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## EIGHT OF THE BEST EARLY-SUMMER HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS FOR 2019

How to beat the crowds and enjoy the experiences on offer at the world's most exciting travel hotspots



The Almanac Barcelona. Photograph by Ms Sivan Askayo, courtesy of Almanac

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**W**inter's been hard, cold and it's gone on far too long. Salvation is at hand, however, because the next three months are the best time to visit destinations with clement temperatures. The time before the great summer exodus begins, before the hordes – and the hordes' mothers' aunts – descend. At any rate, before temperatures start to climb there's often more happening in these places. This is a time for festivals, celebrations and old-world traditions. Plus, some stunning new urban landscapes are being unveiled. Here, MR PORTER brings you the best early-summer trips around the globe.

## 04. BARCELONA



The Spanish Grand Prix, 2018. Photograph by Mr Xavier Bonilla/NurPhoto via Getty Images. Inset: the Almanac Barcelona. Photograph by Ms Sivan Askayo, courtesy of Almanac

Formula 1 is often accused of being predictable, but the 2019 season marks a new era. After almost four decades under Mr Bernie Ecclestone's control, its new owners plan to transform the motor sport into a multimedia entertainment extravaganza. A Netflix behind-the-scenes documentary series was released earlier this month, former F1 champion Mr Nico Rosberg hosts a post-race [Twitter](#) show and it's the end of the road for the grid girls. This renewed energy will start translating to the track this season and the Spanish Grand Prix is one of the best. It's held at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya and is one of the oldest races in the world. Add in the fact that Barcelona is one of the most visited cities in Europe with world-class art, sandy beaches and fabulous [tapas](#) bars to refuel at, and it's a clear winner.

## *Where to stay*

Continue with the sporting theme and check in to the newly opened Almanac Barcelona, owned by former professional basketball player Mr Herbert Haselbacher. Located in the heart of Barcelona, the star attraction here is the multi-tiered rooftop terrace with panoramic views, swimming pool and rooftop bar. Almanac hotels in Zagreb, Vienna and Prague will follow soon.

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## *What to pack*



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Camp-Collar Striped Cotton-Blend Poplin Shirt



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Slim-Fit Stretch Cotton-Twill Chinos