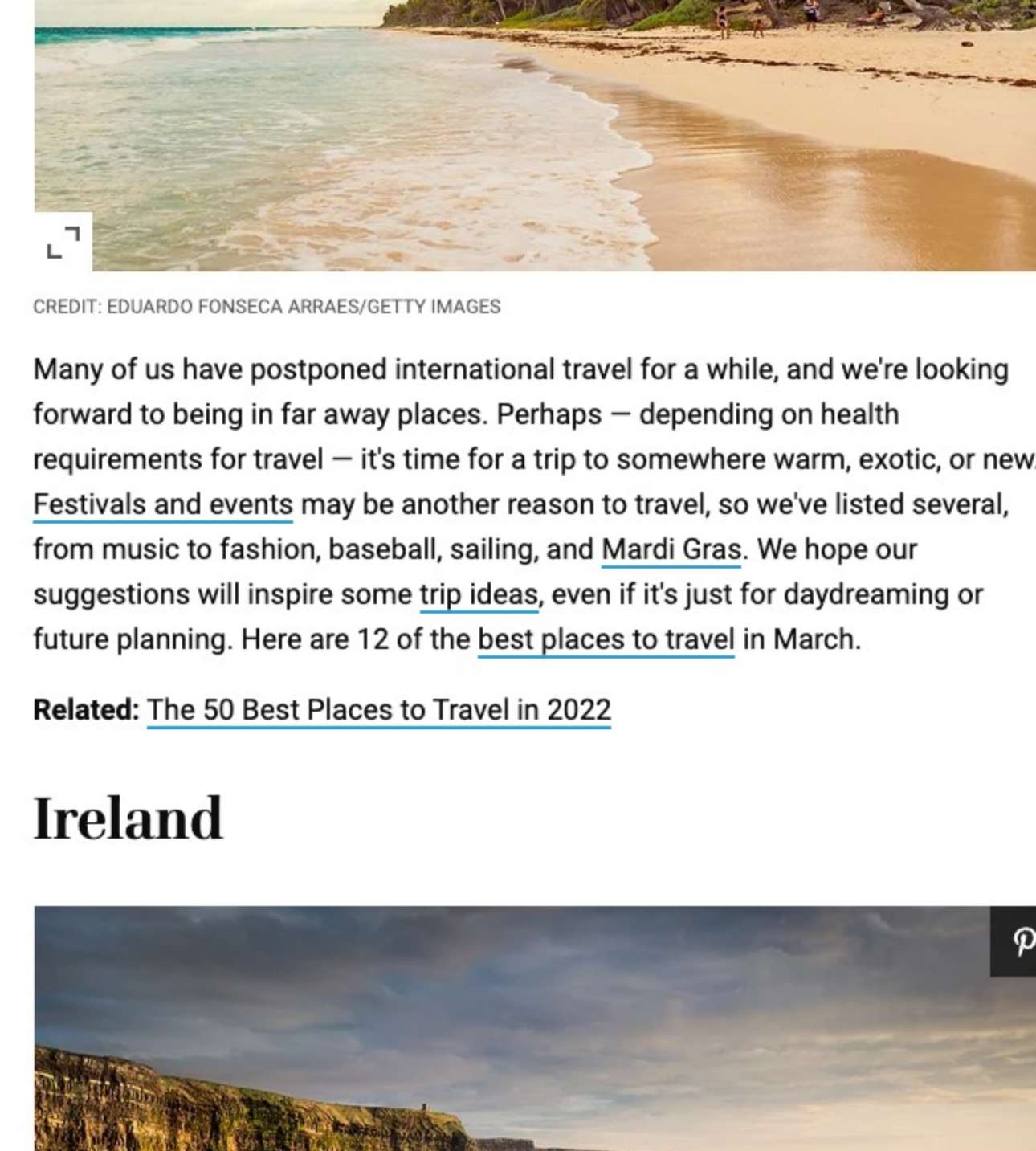


# Best Places to Travel in March

These are the best places to visit in March in the United States and around the world.

