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SPOT WILDEBEEST
AND ZEBRAS ON THEIR
YEARLY TREK ACROSS
THE CRATER'S FLOOR

WHERE ARE YOU?

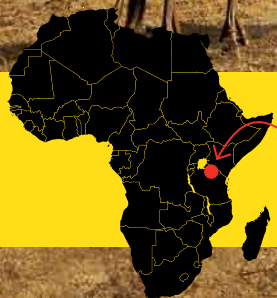
A GREAT DEPRESSION

It was a blast that rocked eastern Africa. Nearly three million years ago, in what's now northern Tanzania, a massive volcano exploded. The eruption was so violent that it left behind a divot around 20 kilometres wide.

Today, that hole is known as the Ngorongoro Crater, and the area is home to one of the greatest concentrations of wildlife in the world: some 25,000 animals, which swells to 1.7 million during the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra.

Descending to the crater floor is like entering a lost world. Its wide, grassy plains are divided from the surrounding landscape by a string of unbroken walls up to 600 metres tall. In this colossal petri dish, lion cubs learn to hunt, and the endangered black rhino clings to survival.

—Andrew Raven



**NGORONGORO
CRATER**
TANZANIA

LOCATION
3.1618° S
35.5877° E

POPULATION
25,000
zebras, lions,
rhinos and more

DID YOU KNOW?
About 40,000 Maasai people, many of whom are traditional herders, live nearby, and their cattle often graze in the crater.



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DESTINATION

DEUX IT UP

Capping off a year of festivities for its tercentennial, New Orleans is letting the *bon temps* roll. Here's our guide to the best of the French Quarter and beyond. —Claire Cooper

IN THE FRENCH QUARTER

HOW TO EXPLORE

DRINK AND LEARN COCKTAIL TOUR

Elizabeth Pearce (1) brings the past to life over “four drinks and three centuries in two hours,” helping you see local inventions like the Sazerac through the lenses of immigration, economics and sugar-cane prices.

WHERE TO HAVE BRUNCH

BRENNAN'S

With its crisp white linens and smartly dressed servers, this restaurant makes any meal feel like a special occasion. Leave room for bananas Foster—a Brennan's creation—flambéed tableside (2).

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL OF COOKING

Chef Ricardo is full of interesting facts, explaining the significance of Creole ingredients and techniques. While he talks, you'll cook, making crowd-pleasers like crabmeat ravigote and alligator sauce piquante (3).

WHERE TO SHOP

ROYAL STREET

If you left room in your suitcase, head to this dense collection of antiques shops specializing in furniture (4). Many of the businesses are family owned and have been for generations.

WHERE TO STAY

HOTEL MONTELEONE

This luxe landmark has seen its share of boldfaced names since it opened in 1886. Do as Hemingway did and grab a seat at the rotating Carousel Bar (5) for a cocktail after check-in.

BEYOND THE FRENCH QUARTER

HOW TO EXPLORE

FREEWHEELIN' BIKE TOURS

The history lesson starts as soon as you begin pedalling. Find out how neighbourhoods like Treme were settled and where jazz first began (6), then take a break at St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 and City Park.

WHERE TO HAVE BRUNCH

PALOMA CAFE

The avocado toast (7) on the menu is the first hint that this laid-back spot in the up-and-coming Bywater area is a more recent (but welcome) arrival to this tradition-loving city.

WHERE TO HAVE DINNER

DRAGO'S

Charbroiled oysters (8) are the main attraction here, but you'll also find Creole staples, like gumbo and crawfish étouffée, plus blackened alligator tacos on order.

WHERE TO SHOP

MAGAZINE STREET

Stroll the Garden District's retail side on a stretch known for its locally owned shops. Browse pretty housewares at Sunday Shop (9) or vintage—and vintage-inspired—finds at Trashy Diva.

WHERE TO STAY

JUNG HOTEL & RESIDENCES

Located just outside the French Quarter on bustling Canal Street (10), this circa-1920s property was recently restored to its original polish. Seek relief from the city's heat in the rooftop pool.



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CONTEST ALERT!

Go to caamagazine.ca and enter for a chance to **WIN A ONE-WEEK TRIP FOR TWO TO LOUISIANA**. Turn to page 26 for full contest details and regulations.

