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The travel industry is back in full swing in 2023, but not without notable shifts in how and where we wander. Steeper costs and increased interest in sustainability and authenticity are reshaping the landscape. Explore these 15 and 35 more of the most exciting spots at time.com/worldsgreatestplaces

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*Wild yaks traverse
the rugged landscape
of Ladakh, India*

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Barcelona, Spain

Art-history haven

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The Sagrada Família Basilica, a work in progress since 1882

Historic Barcelona is in top form this year. Antoni Gaudí's architectural marvel, the unfinished Sagrada Família, recently completed the towers of the evangelists Luke and Mark, which join the Virgin Mary's tower, completed in 2021. In late 2023, the towers of the evangelists John and Matthew will join

the other pinnacles in lighting up the city during the Christmas season. For panoramic views of the city, visitors can climb the Apostle towers of either the Nativity or Passion facades. By 2026—the 100th anniversary of Gaudí's death—the 566-ft.-tall Jesus Christ tower is expected to debut and complete the set of six.

Beyond the much-anticipated Sagrada Família's unveilings,

2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Pablo Picasso's death, and with it, events and exhibitions, including parallel exhibits (Museu Picasso and Fundació Joan Miró) spotlighting the painter's lifelong friendship with fellow artist Joan Miró.

The city's leading classical-music concert venues—the 176-year-old Gran Teatre del Liceu, the Palau de la Música Catalana, and L'Auditori, designed by

a Pritzker Prize winner—will collaborate via the Barcelona Obertura initiative to promote Barcelona as a pre-eminent city for classical-music performances.

Visitors can stay at Casa Sagnier, the former home of architect Enric Sagnier, or Antiga Casa Buenavista, a family restaurant since 1918, both of which have relaunched as boutique hotels.

—Jessica Benavides Canepa