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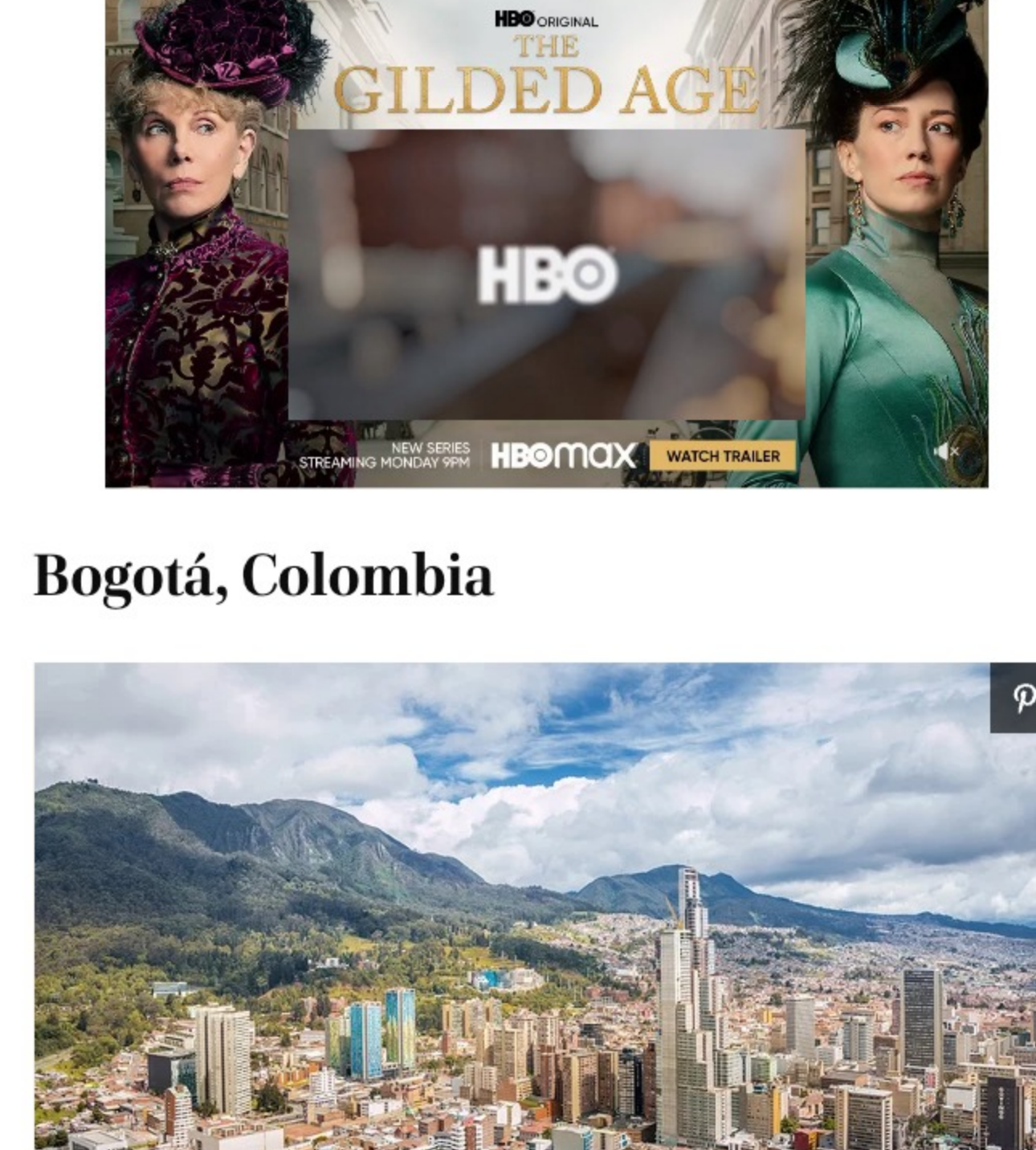


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Many of us have postponed international travel for a while, and we're looking forward to being in far away places. Perhaps — depending on health requirements for travel — it's time for a trip to somewhere warm, exotic, or new. Festivals and events may be another reason to travel, so we've listed several, from music to fashion, baseball, sailing, and Mardi Gras. We hope our suggestions will inspire some trip ideas, even if it's just for daydreaming or future planning. Here are 12 of the best places to travel in March.

