

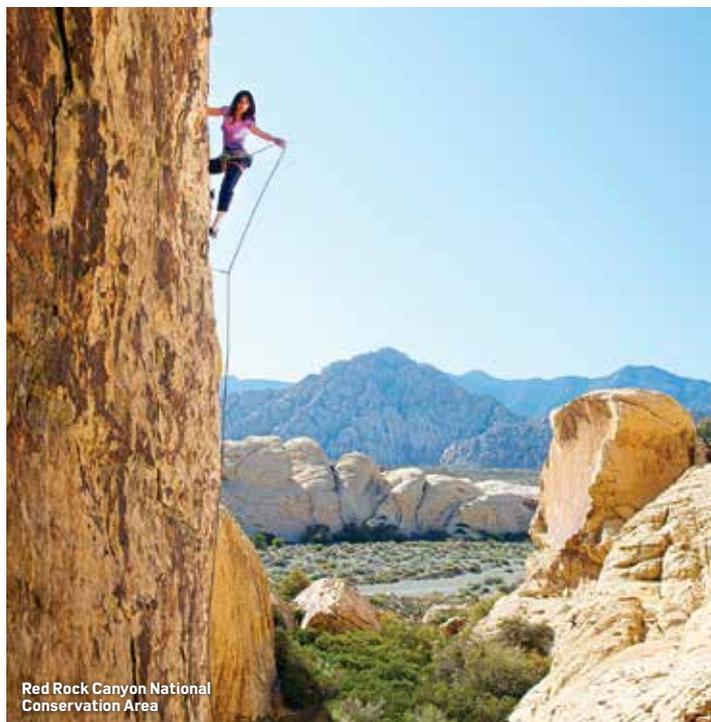


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Las Vegas Nevada

WHY NOW: Capitalize on affordable Vegas travel, skip the strip and head to the hills for world-class hiking and rock climbing.

One of the top outdoor recreation areas in the country sits 17 miles west of the Vegas strip. The **Spring Mountains** boast big peaks, inspiring hiking trails, approachable mountain biking and some of the best rock climbing in the United States. **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area** is the gateway to these mountains and is a must-visit for any aspiring or serious outdoor athlete, offering myriad canyons snaking around sandstone rock faces that are up to 7,000 feet high. New to climbing? Hire a guide through **Jackson Hole Mountain Guides** or the **American Mountain Guides Association**. If you're more inclined to stick to horizontal terrain, join a guided hike with **Hike This!** or set off on your own through Red Rock's dozens of labyrinthine trails. Come sundown, rest your head at the upscale **Red Rock** resort—its spa will put your trail-worn body at ease, and from its central location you're in pole position for great dining in West Vegas (try nearby farm-to-table restaurant **Honey Salt**). No matter how you choose to explore the area's outdoors, you're sure to have a Vegas experience you can actually share with your boss, husband and grandmother. *jhmga.com, amga.com, hikethislasvegas.com, redrock.sclv.com, honeysalt.com* —Majka Burhardt



HOT List TRAVEL

Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti

The Serengeti's 77 suites, guest rooms and villas, decorated in local textiles, offer sun decks that overlook the Tanzanian plains. *fourseasons.com*



Quin Hotel New York

Stay in the Georgia O'Keeffe or Ignacy Paderewski suites at this new hotel in Midtown Manhattan, where the rooms blend artistic motifs with contemporary comforts. *thequinhotel.com*



The London West Hollywood

The London's gorgeous rooms are a haven from the buzz of LA. The new small-plates menu at the hotel's Gordon Ramsay outpost isn't bad, either. *thelondonwesthollywood.com*



Quotable //

Kofi Annan on

Education

Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name. It is the most effective form of defense spending there is. ”

—From *Interventions: A Life in War and Peace*, Annan's 2012 memoir

"What Is Love" is the most-played song on the club's retro level.

Miscellanea //

Only in Europe can you find a giant nightclub in a 15th-century building originally used as a public spa. Enter Prague's **Karlovy Lázně**, which boasts different styles of music on each of its five floors (everything from hip-hop to EDM), not to mention partially preserved elements from its previous incarnation. *karlovylazne.cz*



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