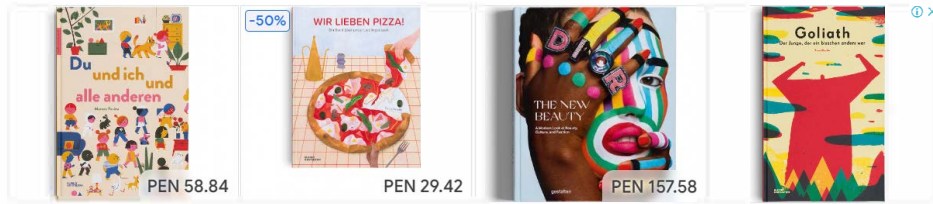


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With new trails and lodges opening all around the globe, there's never been a better time to lace up your hiking boots and set out for adventure in some of the world's most beautiful destinations. Whether you seek to summit South American mountains, thru-hike in the European wilds, or march side-by-side with Antarctic penguins, now is the time to get acquainted with the world's most rugged and pristine lands. Here, the top adventurous destinations every woman should visit in 2017.



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Peru

Beginning in the capital of Lima, stay at the new [Atemporal](#) in the luxurious Miraflores district, before flying to Cusco, the base town for all treks to the country's most beloved ruins. For culture seekers and avid hikers, the new [Lares Adventure by Mountain Lodges of Peru](#) should top your list. Opt for this lodge-to-lodge trek over the traditional Inca or Salkantay trails if you wish to weave through local, Andean communities while staying at boutique properties on your way to the illustrious Machu Picchu. If you prefer cycling in lieu of hiking, opt for an adventure to the ruins with [Duvine DuVine Cycling + Adventure Co.](#) While you're traversing the Urubamba Valley, stay at the new [Explora Valle Sagrado](#) to experience local culture firsthand. Here, visit [Cerveceria del Valle Sagrado](#) to sip brews from the region's first craft brewery. From the mountains, head straight for the Peruvian jungle, where you can cruise the area with [Delfin Amazon Cruises](#). Spend your days drinking pisco sours from the boat's open-air, rooftop bar in between daily excursions aboard skiffs: Every twist and turn along the Amazon River is almost guaranteed to lead to a caiman, anaconda, or pink dolphin sighting. To round out your Peruvian experience, head south to Puno with [Intrepid](#). Visit Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake, and learn local customs during a homestay on the floating Uros Islands.

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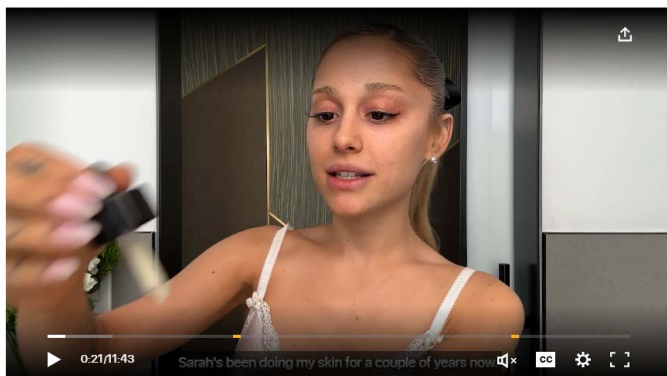
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The 2016-2017 Antarctic season marks the 50th anniversary of the first ascent of the continent's four highest peaks by members of the American Antarctic Mountaineering Expedition, and to commemorate the climb, [Antarctic Logistics & Expeditions](#) is leading travelers on five fully guided trips up Mount Vinson. If you favor a ship expedition, begin in Ushuaia in Argentina to set sail on an [Intrepid Travel](#) adventure with [Quark Expeditions](#): Begin by crossing the infamously choppy waters of the Drake Passage, before landing in the South Shetland Islands, home to rare birds like the snow petrel and albatross and a plethora of thriving penguin colonies, including the adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap varieties. If your hope is to see the emperor penguin, the largest of the penguin species, then head to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia with [Lindblad Expeditions](#). Watch as thousands of emperor penguins march in legions, while herds of elephant seals nap on outlying icebergs. If your dream is to reach the South Pole but you don't have the same grit as legendary explorers like Roald Amundsen, Robert F. Scott, and Ernest Shackleton, fly to the South Pole with [Polar Quest](#) to stand where all 360 lines of longitude meet.

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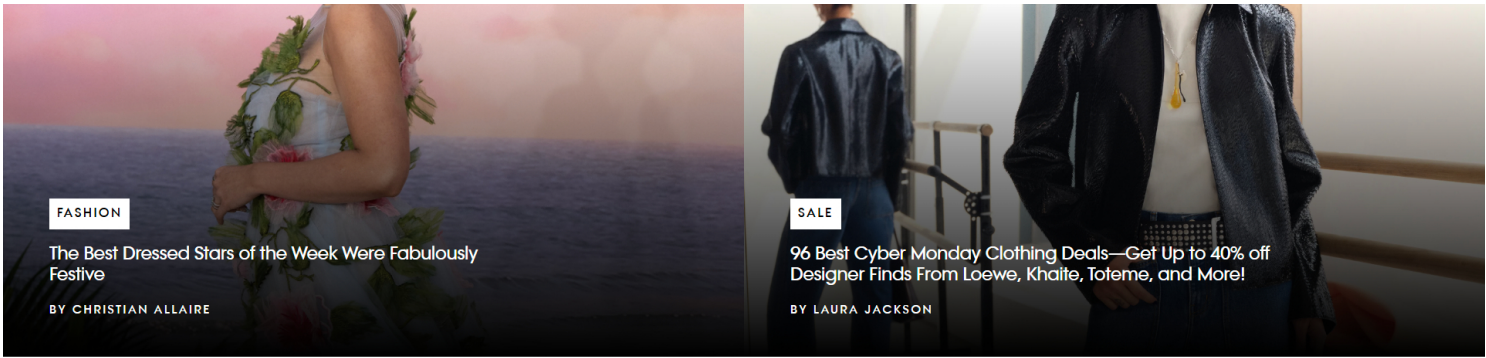
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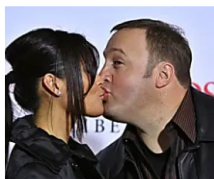
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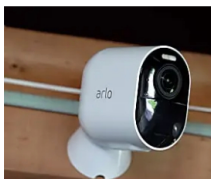
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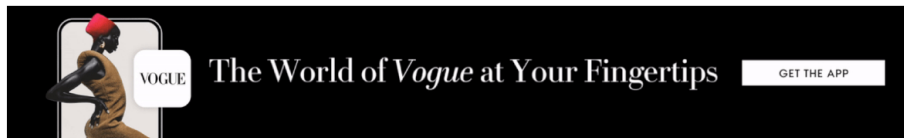
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