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## Ireland

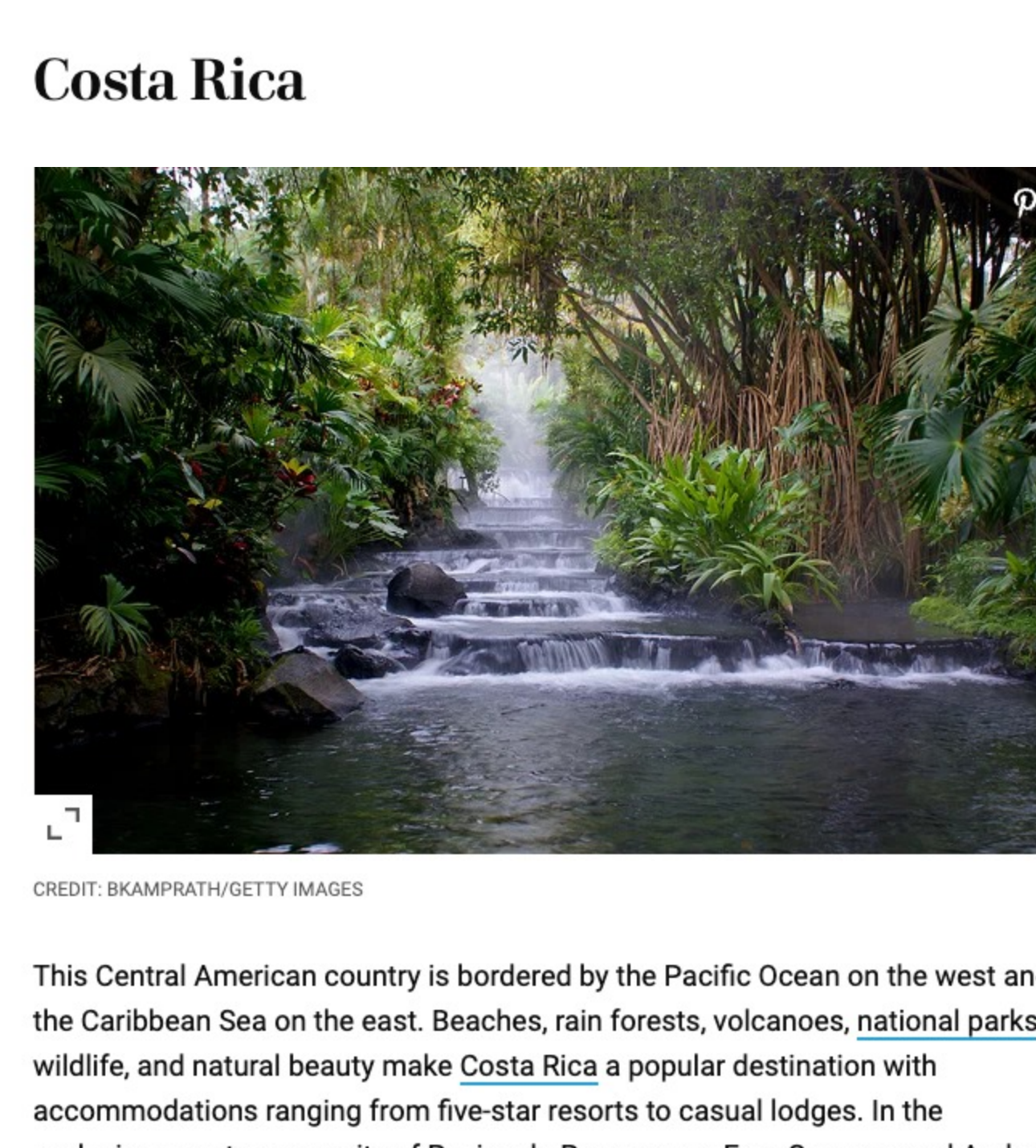


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A visit to Ireland in March is perfectly timed for spring, St. Patrick's Day, and the centennial anniversary of the first Irish Constitution that was signed at The Shelbourne in Dublin. You can stay in the historic hotel today, located on St. Stephen's Green. After exploring Dublin, head to County Limerick for a stay at the plush [Adare Manor](#), set on 840 countryside acres with a Michelin-starred restaurant, golf course, spa, and magnificent grounds. In County Clare, [Dromoland Castle](#) is another magical place, with a history dating to the 16th century, lavish décor, world-class golf, and superb cuisine. [Ballyfin](#), a luxurious and intimate country house hotel with twenty bedrooms, is set in the center of Ireland at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains.



