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ADVENTURE AWAITS IN ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE, PLUS THE WORLD'S BEST GOLF COURSES AND HOW TO GIVE BACK WHILE TRAVELING

Top Adventures

No matter your age, and no matter how many times you've been around the world, the thirst for adventure never goes away. In our annual collection, we have compiled the ultimate list of the world's best adventurous itineraries for those who are always searching for something unique, thrilling and downright spectacular that will leave a lasting impression long after the trip ends. While the world is certainly your oyster, there's still the hard-to-answer question of where to begin and how to fit it all in. Most of these trips can be completely customized, but these adventures are sure to inspire and serve as an exciting starting point for your next journey.

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SWIM WITH SHARKS

THE MALDIVES

The allure of the Maldives is understandable: sparkling sea, powder-soft sandy beaches, swaying palm trees and tropical marine life. Get better acquainted with a school of nurse sharks and swim among them — they are big (some reach up to 9 ft) but friendly, even if you accidentally bump one with your flipper. Jumping into the warm waters as they swim beneath you is a terrifying but wonderful experience, as these gentle creatures glide gracefully through the water alongside and underneath you. Bring a waterproof camera; you'll need it. The shark experts who accompany you will put any nervous guests at ease and feed the sharks their favorite treats to bring them close to the boat (feed them yourself if you wish), so you can still get close to them even if you don't want to get your feet wet. Retreat to Naladhu Private Island Resort for an intimate, paradisiacal stay (or if you can't get enough of the ocean, spend a night or two on the resort's yacht, *Nirvana*).

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