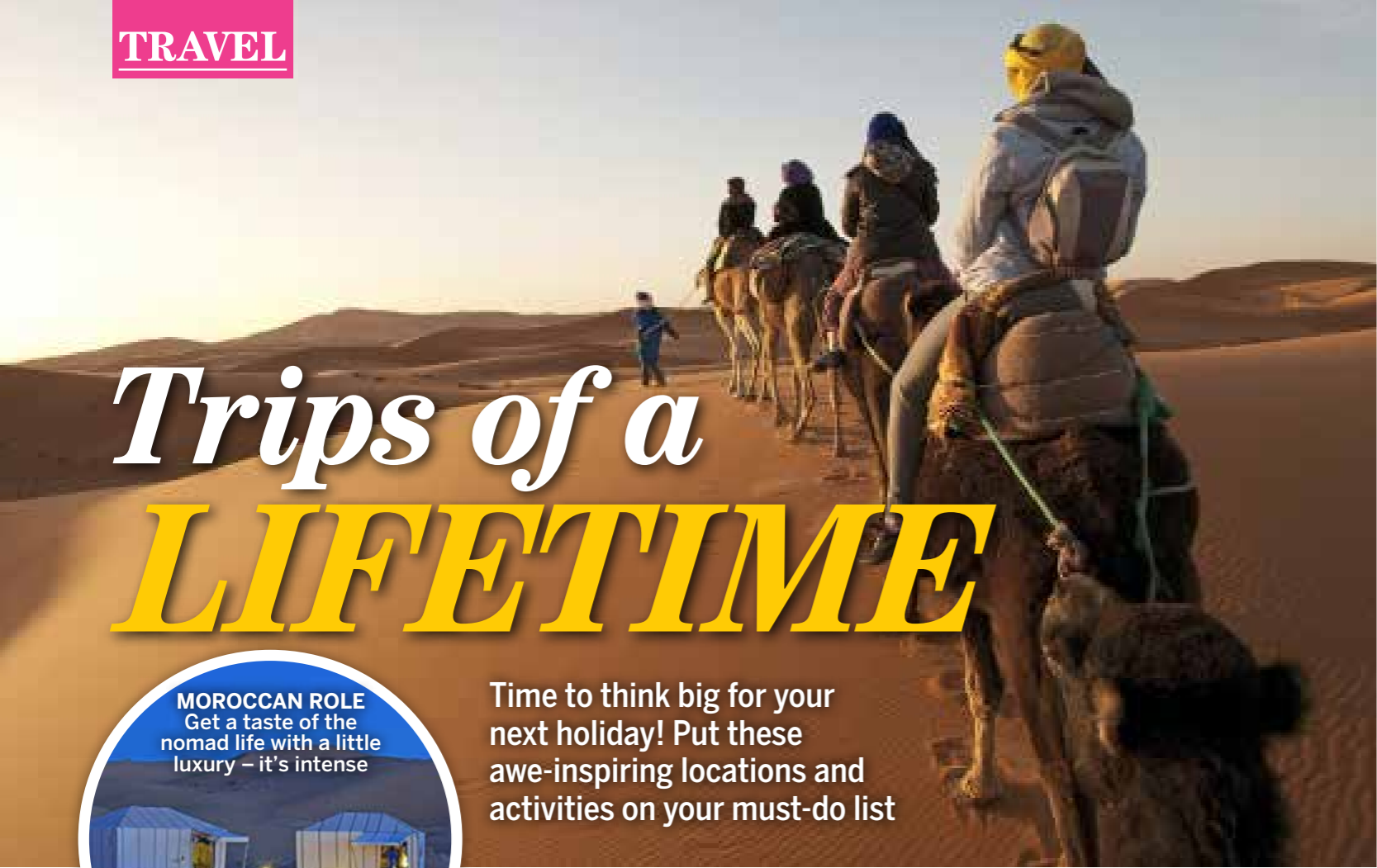


Trips of a LIFETIME



MOROCCAN ROLE
Get a taste of the nomad life with a little luxury – it's intense



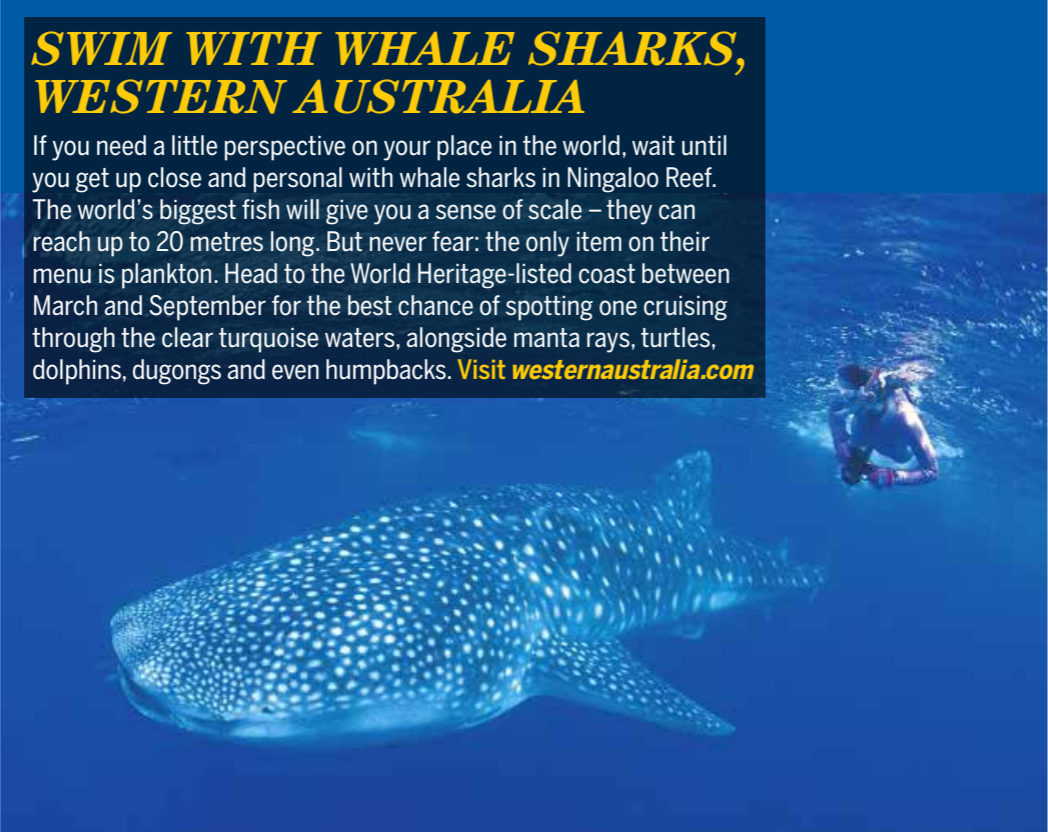
Time to think big for your next holiday! Put these awe-inspiring locations and activities on your must-do list

Camp in the Sahara Desert, Morocco

Don't just ride a camel across the dunes of the world's biggest hot desert – pitch a tent and spend the night! Watch the sun set on the bright-orange dunes, slowly turning them into a soft beige; sit around a campfire with your fellow explorers and try to count every single twinkling star of the Milky Way (thanks, zero pollution!); then return to your tent and rug yourself up in a blanket to shield yourself from the freezing desert nights; try to fall asleep while listening to the grunts of your chauffeur camel nearby; wake up to watch the sun return the sand to its bright hue... what are you waiting for? Go to visitmorocco.com

SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

If you need a little perspective on your place in the world, wait until you get up close and personal with whale sharks in Ningaloo Reef. The world's biggest fish will give you a sense of scale – they can reach up to 20 metres long. But never fear: the only item on their menu is plankton. Head to the World Heritage-listed coast between March and September for the best chance of spotting one cruising through the clear turquoise waters, alongside manta rays, turtles, dolphins, dugongs and even humpbacks. Visit westernaustralia.com



TOP GEYSERS
Rotorua's Ring of Fire never fails to impress with its water spouts

Embrace the volcanic wonderland of Rotorua, New Zealand

The South Island is renowned for fun and games, but on the North Island you'll find action of a different kind in the geothermal city of Rotorua. Sitting on the Pacific Ring of Fire, it boasts active volcanoes, geysers, mud pools and hot springs. Notable drawcards are Te Puia geyser, which spits water and steam 30 metres into the air up to 20 times a day, the natural mud bath and



spa at Hells Gate, and Wai-O-Tapu's Artist's Palette and Champagne Pool. Visit newzealand.com/au

BE PART OF THE GREAT MIGRATION, TANZANIA

As if in a trance, every year about 1.5 million wildebeests and smaller numbers of zebra and gazelles sweep gradually through the African country's wide and open land in search of greener pastures and water. The northward migration begins in the Southern Serengeti around April, when the animals have had their fill of grass, and calves have stocked up on nutrients for the trek. But it's not just the 2900km round-trip through Tanzania and Kenya that's working against them – they'll meet lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and crocodiles. Cheer them on (from the sidelines!). Visit tanzaniatouristboard.com