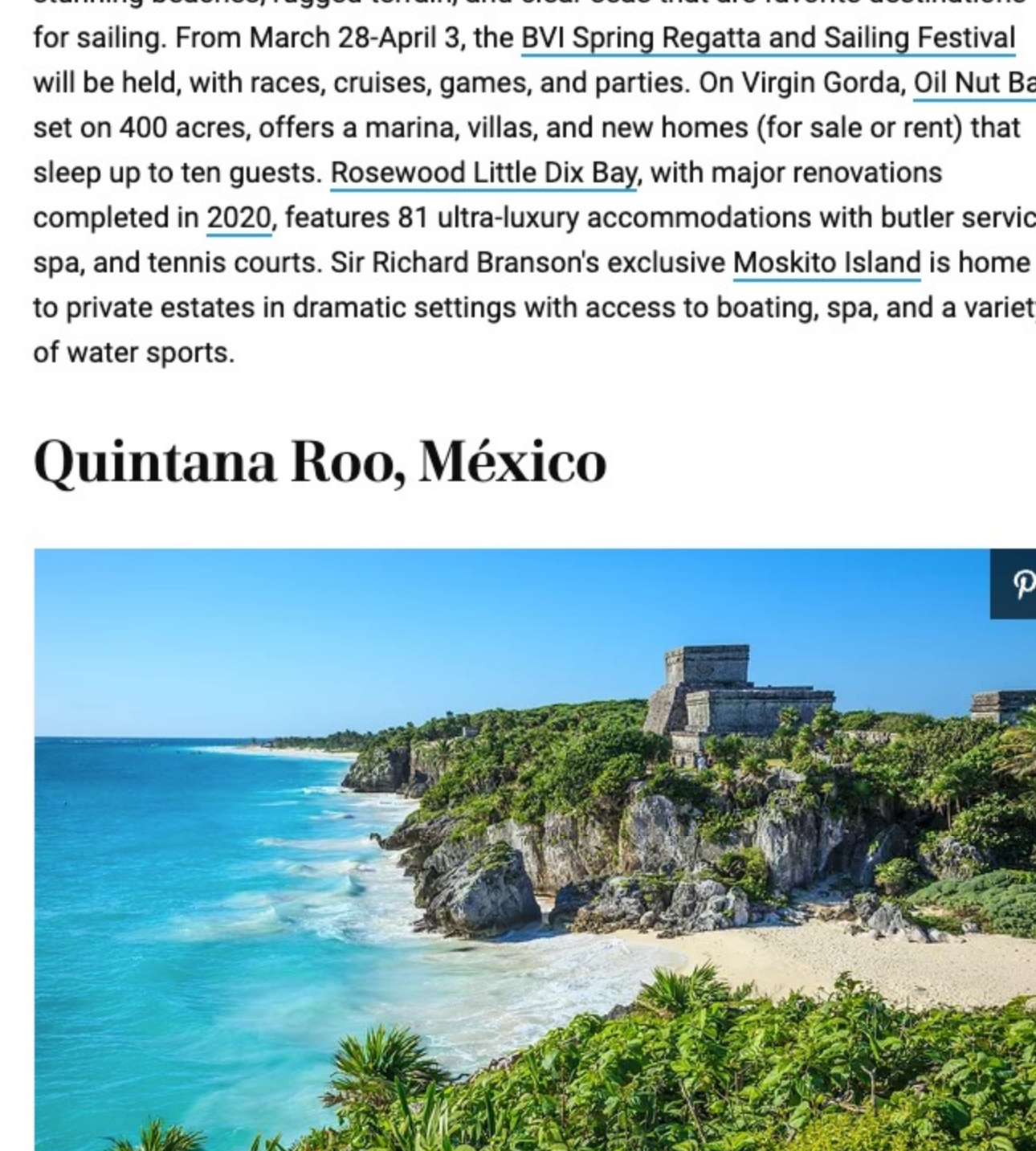
## Bogotá, Colombia



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Comfortable temperatures in the high 60s and dry March weather make this an ideal time to visit Bogotá. [Estéreo Picnic](#) from March 25-27, a mega music festival with popular alternative performers, is another reason to head to South America. The Ibero-American Theater Festival from March 16-April 1 is one of the largest performing arts festivals in the world, with international theater companies and celebrations throughout the city. Even if you don't travel to Bogotá for a festival, you'll find plenty to do exploring street art, strolling through the historic downtown La Candelaria section, and visiting the capital city's museums. One of the best known is the [Museo del Oro](#), with a huge collection of gold from Colombia's pre-Hispanic era.

