

Welcome to the Polar Vortex Part 2. Also known as the time of year when we start dreaming about far-off lands to escape to. Lucky for you, the coolest new hotels pair stunning design with amazing locales. You really can't go wrong. From a contemporary mod safari lodge in Botswana to a floral oasis in Madrid, here are the 12 design destinations to visit this year.

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Bahia ViK - Jose Ignacio, Uruguay



The beachside Bahia ViK in Uruguay (Photo: Courtesy of Bahia ViK)

Hoteliers Carrie and Alex ViK originally opened [Estancia ViK](#), their first art-filled boutique hotel on a 4,000-acre ranch, to introduce the world to this idyllic part of Uruguay. Now the former sleepy fishing village of Jose Ignacio has turned into a boho-chic beach escape and the Viks have just opened their third hotel in the area, a beachside retreat called Bahia ViK. Their latest hotel includes 11 contemporary bungalows nestled in the dunes and pairing one-of-a-kind art, modern design, and a fun beach scene.