

THE WORLD'S 12 MOST INTERESTING NOCTURNAL VACATIONS

Illuminated forests. Volcanic heli tours. Let's review.

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“The things of the night cannot be explained in the day, because they do not then exist,”
quoth one Papa Hemingway. [↻](#)

Which is to say, your daytime adventures are predictable. So on your next vacation, see
things in a new light. I.e., without any. [↻](#)

Here to help: our guide to 12 amazing nocturnal adventures around the globe.

Play nine holes of night-vision golf at a five-star resort. Stroll through a luminescent
redwood forest on the world's longest suspended walkway. Charter a private helicopter
over the volcanic glow of Hawaii's lava streams. [↻](#)

Embrace the dark side. [↻](#)



Redwoods Nightlights

New Zealand

As you stroll atop the world's longest suspended walkway — consisting of 23 swing-bridges and living platforms 82 feet above the ground — eight-foot tall lights illuminate the surrounding New Zealand redwood forest.

Nova Lumina

Quebec

An illuminated one-mile night walk by the sea in Quebec conceived by the multimedia firm behind the stage shows of Madonna and Muse (and the mind-bending [Foresta Lumina](#), which may return this year as well). Think towering lights and starlit spectacle.



The Four Seasons Volcano Adventure

Hawaii

By day, a helicopter charters you over Hawaii's waterfalls and beaches until you reach a private beach and luxe hideaway near Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (spa and private chef included). At night, a "Volcano Ambassador" leads you to the Klause Caldera overlook to marvel at all the glowing lava. 📍 5

Mosquito Bay

Puerto Rico

Explore the sparkling dinoflagellates of Vieques by kayak in low moonlight — it's the brightest biobay in the world.



Superfly Ziplines

British Columbia

Zip through the twilight hours at 60 MPH over a hundred feet above Whistler's old growth rainforest ... with just distant lights and a headlamp to lead the way.



Jasper Dark Sky Preserve

Alberta

Alberta's Jasper National Park is a "dark sky preserve," which means there's almost no artificial light visible at night. Great for stargazing, night rock climbing and dark sky hikes. (Or just hit up the [Dark Sky festival](#) in October, which gets science talks and concerts). 🌌

Nocturnal Animals

Singapore; Switzerland; Scotland

Get up close and personal with wildlife during the wee hours: the [Night Safari](#) in Singapore was the world's first nocturnal zoo and is still going strong. You can watch the antics of both beavers and bats during your [nighttime raft trip down the Rhine](#) (the tour will even provide you with your own "Bat Detector"). And on [Wild Scotland's Nocturnal Wildlife Tours](#), you'll be outfitted with night vision and thermal cameras to check out the local badgers, deers and rabbits.

Create Some Fireworks

Baja California

Literally! The lavish Las Ventanas Al Paraíso resort in Mexico's Baja California Peninsula (the kind of place where you'll get your own pool butler and Mini Cooper) resort allows you to craft your own [bespoke fireworks display](#) from a private deck. Then, take 'em up on their "Sleeping With the Stars" package, where couples can sleep outdoors on an "intimate" rooftop terrace (it's part of the hotel's "Romance Menu"). 🌌

Glow in the Dark Golf

Virginia

Your handicap? Light. Play in the (glowing) dark greens of this Virginia resort's nine-hole executive course.



Taste the Stars

Costa Rica

Stargaze with GPS-guided telescopes while drinking a meteorite-infused cocktail at the Papagayo Four Seasons in Costa Rica, then head out for a round of [night-vision golf](#).

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