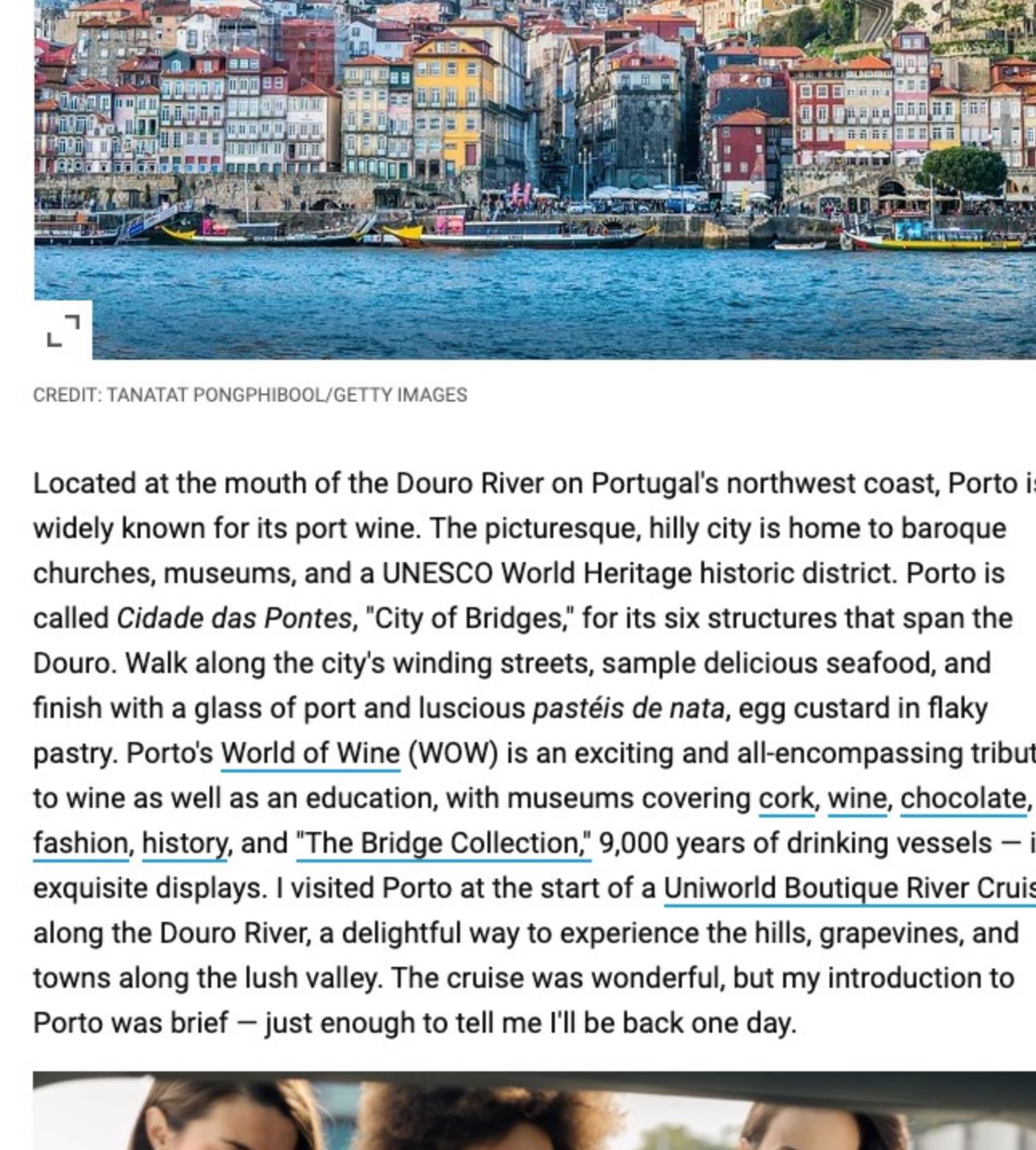
## Seychelles



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Located in the western Indian Ocean about 1,000 miles east of Kenya, the Seychelles, an independent republic and a member of the British Commonwealth, consists of 115 islands. Known for beautiful beaches, world-class diving and snorkeling, water sports, fishing, and marine life, the islands offer nature reserves, museums, marine national parks, and luxurious hotels. [Mango House Seychelles](#), set in a historic home, recently opened with accommodations that include guest rooms, suites, and three-bedroom villas, all with views of the clear waters of Anse Aux Poules Bleues.

