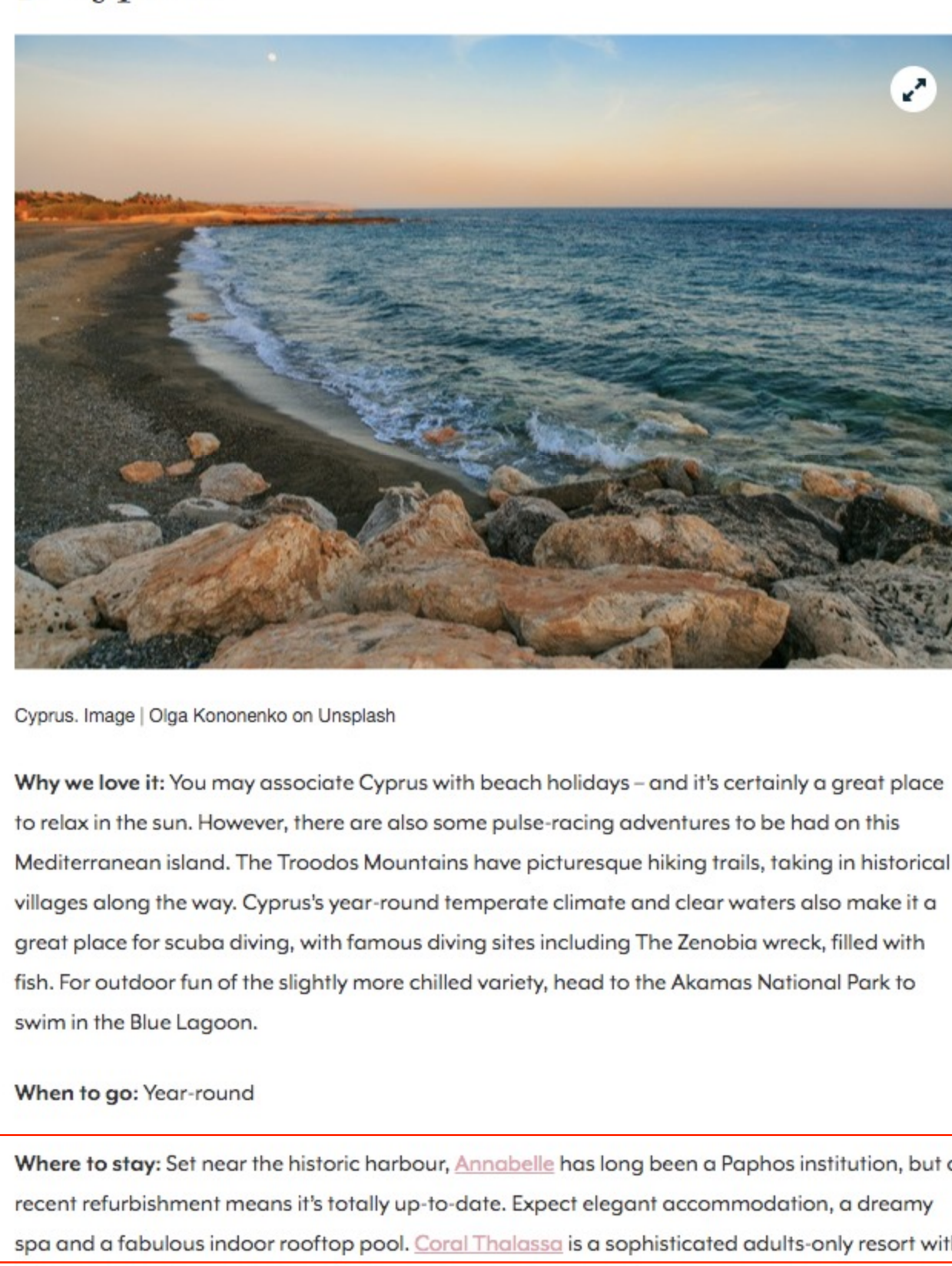


Ecuador. Image | Robinson Recalde on Unsplash

Why we love it: The diverse landscapes of this South American gem make it the perfect place for a multi-sensory escape that's full of adventure. Whether you're hiking through mountains, exploring rainforest or surfing off the coast, there really is something for everyone. Wildlife lovers will be in heaven – head to the national parks for the chance to see exotic birds, monkeys, jaguars, to name a few. Of course, the most famous wildlife experience is to be found on the Galápagos Islands, 1,000km off Ecuador's coast, and home to an incredible array of animals, reptiles and birds, from penguins to the giant tortoise.

When to go: June-September

Where to stay: Surrounded by rainforest, [Mashpi Lodge](#) is a lovely, back-to-nature retreat. The lodge itself makes the most of its beautiful setting, with panoramic windows throughout, earth-toned décor and a programme of activities for getting to know the rainforest. [Pikiza Lodge](#) was the first luxury hotel on the Galápagos Islands, and is a relaxing base for exploring the abundant wildlife.



Mashpi Lodge