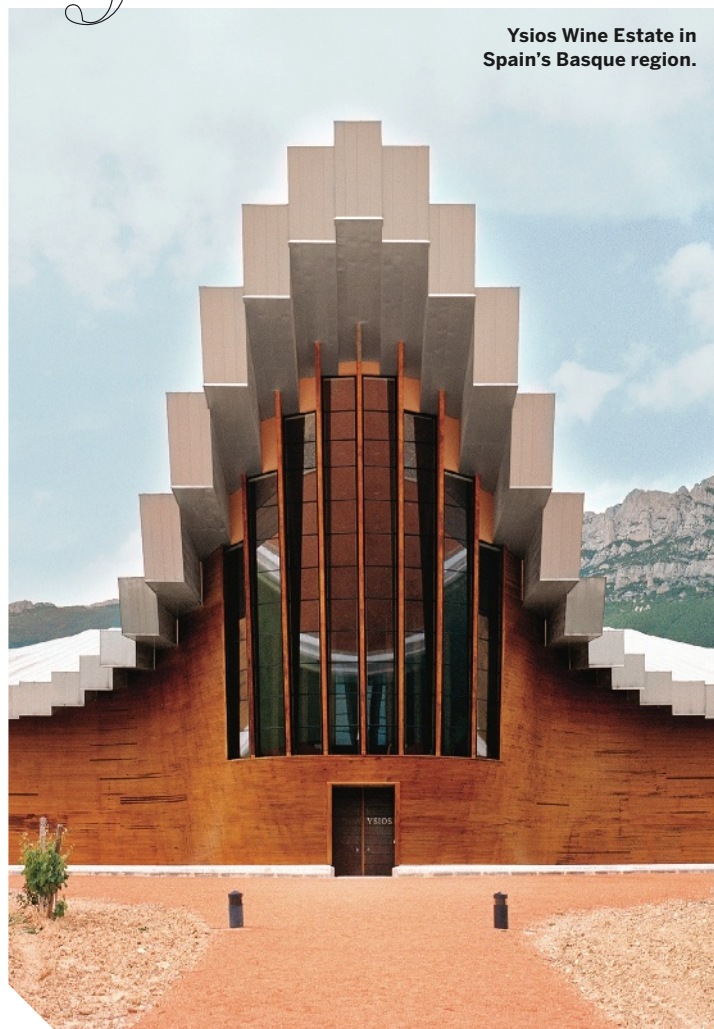


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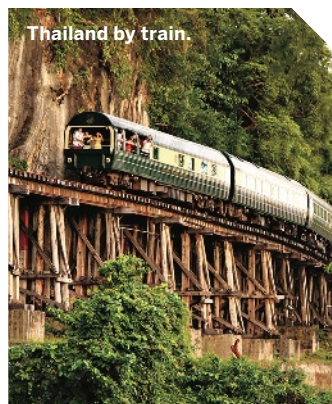
Ysios Wine Estate in Spain's Basque region.



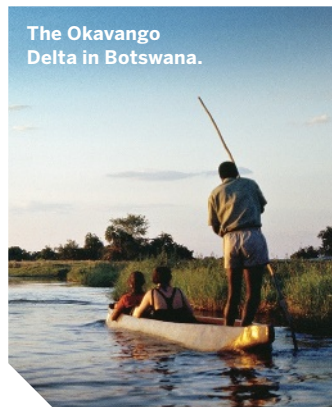
Montenegro's coastal charms.



Thailand by train.



The Okavango Delta in Botswana.



## SPAIN

With the European economic crisis, hard-hit **Spain emerges as a top value.** “More travelers are going there for the food,” says advisor Donna Padilla of Garden Grove, California. There’s Madrid’s dynamic Mercado de San Miguel and super-chef Ferran Adrià’s Barcelona tapas bar 41 Degrees, but the northern wine regions, including Rioja and the Basque Country, are the true *platos del día*. Made for Spain tailors private travel experiences, including culinary tours.

## BOTSWANA

Having established itself as a luxe safari destination, this politically stable southern African nation is now developing more-affordable options with active itineraries and rustic-chic camps. African Travel’s

ten-day trip takes in the lush Okavango Delta’s **prodigious rhino and hippo populations** by canoe and stops in the new Linyanti Reserve. “Weight restrictions are strict in the small bush aircraft, so travel light,” recommends advisor Tom Jackson of Santa Ana, California. *Departures: Any day through December 31; from \$5,795.*

## THAILAND

After 2010’s short-lived political turbulence, Thailand has regained its mantle as **South-east Asia’s best tropical idyll.** The seven-day Orient-Express luxury train trip from Bangkok to Chiang Mai is a five-star rolling hotel stay that shows off the country’s interior and rarely seen landscapes. “Every traveler should take a cooking class at Bangkok’s Mandarin Oriental or Chiang Mai’s Four Seasons,” says Chicago-based advisor Leslie Bulluck. *Departures: February 4 and November 24; from \$9,200.*

## MONTENEGRO

Squeezed along the Adriatic coast between Croatia and Albania, Montenegro is for **in-the-know travelers after a classic European experience** – at a fraction of the cost. “The history is as rich as Italy’s and the landscape holds its own with the Greek Isles,” says New York-based advisor Julie Danziger. After exploring Dubrovnik in neighboring Croatia, Calvados Club Luxury Travel’s six-day itinerary wends along Montenegro’s coast, ending at Aman Sveti Stefan. *Departures: Any day, April 1 through September 30; from \$5,950.*