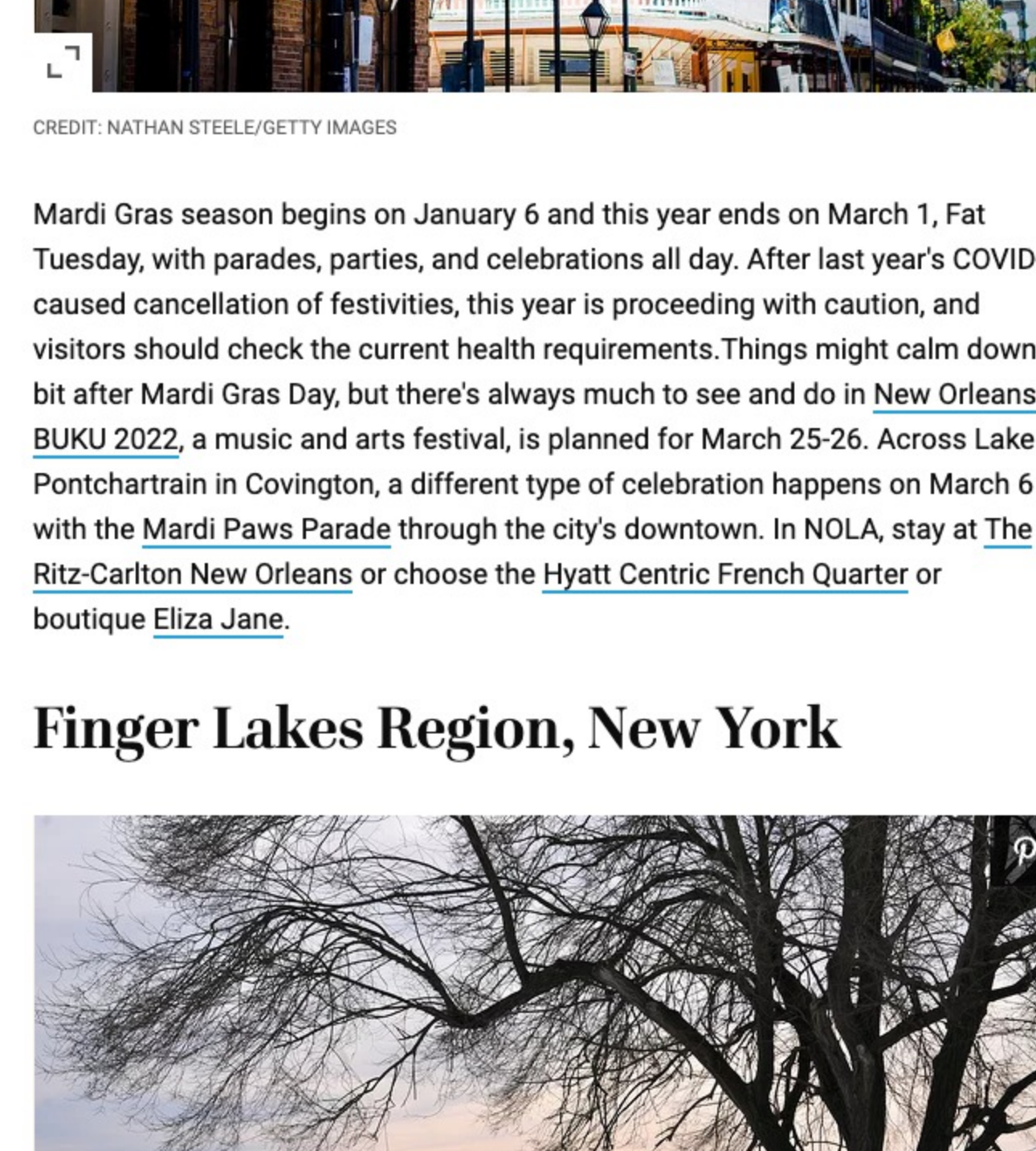
## Costa Rica



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This Central American country is bordered by the Pacific Ocean on the west and the Caribbean Sea on the east. Beaches, rain forests, volcanoes, national parks, wildlife, and natural beauty make [Costa Rica](#) a popular destination with accommodations ranging from five-star resorts to casual lodges. In the exclusive resort community of Peninsula Papagayo, a [Four Seasons](#) and [Andaz](#) are options. In Guanacaste, there's [Hotel Punta Islita](#) and [El Mangroove](#). [Cielo Lodge](#), a luxurious rainforest ecodge, is located in Golfito in the south. The unique [Igloo Beach Lodge](#) is set on secluded Espadilla Beach. On the Caribbean coast, stay at [Hotel Aguas Claras](#) in Puerto Viejo. Two airports serve Costa Rica with flights from most major cities. The main airport is Juan Santamaria International (SJO), and Daniel Oduber International (LIR) receives flights for Guanacaste, Monteverde, and La Fortuna.

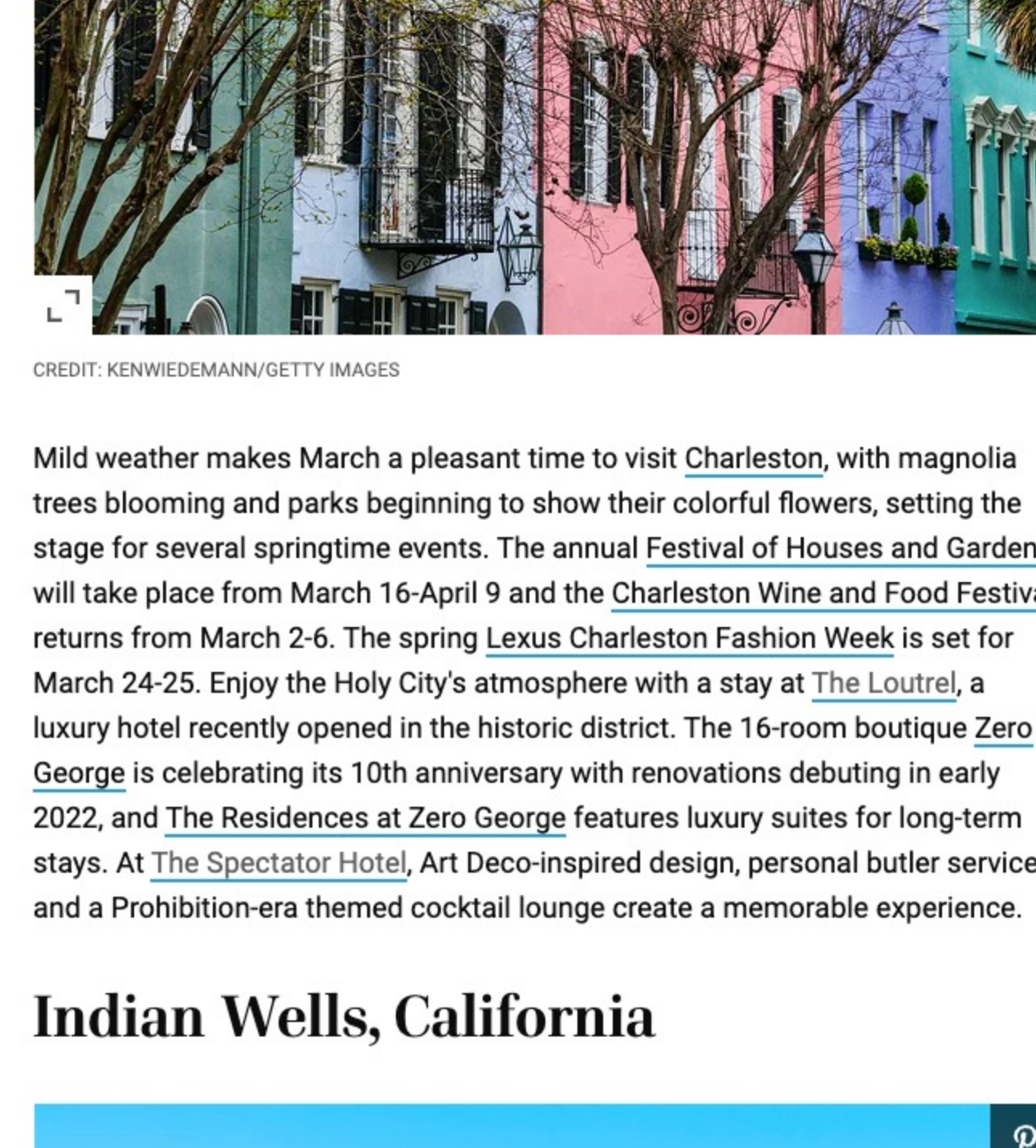
## British Virgin Islands



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About sixty tropical Caribbean islands form the British Virgin Islands, including the main islands of Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, and Jost Van Dyke. Located about a hundred miles east of Puerto Rico, the British Virgin Islands offer stunning beaches, rugged terrain, and clear seas that are favorite destinations for sailing. From March 28-April 3, the [BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival](#) will be held, with races, cruises, games, and parties. On Virgin Gorda, [Oil Nut Bay](#), set on 400 acres, offers a marina, villas, and new homes (for sale or rent) that sleep up to ten guests. [Rosewood Little Dix Bay](#), with major renovations completed in 2020, features 81 ultra-luxury accommodations with butler service, spa, and tennis courts. Sir Richard Branson's exclusive [Moskito Island](#) is home to private estates in dramatic settings with access to boating, spa, and a variety of water sports.

