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NEW DESTINATIONS YOU SHOULD VISIT THIS YEAR

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You've probably noticed that we love hotels. So when it comes to suggesting where you should visit in 2021, hotels naturally drove our recommendations.

When a location gets its first Tablet hotel, it's a good bet that something important is happening there: a cultural blossoming, an urban renewal — or maybe the hotel itself is the main draw, singlehandedly putting a new pin on the map. By definition, Tablet hotels are extraordinary, and you don't build an extraordinary hotel without being confident that it will attract guests who appreciate a unique piece of hospitality. Guests with great taste, who wouldn't travel to just any old place.

So, when a location gets its first Tablet hotel, that location has become a destination. It has *arrived* — at least according to us. That might be an imperfect formula, but it's as good a methodology as any for forming a list of places you should make an appointment to visit in 2021 (or whenever you feel safe traveling again).

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maker Rise & Ramble, and the place is near everything — minutes from the aforementioned museum, blocks from the Raleigh Beer Garden, and a short walk to the hip Fayetteville Street downtown.



The destination: **City of Arequipa, Peru** The hotel: **Cirqa**

Don't be confused. Yes, we do have another hotel in Arequipa. Three hours north, surrounded by wilderness and the Andes mountains. This is not that hotel. This hotel is not only in the greater region of Arequipa, but smack in the city of Arequipa — a very different vibe, with very different attractions, ones with a distinct appeal to anyone who spent 2020 like a hermit. Here, in the historical center of the city that makes up an UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cirqa hotel sits on an estate that dates back to the city's 1540 founding, a tranquil and lively contrast to the historic city beyond.

Outside Cirqa's old walls, Peru's second largest city awaits. Known too as the "white city" for the white volcanic rock that makes up so many of its historic buildings, it's full of history, its architecture representing a "masterpiece of the creative integration of European and native characteristics," to borrow a phrase from UNESCO. Cirqa itself employs a local guide to show you the history and art that surrounds their grounds, with trips to the 16th and 17th century churches, cathedrals, and monasteries supplemented with short or overnight excursions to the plains and valleys in the region beyond.



It's all almost enough to overshadow the Futangue Hotel & Spa, but fortunately, the hotel is smart enough not to compete with its surroundings, but to merely complement them, with a now-classic Patagonian style that combines unobtrusive modern architecture and unapologetic high-end comfort with a voluptuous setting close to the end of the civilized world. Futangue's rooms and suites are contemporary, but rustic in inspiration, with plenty of bare wood and organic textures like leather and fur. The spaces are generous, as are the comforts — bathrooms feature walk-in rain showers stocked with products made from plants from the neighboring rainforest. It's safe to say that a new destination has been born here.

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