

# WHERE

## IRAQ

Yes, Iraq. Don't worry – we're not talking Baghdad or Basra. It's the north of the country, autonomous Kurdistan, that's having a moment. Chief among its attractions is Erbil, an ancient Middle Eastern city rejuvenated with modern oil wealth. The Kurdish capital's 6000-year-old citadel anchors this city of half a million, but its maze of bazaars offers the real chance to step back in time. Also, there are ski-fields on the doorstep and endless outdoor activities in the surrounding countryside. It's easy enough to get to and travel in – Lufthansa has direct flights from Vienna and Frankfurt, while Australian-run Kurdistan Adventures operates group tours.

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## COLOMBIA

Best known for its coffee, emeralds and Shakira, Colombia is the latest light to flare in Latin America. Foodies are flocking to Peru, outdoor enthusiasts to Chile, urban hipsters to Argentina, but Colombia offers all of the above and more. Top of the to-do list are Cartagena – the fortified, World Heritage-listed colonial capital beside the Caribbean – the emerging urban cool of Bogotá (touted in some quarters as the new Buenos Aires), and fascinating indigenous encounters in the Colombian Amazon. Oh, and the national sport is quito. What's not to love?

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## SCOTLAND

It's likely to be a very Britain. First up, the get underway in Glas industrial hub with a the outcome of the G more to celebrate in manufacturing mess. When you tire of high Mile or exploring the dining at the likes of live-music scene that Ferdinand and Belle UK's most upwardly has a swagger that's l Muir Way will open, trail across Scotland to Helensburgh, near September referendu with Britain or procl » [peoplemakeglasgow](http://peoplemakeglasgow.com)

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