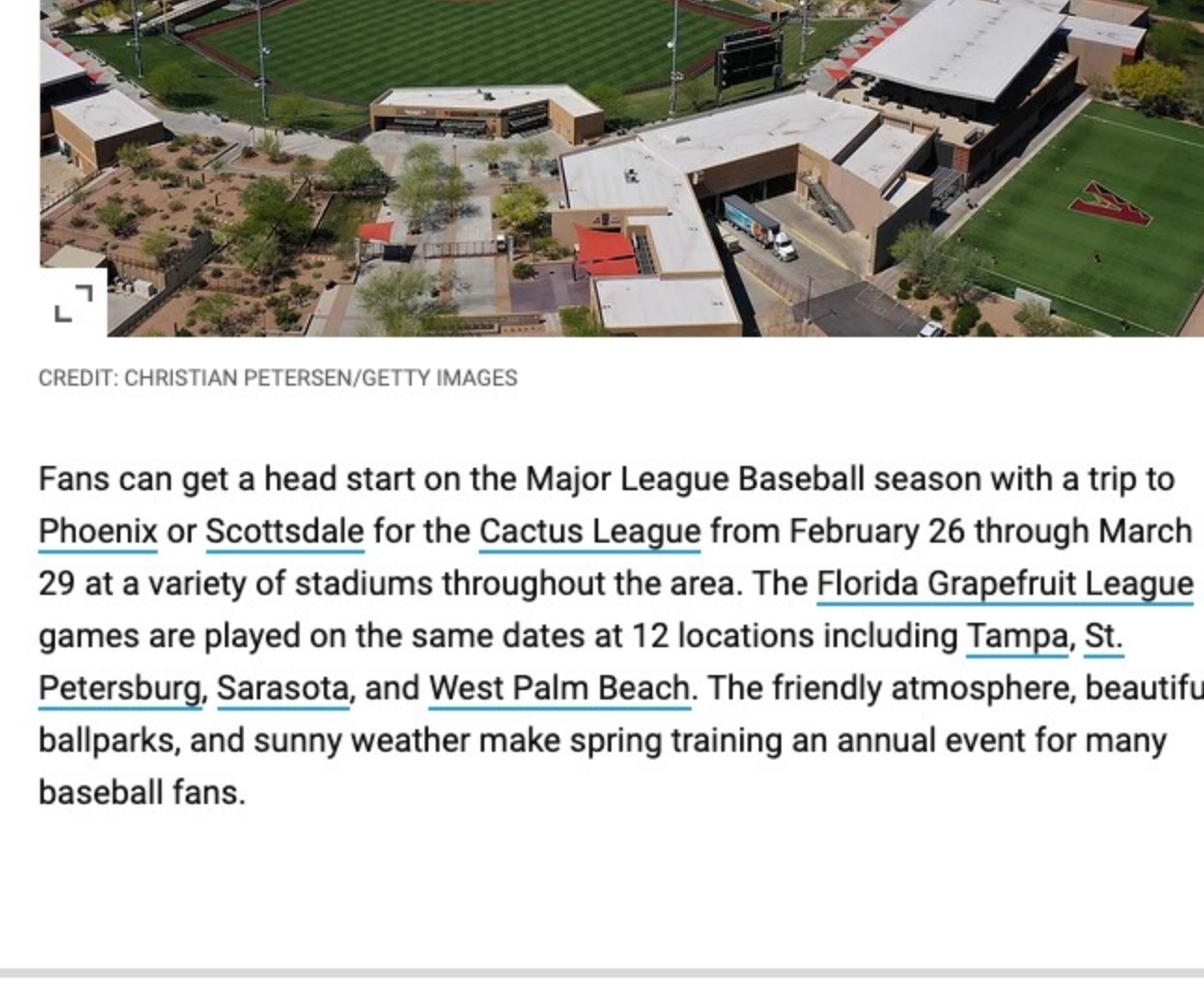
## Quintana Roo, México



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Set on the Yucatán Peninsula on Mexico's east coast along the Caribbean Sea, this state includes tourist destinations like [Riviera Maya](#), [Playa del Carmen](#), [Tulum](#), [Cancún](#), and [Cozumel](#). White-sand beaches, a range of resorts, seafood, fascinating Mayan ruins, and wildlife attract visitors year round. Most resort areas can be reached easily from Cancún International Airport (CUN) which is served by major airlines. [Mayakoba](#) is a development with four luxury hotels: [Rosewood](#), [Andaz](#), [Fairmont](#), and [Banyan Tree](#). In Tulum, the new [Conrad Tulum](#) offers a variety of suites along with 11 restaurants and bars. [Etéreo](#) on the Riviera Maya features ocean and mangrove views from luxurious guest rooms and suites. You can rent luxury private villas in Tulum and Riviera Maya through [In Residence](#) by [Pieter Brundyn](#). For guided tours of Mayan temples, cenotes, and beach time, too, consider the [Ancient Temples and Wild Cenotes](#) tour from [TRIPS by Culture Trip](#).