Cozy up with double mattresses and warm wood panelling, plus handy charging ports

TRAVEL TIPS

small wonders

The miniscule rooms of Canada's first capsule hotel max out on smarts and style

The latest addition to Whistler's bustling village draws inspiration from Japanese capsule hotels, with personal sleeping pods and affordable rates (starting around \$55 per night). But Pangea Pod Hotel's 88 pint-sized rooms, which opened last summer, feel anything but spartan. Modular shared bathrooms—with separate shower and vanity rooms—mean there's never a wait to wash up. As for bulky equipment, store it in the communal Toy Box, a space to lock up skis, bikes and all manner of gear. —Reiko Milley

ASK AN EXPERT

SHOP TALK



CAA auto expert
Michael Shore answers
your questions

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Every couple of weeks, my 2003 Chevy Monte Carlo LS will not start. There's no clicking or cranking, but all the lights come on. Do you have any idea what's wrong?

AJ Battista

A: Technical bulletins were issued for this vehicle regarding intermittent no-crank/start problems. One of the main faults was poor cable connections at the battery, so make sure these connections are very clean and making good contact. Another problem could be the neutral safety system, which keeps the engine from cranking while in Drive. It may think the engine is in gear when it's actually in Park or Neutral.

My 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe has periodic ignition lock problems. The car only starts after I wait 15 minutes and re-insert the key several times. Is there anything else I can try?

Steve Down

A: I'm not sure why waiting 15 minutes would change anything, unless the keyed ignition is worn and inserting the key multiple times eventually releases it. Have it looked at by a certified technician. If there is excessive wear, eventually you won't be able to get it to release.

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INSPIRATION

CAR PLAY

Three great gift ideas
for the auto-obsessed
young—or young at heart
—Leah Rumack



RACE PACE

**Anki Overdrive:
Fast and Furious
Edition**

This is a next-level racing game, played with artificially intelligent robot cars commanded (over Wi-Fi) by their leader: you! A free app turns your smartphone or tablet into a remote control, sound-effects machine and scorekeeper. Easy-to-assemble magnetic tracks can be laid out in multiple configurations to battle against your pals or the machine. Speed around corners like Dom Toretto, knock your opponents off the track and screech to victory.

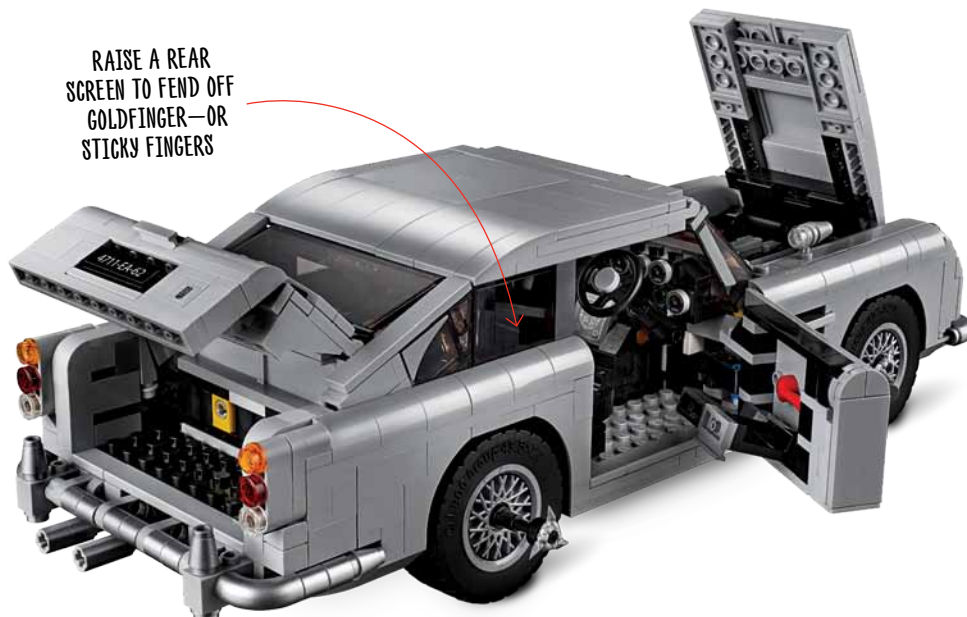


NOSTALGIA TRIP

Hot Wheels 50th Anniversary Favourites Collection

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, Hot Wheels has released a limited-edition collection of some of the most popular vehicles from their archives. Grandparents might get misty-eyed over the sparkling 1956 Chevy or groovy 1965 Ford Galaxie, while parents relive their childhoods with the sporty 1971 Javelin. Meanwhile, the *actual* kids will be playing with the rest of the collection. Who cares what year they're from, as long as they're cool?