TUSK MASTERS

A herd of elephants refill at a Serengeti watering hole



WATCH THE SUN RISE OVER BAGAN, MYANMAR

If you have even the slightest craving for a little spiritual enlightenment, quench it with a trip to Bagan in the country formerly known as Burma. The ancient town is home to more than 2000 intricately carved temples, and seeing them glow under the fledgling light of a new day translates to feelings of hope and a belief that *anything* is possible. Be ready to take a deep, appreciative breath and feel the tension of everyday life give way from your shoulders. Visit myanmartourism.org



HIGH PRAISE
The temples of Bagan imbue a feeling of spiritual awakening

Cruise the Northwest Passage, North America

In August 2016 Crystal Cruises' *Crystal Serenity* (right) became the first passenger ship to sail through the Arctic's once-impassable Northwest Passage. Although there was controversy about the voyage (environmental impact was a top concern), that was quickly nullified when it was revealed the company would be using low-sulphur fuel in an effort to lower their contribution to the melting of the region. The "final frontier" is now open, so it's your chance to feast your eyes on polar bears, bowhead and beluga whales, and cruise past towering icebergs.

Visit crystalcruises.com/northwest-passage-cruise



GO WITH THE FLOE
Always wanted to see Anchorage and polar bears? Go for it!



ALL ABOARD!
Step back in time with an old-world Aussie journey

Rail and sail in Melbourne and Sydney

Celebrate the golden age of ship and carriage travel with this never-before-offered trip between two of Australia's most engaging and buzzy capitals. Cruise Express is offering a five-day Melbourne Limited tour on April 19 – guests will set sail from Melbourne aboard the *Golden Princess* for two luxurious nights at sea on the way up to Sydney. After spending two nights in the Emerald City exploring its many charms, step back in time as you alight on a 52-year-old heritage locomotive to make the return journey to Victoria. An absolute highlight is a lunch stop at the 139-year-old Junee railway station in the Riverina district. Then trundle on to Seymour in central Victoria where the famous *Spirit of Progress* train will take you the rest of the way back to Melbourne.

Visit cruiseexpress.com.au



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WILD SIDE
Madagascar's all about stunning scenery and exotic locals

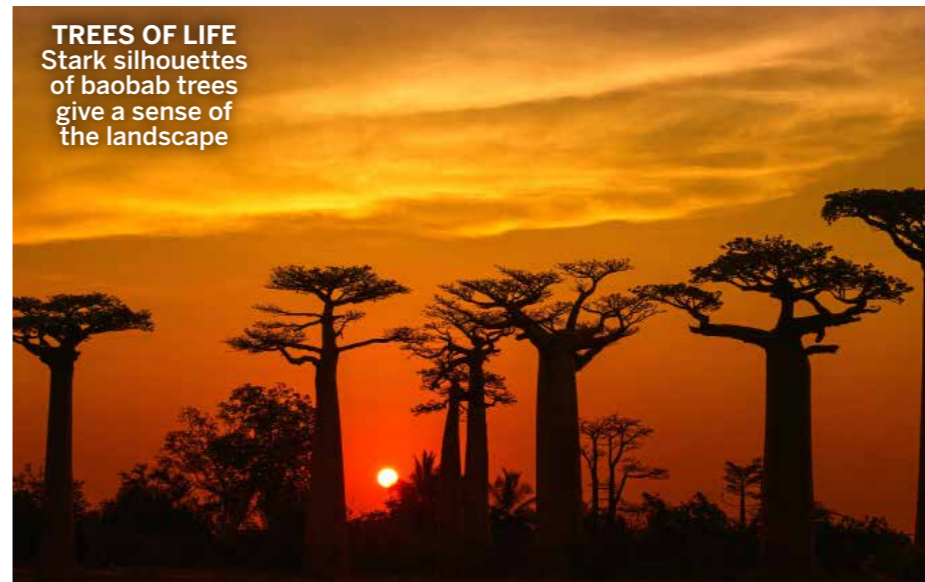


GET BACK TO NATURE, MADAGASCAR

Nature lovers will be in paradise as they traverse deserts and lush tropical rainforests to bear witness to an array of flora and fauna that exists nowhere else in the world. As this paradise increases in popularity there are a whole range of new eco-friendly resorts popping up. Make your stay unique by seeking sanctuary in a luxe eco-lodge such as Miavana. It aims to create a safe haven for marine and land animals – and a stack of jobs for the local community. Visit timeandtideafrica.com/miavana



TREES OF LIFE
Stark silhouettes of baobab trees give a sense of the landscape



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