## Porto, Portugal



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Located at the mouth of the Douro River on Portugal's northwest coast, Porto is widely known for its port wine. The picturesque, hilly city is home to baroque churches, museums, and a UNESCO World Heritage historic district. Porto is called [Cidade das Pontes](#), "City of Bridges," for its six structures that span the Douro. Walk along the city's winding streets, sample delicious seafood, and finish with a glass of port and luscious [pastéis de nata](#), egg custard in flaky pastry. Porto's [World of Wine \(WOW\)](#) is an exciting and all-encompassing tribute to wine as well as an education, with museums covering [cork](#), [wine](#), [chocolate](#), [fashion](#), [history](#), and "The Bridge Collection," 9,000 years of drinking vessels — in exquisite displays. I visited Porto at the start of a [Uniworld Boutique River Cruise](#) along the Douro River, a delightful way to experience the hills, grapevines, and towns along the lush valley. The cruise was wonderful, but my introduction to Porto was brief — just enough to tell me I'll be back one day.



## New Orleans, Louisiana



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Mardi Gras season begins on January 6 and this year ends on March 1, Fat Tuesday, with parades, parties, and celebrations all day. After last year's COVID-caused cancellation of festivities, this year is proceeding with caution, and visitors should check the current health requirements. Things might calm down a bit after Mardi Gras Day, but there's always much to see and do in [New Orleans](#). [BUKU 2022](#), a music and arts festival, is planned for March 25-26. [Across Lake Pontchartrain](#) in Covington, a different type of celebration happens on March 6 with the [Mardi Paws Parade](#) through the city's downtown. In [NOLA](#), stay at [The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans](#) or choose the [Hyatt Centric French Quarter](#) or boutique [Eliza Jane](#).

## Finger Lakes Region, New York



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This year-round vacation region in upstate New York with lakes, wineries, farms, museums, [winter sports](#), and historical sites is recognizing [Women's History Month](#) in a special way. [March 2022](#) marks the 200th birthday of [Harriet Tubman](#) and [Aburn](#). [New York](#) is where she lived for the last 50 years of her life, owned property, fulfilled her philanthropic work, and where she is laid to rest. [Harriet Tubman Week](#) includes a [Wreath-laying ceremony](#) at her gravesite in [Fort Hill Cemetery](#) on March 13. This year's "Where Brave Women Winter" campaign also celebrates the women's rights movement and other notable women with events and activities throughout the month. While you're there, you can visit some of the area's excellent [wineries](#), [breweries](#), [cideries](#), or [distilleries](#). Stay at [The Lake House](#) on [Canandaigua](#) for the perfect upstate New York vacation.

## Charleston, South Carolina



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Mild weather makes March a pleasant time to visit Charleston, with magnolia trees blooming and parks beginning to show their colorful flowers, setting the stage for several springtime events. The annual [Festival of Houses and Gardens](#) will take place from March 16-April 9 and the [Charleston Wine and Food Festival](#) returns from March 2-6. The spring [Lexus Charleston Fashion Week](#) is set for March 24-25. Enjoy the Holy City's atmosphere with a stay at [The Loutrel](#), a luxury hotel recently opened in the historic district. The 16-room boutique [Zero George](#) is celebrating its 10th anniversary with renovations debuting in early 2022, and [The Residences at Zero George](#) features luxury suites for long-term stays. At [The Spectator Hotel](#), Art Deco-inspired design, personal butler service, and a Prohibition-era themed cocktail lounge create a memorable experience.

## Indian Wells, California



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Spring in the Coachella Valley's Greater Palm Springs area is warm, often with a backdrop of snow-covered mountains. The [BNP Paribas Open](#) brings professional tennis to the [Indian Wells Tennis Garden](#) from March 7-20. In addition to superb tennis, there's live entertainment, dining, retail stores, and the opportunity to watch the games from practice sessions to center court. Stay nearby at the [Hyatt Regency Indian Wells](#), set on 45 acres with two championship golf courses, tennis, spa, and a new waterpark with dual waterslides, lazy river, and splash pads.

## Baseball Spring Training



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Fans can get a head start on the Major League Baseball season with a trip to [Phoenix](#) or [Scottsdale](#) for the [Cactus League](#) from February 26 through March 29 at a variety of stadiums throughout the area. The [Florida Grapefruit League](#) games are played on the same dates at 12 locations including [Tampa](#), [St. Petersburg](#), [Sarasota](#), and [West Palm Beach](#). The friendly atmosphere, beautiful ballparks, and sunny weather make spring training an annual event for many baseball fans.