RAISE A REAR
SCREEN TO FEND OFF
GOLDFINGER—OR
STICKY FINGERS



SPY WARE

**Lego James Bond
Aston Martin DB5**

Get a licence to build with this slick replica of the 1964 Aston Martin DB5 that everyone's favourite spy drove in *Goldfinger*. Part of Lego's Creator Expert series (meant for collectors who are over 16), this little zipper comes as a 1,295-piece set loaded with all the features a proper agent needs: front-wing machine guns, ejector seat and revolving number plates. Oh, and a door compartment with a telephone.

2018 marks the 200th anniversary of Mme Clicquot's rosé innovation

Stairway to (champagne) heaven: each step leading to the Clicquot cellars represents a vintage year

CULTURE

POP ICON

Following a New Year's bottle of champagne from grape to glass on a visit to the home of Veuve Clicquot –Corrina Allen

1772

THE INSPIRATION

Reims, France, is home to the Gothic cathedral where French kings were once crowned. But it was the sunshine and shallow soil, ideal for grape-growing, that inspired Philippe Clicquot-Muiron to take root there. He established the brand's vineyards, which you can still visit by booking a private tour on foot or bicycle.

1818

THE FAMILY GENIUS

Under the leadership of Clicquot's widowed daughter-in-law, the House became a powerhouse of the Champagne region. In 1818, Madame Clicquot became the first vintner to blend red and white wines to create a rosé champagne. During her lifetime, her champagne was sipped in royal palaces across Europe.

2009

THE ONGOING TRADITION

The bubbly you might open to ring in 2019 is made, in part, from grapes harvested in 2009 and fermented in Clicquot's UNESCO World Heritage-classified cellars. The *crayères*, as they're known in French, are just an hour's train ride northeast of Paris and open to the public.

2018

THE POP

You can still book time to visit the Clicquot archives and page through the notebooks of former cellar masters. But perhaps the best way to understand the blend is to splurge on a bottle for New Year's Eve. Welcome 2019 with a toast to the first-ever woman to run a champagne house—and the guest of honour at life's biggest celebrations.

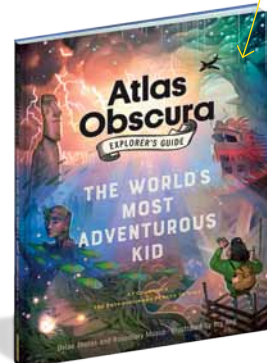
READING LIST

EXPLORERS CLUB

Atlas Obscura's popular website is all about igniting wanderlust, with its weird and wonderful stories of unusual destinations and gastronomic curiosities. So it's no surprise their debut book on the world's hidden wonders was a runaway hit.

But what about the budding globetrotter? Enter **The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid**.

Surprising facts, fun tips and full-colour illustrations abound in this quirky catalogue, which takes young readers to locations in 47 different countries across the globe. If you know an imaginative kid who'd love to explore Mexico's mysterious crystal-filled caves or a meteor crash site in Siberia, they might just like to find this guidebook under the tree. –Reiko Milley





SUNNY GETAWAY

Leave the snow behind for an island retreat

With Hilton offering up to 15% off hotel and resort bookings for CAA Members, there's never been a better time for an island escape. The only question is where to go?

HAWAII offers a stunning landscape that's great for hiking—if you need a break from surfing their famous waves.

White-sand beaches and clear blue water make the **CARIBBEAN ISLANDS** a favourite. From Jamaica to Barbados, you'll find incredible food, snorkelling and music—the memories will outlast your tan.

PUERTO RICO in particular is ready to welcome visitors.

Though there are some restrictions—ask your travel consultant for updates—the island's beauty, history and culture are well worth a visit.

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Hilton



When the steering wheel lights up green, Super Cruise is a go

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

CRUISE CONTROL

The Cadillac CT6 is an impressive launch of autonomous tech from one of Detroit's Big Three —*Matthew Guy*

I'M BEHIND—BUT NOT TOUCHING— the wheel of a Cadillac CT6 sedan equipped with Super Cruise, a new system that GM bills as true hands-free highway driving.

LiDAR map data ensures that you can only activate the system

I safely drove more than 200 kilometres at highway speeds without touching the steering wheel

on controlled-access highways in Canada and the U.S. Once it's on, cameras and radar sensors, paired

with GPS technology, read the road markings to steer and centre the car in its lane. If a slower car appears ahead, the system gently applies the brakes to maintain a safe following distance.

There's lots of buzz around autonomous systems offered by newer brands, but not even the latest Tesla deploys the driver-monitoring tools the CT6 does. A small camera on the steering column uses infrared lights to track the driver's head position and make sure you're paying attention. If your focus strays, you'll get a series of escalating alerts, and Super Cruise will eventually shut off.

I safely drove more than 200 kilometres at highway speeds without touching the steering wheel—and after that, I'm *definitely* paying attention to this tech.