



# The 5 Best Places for Art and Design Lovers to Travel in March

March is a major month in the design world. Here's everything to know about where and how to make the most of it

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March means two things: art and design fairs and spring break. New York City will host Armory Art Week at the beginning of the month and *AD*'s annual Design Show toward the end of the month. Meanwhile, Art Basel is set to return to Hong Kong, offering art aficionados a chance to discover the latest work by established and emerging artists. Austin will draw innovators in fields ranging from music and film to tech for the latest edition of SXSW. If you're itching for a relaxing vacation, you might want to consider a private island getaway at the newly renovated COMO Parrot Cay in Turks and Caicos or plan a safari for the low season, when you can practically have the savannah all to yourself.

## New York City



March is a busy month in New York, with Armory Art Week kicking off on March 7 and *AD*'s 17th annual Design Show slated for March 22–25. Between the Armory Show, SCOPE, and VOLTA, Manhattan will draw a who's who in the contemporary art world. If you're planning to visit, check out the Freehand, the latest opening behind the very design-conscious Sydell Group, which runs the NoMad just a few blocks away. Indulge in a cocktail at the Pool Lounge in the Seagram Building (we recommend the Cucumber, an artful and delicious concoction made with cucumber-infused absinthe) then head downstairs to the Lobster Club for sushi in a madcap space designed by *ADI00 architect Peter Marino*

## Hong Kong



Art Basel Hong Kong returns March 29–31 with booths by 248 galleries hailing from 32 countries and territories. The buzziest new opening is the Murray, a luxurious new hotel in a landmarked 1969 building in Central with a sleek design by Foster + Partners. Of course, you can't go wrong at the Peninsula Hong Kong, which has been an icon since it opened in 1928. If you make the trip to this design lover's paradise, book a table at hip hot spot Ho Lee Fook and check out the design shops at PMQ, the revitalized Police Married Quarters.

## Turks and Caicos



Itching for an island getaway? Escape to sunny Turks and Caicos, where you can stay at the renovated *COMO Parrot Cay*. Located on a private island that's home to *Donna Karan's estate*, the resort reopened in December after repairing some damage from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, with refreshed rooms and a new Beach Club. Its wellness program is designed to help you recharge, with guided beach meditations, yoga and pilates classes, and consultations with the on-staff Ayurvedic doctor from India.

## Austin



Heading to Texas's capital of cool for SXSW? The annual showcase of music, film, tech, and more will feature Wes Anderson's latest movie, Isle of Dogs, as its closing-night film. Stay at the Austin Motel, the newest property in Austin by hip hotelier Liz Lambert, who's also behind the ever-popular Hotel Saint Cecilia. If you can, tack on a few extra days and plan a road trip to Marfa to see Donald Judd's groundbreaking Chinati Foundation, which added a major new installation by Robert Irwin in 2016.

## Tanzania



Though it's considered low season, March is an ideal time to visit the Northern and Central Serengeti before the rainy season, which usually starts around April. Leading safari outfitter *Extraordinary Journeys* recommends this time of year because you can go on game drives and not encounter another vehicle for hours or even the whole day. They partner with several lodges and tented camps, including the conservation-focused *Singita*, which has a handful of properties in Tanzania, and *Bushtops Camps*, which has a roving luxury tented camp that packs up and roams around the Serengeti tracking wildlife.

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